



Cromarty and District Community Council

Minutes of meeting held on
Monday 26th June 2017, 7.30pm in the Hugh Miller Institute

Minutes
Approved
28.8.2017

Present

Community Councillors: Diane Brawn (DB) Secretary, Estelle Quick (EQ) Treasurer, Rosemarie Hogg (RH), Alan McDonald (AM), Kenneth MacFarlane (KM), Gabriele Pearson (GP)

Youth Representative: Bryn Leyshon (BL)

Highland Councillors: Cllr Craig Fraser (CF)

Police Scotland:

Member(s) of the public:

Community Council Minute Secretary: Gillian McNaught (GM)

1	<u>Chairman's Welcome</u> In JR's absence, EQ welcomed committee. <u>Apologies:</u> Jacquie Ross (JR) Chair, PC Calum Reid (PC CR).	
2	<u>Declarations of Interests</u> -	
3	<u>Approval of previous Minutes, 29th May 2017</u> Approved by KM and seconded by DB.	
4	<u>Youth issues</u>	
4.1	Seagulls - Complaints received about seagulls causing mess and nuisance, particularly in Townlands. Gulls are a protected species and cannot be harmed but it was reiterated that members of the public should not feed the gulls or throw away food litter. EQ will write a news item for CL website and Facebook, including a link to the HC website with further information.	EQ, AM & CF
4.2	Links Camping - There are still people camping on the Links and lots of camper vans (<i>see item 12.4</i>).	
5	<u>Police Report</u> No report this month.	

6	<u>Matters Arising</u>	
6.1	(13 Assist with proposal for submission to Great Place Scheme and circulate draft to Members, requesting feedback). Done. Discharged.	
6.2	(13 Send local Heritage contacts to Nigel). Done. Discharged.	
6.3	(5 Send message about rogue traders from Area Inspector to CL Website). Done. Discharged.	
6.4	(6.2 Contact Neil Cameron at Resolis CC about a Housing needs survey). JR Ongoing.	JR
6.5	(6.4 & 6.6 Follow up on broken fence around football park and repairs to gate). CF has raised another request for repair and is in the HC system. Ongoing.	CF
6.6	(6.5 Follow up request for meeting). Possible meeting in August with Iain Moncrieff. Ongoing.	JR
6.7	(6.11 Update on Whitedykes when new information comes in). Await update on JR's return. Ongoing.	JR
6.8	(6.15 Approach Business Development Team and assess if Member Portfolio item required). No recent activity to report. Ongoing.	EQ
6.9	(6.13 Continue to highlight responsibilities of Landowners with regard to water and debris flowing from land onto roads). CF is following this up with HC. Dicharged.	
6.10	(6.14 Continue following up on issues raised in his report). This list has been ongoing for some considerable time. CF will now progress by working on a more manageable number of issues at once (<i>see item 11</i>). Discharged.	
6.11	(7.2 Re-label as agreed Christmas Fund donation tins around town). Ongoing.	EQ
6.12	(8 Read Articles and meet for discussions about CCDT Public Meeting). A Public Meeting to be organised for the end of July. Ongoing.	All
6.13	(10.1 Follow up on Slipway emergency repairs). Emergency temporary repairs have been carried out on the Nigg slipway. An application to the Ward Discretionary Fund has been submitted to assist with costs associated with work to both slipways, to be carried out by the end of the year.	JR & KM
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6.14	(10.2 Post Beatrice decommissioning information on CL website). Done. Discharged.	
6.15	(10.2 Renew membership to the Highland Communities Small Housing Trust as agreed. Done. Discharged.	
6.16	(10.5 Inform Members with costs for repair/redesign of existing Links bus shelter when available). RH reported that the builder involved sent apologies that he is now unable to quote for repairs. GP said there were two aspects to the current shelter: (1) that is is damaged (2) public felt unsafe because of the dark space. CF will find out if a new HC shelter is still available, RH to explore other commercially viable shelters and Members will discuss thereafter. Ongoing.	CF & RH
6.17	(12.3 RSVP Primary School invitation). DB represented the C&DCC at the School Extension opening, attended by HRH Prince Edward. Done. Discharged.	
6.18	(12.4 Put Tree Charter for signatures in the Library and PO). Done. Discharged.	
6.19	(13.1 Pass on decision about Marine Terrace pruning to Wanda). The job has been completed. Discharged.	
6.20	(13.6 Notice on Facebook and PO regarding collection for Surgery Staff). Done. CF will collect from PO and present to staff on Friday. Discharged.	EQ & CF
6.21	(13.8 Ask Craig to take the Chair at AGM for election of Office Bearers). Done. Discharged.	
7	<u>Treasurer's Report</u>	
7.1	EQ circulated her report prior to the meeting (Appendix A).	
8	<u>Cromarty Community Development Trust (CCDT)</u> The Directors held a meeting to discuss how the company will be administered and to plan the proposed public meeting. EQ reported that the Bank of Scotland has been very unhelpful with the setting up of an account and is looking into another Bank provider.	EQ

9	<p><u>Victoria Hall Report</u></p> <p>Alan Plampton circulated the Victoria Hall Report (Appendix B) prior to the meeting.</p>	
10	<p><u>Community Councillors' Portfolios & Portfolio Review</u></p> <p>10.1 <u>Estelle Quick</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sales of publications have been slower this year. <p>10.2 <u>Kenneth MacFarlane</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ferry - this is now up and running for the season and going well. <p>10.3 <u>Alan McDonald</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gala - a full programme of events for all ages has been organised throughout the week, 22nd-29th July. • Community Xmas Tree - KM will contact Eric Soften and report back. <p>10.4 <u>Rosemarie Hogg</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bus Service Complaints - Several problems have been experienced since the awarding of the Cromarty route to two different companies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - members of the public had to take a taxi home due to confusion over which stance the night bus leaves from - tickets are not synchronised between the two operators and passengers have had to pay twice for the same journey - the bus numbers have been changed <p>RH to send details of issues to CF to compile. Other Black Isle areas have experienced poor service following the recent tendering process. All the HCs for this Ward and the local MSP Katie Forbes are looking into these concerns.</p> <p>EQ will organise a bus survey at the PO, write a news item for CL website and send to AM for Facebook</p> <p>BL was thanked for his input and left the meeting.</p> <p>10.5 <u>Gabriele Pearson</u></p> <p>Planning - New Applications</p> <p>17/02640/LBC Roof repairs, including reslating and erection of replacement chimney The Old Bank House Bank Street Cromarty IV11 8YE -awaiting decision</p> <p>7/02637/FUL Reslating of roof and rebuilding of south chimney stack The Old Bank House Bank Street Cromarty IV11 8YE- awaiting decision</p>	<p>KM</p> <p>RH & CF</p> <p>EQ & AM</p>
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(cont)	<u>Portfolio Review</u>	
10.6	KM will support JR on Harbour Matters. GM will confirm non Councillor Portfolio support roles. Members to look at sharing out some of JR's Portfolio.	GM & All
11	<u>Highland Councillors' Reports</u> <u>Cllr Craig Fraser</u>	
11.1	CF thanked David Alston for his support over the years on the HC.	
11.2	Scottish Engineering Leaders Award - Congratulations to Cromarty Primary pupils, Robbie Penwright and Connie Scott Lodge who were winners in their category and Leila Schreiber and Kelsey Benjamin who were highly commended.	
11.3	Gaelic Chapel - HC solicitors are liaising with John Nightingale about a Trust or SCIO to take this project forward. EQ suggested the CCDT could be considered as an option and will send information to CF.	EQ
11.4	Ice House - this area requires some work to make it more presentable and has been logged with HC Grounds Maintenance.	
11.5	Paye Drainage - email from local resident about poorly maintained drainage at the top of the Paye, putting pressure on gullies further down.	CF
11.6	Road Issues - HC has recently filled potholes locally and Scottish Water will repair several sunken drains.	
11.7	HC Roads Budget - EQ raised this, following press reports that HC's Ross & Cromarty area had underspent their budget by £856,000. Members agreed to register their dissatisfaction with this situation.	CF
11.8	Grass Cutting - this is back in-house with HC and residents are encouraged to communicate any issues or problems to them.	
12	<u>Correspondence</u>	
12.1	DB had sent a letter on behalf of the C&DCC to the farmer and notified the landowner with regard to reports of dead sheep left in fields. No response to date.	DB
12.2	Email received from Resident concerned about the future of Cromarty Medical Practice and suggesting a creative approach to attracting GPs to this area. DB reported that NHS Highland are still actively looking into the situation and the C&DCC agreed to monitor the situation closely and ask to be kept fully informed.	DB
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12.3	DB replied to David Cockburn regarding the memorial bench on Braehead. (<i>see Minutes 29.5.2017, item 12.5</i>). It was agreed to grant his original request for a green bench following a check of existing colours.	DB
12.4	DB had received a phone message regarding excessive noise from campers on the Links. DB checked the area and replied.	
12.5	CF will chase again with HC, Directional Signs from the Links to the Public Toilets.	CF
12.6	Information received about the Black Isle Swimming Pool project which is currently being re-visited.	
13	<u>AOB</u>	
13.1	Complaints received about the state of the graveyard and trees on the Paye and Church Street. CF is aware and will speak to HC about these issues.	CF
13.2	Members congratulated all involved in the Cromarty Open Gardens weekend.	
14	Date of Next Meeting Monday 28th August 2017 @ 7.30pm, Hugh Miller Institute, Church Street, Cromarty	
	EQ thanked everyone for attending and for their input. The meeting concluded at 8.45pm.	

Summary of Matters Arising & Action Points

Reference	To whom allocated	Notes
4.1	Craig, Estelle & Alan	Ref: Seagulls, Craig send HC links to Estelle, Estelle write news item for CL and Alan to post on Facebook
6.4	Jacque	Contact Neil Cameron at Resolis CC about a Housing needs survey
6.5	Craig	Monitor HC action on broken gate & fence
6.6	Jacque	Follow up possible meeting with Iain Moncrieff at end of July
6.7	Jacque	Report back on Whitedykes updates
6.8	Estelle	Update Members on Business Development Team with any new information

6.11	Estelle	Re-label as agreed Christmas Fund donation tins around town
6.12	All	Ref: Development Trust etc, organise Public Meeting for end of July
6.13	Jacque & Kenneth	Follow up on funding and work required on both Slipways
6.16	Craig & Rosemarie	Ref: Links bus shelter, Craig to find out if HC shelter still available and RH explore other options.
6.20	Craig and Estelle	Craig pick up collection for surgery staff on Friday and present it same day
8	Estelle	look into alternative Bank provider ref: CCDT
10.3	Kenneth	Speak to Eric Softon about Community Xmas Tree
10.4	Rosemarie & Craig	Rosemarie compile details on bus issues, Craig to compile and circulate to interested parties
10.4	Estelle & Alan	Ref: Bus complaints, Estelle to organise a bus survey at the PO, write news item for CL and send to Alan for Facebook posting
10.6	GM & All	Confirm non Councillor roles on Portfolios and members look at reducing Jacque's Portfolio workload
11.3	Estelle	Send information about the CCDT with ref to Gaelic Chapel
11.5	Craig	Follow up on complaint about drainage to top of Paye
11.7	Craig	Pass on C&DCC's dissatisfaction with Roads underspend
12.1	Diane	Report back with response to dead sheep
12.2	Diane	Respond to Resident's concerns ref: Cromarty Surgery and monitor situation
12.3	Diane	Contact David Cockburn to advise green memorial bench is agreed
12.5	Craig	Follow up directional signs from Links to Public Toilets
13.1	Craig	Follow up issues with grounds maintenance with HC

Agenda item 5
Appendix A

Finance Report – Cromarty & District Community Council				
Agenda Item No 7 - Treasurer's Report				
Period: 28/05/17-24/06/17				
General Income				
Less:				
General Expenditure				
Secretarial Services - May	£	50.00		
Data Protection registration	£	35.00		
Increase/Decrease in Accumulated Fund	-£	85.00		
Fund Income				
Cromarty Rising Fund - donations	£	150.00		
Cromarty Rising Fund - Nairn CC	£	292.50		
	£	442.50		
Less:				
Fund Expenditure				
Gala Day Fund - Rhythmnreel	£	1,350.00		
Gala Day Fund - sundries	£	70.12		
Cromarty Rising Fund - legal fees	£	1,035.00		
	£	2,455.12		
Increase/Decrease in Other Funds	-£	2,012.62		
Net Assets				
Bank & Cash in hand balances as at 24/06/17	£	18,218.92		
Paypal - website sales	£	5.83		
Total Net Assets at 24/06/17	£	18,224.75		
Comprising:				
Community Council Accumulated Fund	£	1,659.42		
Provision for Guide Book reprinting	£	604.30		
Seaplane Plinth Fund	£	48.93		
Bonfire Night Fund	£	1,045.25		
Splash & Dash Fund	£	637.82		
Monday Club Fund	£	845.00		
Community Christmas Fund	£	121.57		
Gala Day Fund	£	3,794.57		
Emergency Resilience Fund	£	242.72		
Open Gardens Fund	£	6.86		
Gluren bij de Buren Fund	£	202.06		
Tractor Operations Fund	£	400.00		
Cromarty Rising Fund	£	8,616.25		
	£	18,224.75		
Estelle Quick 24/06/17				

Appendix B
Agenda item 9

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Agenda Item 9 - Victoria Hall Report

1. **Finances and Bookings** Members will have seen the figures for the last financial year, and will have noted another successful year of healthy income streams and controlled overheads, with continued investment back in to the Hall.

ACTION - Information only, no action required.

2. **Repairs and Maintenance** Continuing redecoration and refurbishment has now seen the Meeting Room and Showers/Toilet areas receive a makeover. In addition the Kitchen has received a deep clean and damaged doors have been repaired. All the skylight windows have also been cleaned. Some plumbing repairs have also been necessary. It is hoped that the new blinds will go up during July. A meeting has been arranged to create proposals for the main hall lighting, which desperately needs upgrading to modern technology standards.

ACTION - Information only, no action required.

3. **Highland Council/Highlife Highland** Negotiations over the new Licence to Occupy are still underway and it is hoped that the renewal will be complete soon.

But all outstanding repairs, currently with the Highland Council, remain outstanding.

ACTION - Information only, no action required.

4. **Youth Café** No further report since last meeting.

ACTION - Information only, no action required.

Alan Plampton

VHMC