



# CROMARTY AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on Monday 26th September 2016, 7.30pm in the  
Hugh Miller Institute

**MINUTES  
APPROVED  
31.10.2016**

## Present

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

**Youth Representative:** Bryn Leyshon

**Highland Councillors:** Cllr Craig Fraser (CF)

**Police Scotland:**

**Member(s) of the public:**

**Community Council Minute Secretary:** Gillian McNaught (GM)

	<p>(Minute Secretary's note). The 'Drop-In' session as advertised was held between 7 - 7.30pm.</p>	
1	<p><b><u>Chairman's Welcome</u></b> JR welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p> <p><b><u>Apologies:</u></b> Cllr David Alston (DA), Gabriele Pearson (GP), PC Calum Reid (PC CR), Sitakumari, Director of Heartstone.</p>	
2	<p><b><u>Declaration of Interests</u></b></p> <p>KM for Lunch Club discussions.</p>	
3	<p><b><u>Approval of previous Minutes, 29th August 2016</u></b></p> <p>The Minutes were approved by EQ and seconded by KM after the following amendments:</p> <p><b>Item 6.4</b> ISO number for the CFPA Environmental Plan included and explanation note added.</p> <p><b>Item 10.5</b> Sentence reworded to make clear that two new funds have been opened by C&amp;DCC, in addition to those already held and that holding funds for <i>Gluren bij de Buren</i> is proposed.</p> <p><b>Item 12.4</b> The Town Gritter is not yet stored in the Victoria Hall Hall Shed, but will be once back from annual service.</p> <p><b>Item 12.1</b> It was proposed that the C&amp;DCC <b>Secretary</b> (Diane Brawn) - not the Minute Secretary - should be first contact for messages via Cromarty Live. <b>Agreed.</b></p>	

<p><b>4</b></p> <p><b>4.1</b></p> <p><b>4.2</b></p> <p><b>4.3</b></p> <p><b>4.4</b></p> <p><b>4.5</b></p> <p><b>4.6</b></p> <p><b>4.7</b></p>	<p><b><u>Youth issues</u></b></p> <p>BL had complaints of dogs off leads and attacking other dogs. (<i>Minute Secretary's note: information relating to this on CL website and further details on the HC website</i>).</p> <p>There are issues with dog mess and cat mess in a particular area in Townlands. It was suggested these are Environmental issues problems and can be reported directly through the HC website.</p> <p>The earth disposed at Townlands from the school site is causing concerns with children playing around it, and the risk of New Zealand flatworm being spread to other areas. (see item 9.9).</p> <p>The proposed new bus shelter on the Links is a good idea but might not be as nice to look at as the wooden one.</p> <p>A resident's car parked very close to the junction at the bottom of the Denny and High Street is restricting visibility and causing cars to approach the junction on the wrong side of the road. EQ will follow up.</p> <p>Potholes, particularly on the Jemimaville road have caused damage and punctures to cars. Road defects can be reported on the HC website.</p> <p>Eighty residents know how to use the Defibrillators following the recent training days. Thanks were extended to Wanda, Fraser and Vicky for providing refreshments and the Lucky2BHere team.</p> <p>JR thanked BL for his report.</p>	<p><b>EQ</b></p>
<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b><u>Presentation by Sitakumari, Director of Heartstone</u></b></p> <p>Not able to attend. Apologies received.</p>	
<p><b>6</b></p> <p><b>6.1</b></p> <p><b>6.2</b></p>	<p><b><u>Police Report</u></b></p> <p>PC CR circulated his report prior to the meeting. (Appendix A).</p> <p><b>Laser pen incidents</b> - (<i>Minute Secretary's note - information from PC CR circulated prior to meeting by GP</i>) - After further enquiries, three young children were spoken to in presence of their parents. All three admitted their involvement and the laser pen used was recovered and disposed of. All three children were given suitable advice / warning about the potential dangers of their actions. They seemed to take this advice on board and their parents were all very supportive.</p>	

<b>9</b>	<b><u>Matters Arising</u></b>	
<b>9.1</b>	(4.2, 8.3, 9.2 & 9.14 Road Traffic Management issues). CF will arrange a meeting in Cromarty with Iain Moncrieff from HC. <b>Ongoing.</b>	<b>CF</b>
<b>9.2</b>	(4.3 Maintenance of Graveyard). Following issues raised by CF, the contractors have been out over the last few days. Members <b>agreed</b> that CF should remove a self seeded tree between grave stones.	<b>CF</b>
<b>9.3</b>	(4.4 Report Broken gate at Townlands play park). CF sent photographs to HC as a Health & Safety issue. <b>Ongoing.</b>	<b>CF</b>
<b>9.4</b>	(6a Post information on Facebook from Jon ref: BIP). Done. <b>Discharged.</b>	
<b>9.5</b>	(9.3 Follow up on C&DCC publication sales on Ebay). EQ will take this on. <b>Ongoing.</b>	<b>EQ</b>
<b>9.6</b>	(9.8 Contact HC Waste ref: bin in Victoria Park). Rubbish was a problem in the summer but BL will keep an eye on litter levels and report back.	<b>BL</b>
<b>9.7</b>	(9.13 Follow up complaint about removal of rose and marker at grave on his HC report). JR to send original message to CF. <b>Ongoing.</b>	<b>JR &amp; CF</b>
<b>9.8</b>	(9.20 CF to follow up with Hugh Gardiner at HC, information about budget for Cromarty Public Toilets). JR had no response to phone calls or emails JR to copy CF in. <b>Ongoing.</b>	<b>JR &amp; CF</b>
<b>9.9</b>	(9.21 Meet with HC and Highlife Highland about soil from school build on Whitedykes site). JR has had no response to several requests for information so will contact HC Director Bill Alexander. <b>Ongoing.</b>	<b>JR</b>
<b>9.10</b>	(9.23 Look at possibility of local contractor carrying out pruning work at the Ice House at Marine Terrace). CF to progress. <b>Ongoing.</b>	<b>CF</b>
<b>9.11</b>	(10.4 Source funding for Monday Club). EQ reported that the Craig Urquhart Trust has kindly awarded £250 but will be unable to fund future years. Applications have gone to the Ward Discretionary Fund and the Common Good but no response to date. It was <b>agreed</b> to run the Lunch Club in November and December with the current funding and EQ will endeavour to source other support meantime. <b>Ongoing.</b>	<b>EQ</b>
<b>9.12</b>	(12.1 Ask Kristina to direct CL messages from the Public via the Secretary, DB) Done. <b>Discharged.</b>	
<b>9.13</b>	(12.3 Letter of thanks to Jim Mallows). Pending. <b>Ongoing.</b>	<b>JR</b>
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9.14	(12.3 Notify Insurers about change of gritter storage). Done. <b>Discharged.</b>	
9.15	(12.5 Research other areas in relation to Dog Poo bags and waste collections). <b>Ongoing.</b>	CF
9.16	(13 Send links relevant to Seagull Complaints to CL Website). Done. <b>Discharged.</b>	
9.17	(13 Post on Facebook request for feedback regarding proposed replacement for Links Bus Shelter). Done. 'Likes' but no feedback. <b>Discharged.</b>	
9.18	(14.1 Follow up Ivy growing on Hugh Miller Monument). Ivy been cut back. <b>Discharged.</b>	
9.19	(14.2 Report moss covering lettering on Emigration Stone to John Nightingale). Done. <b>Discharged.</b>	
9.20	(14.3 Contact Planning ref: progress on build in Oswald Lane). <i>Minute Secretary's note - update sent prior to meeting by GP.</i> HC Planning Department advises that once building has started, the Planing Authority cannot make a developer complete the works, unless the condition of a building is dangerous or in very poor condition. <b>Discharged.</b>	
9.21	(14.4 Follow up on proposed Memorial bench). <b>Ongoing.</b>	JR
9.22	(14.6 Send link Notes from the Black Isle to CL website). Done. <b>Discharged.</b>	
9.23	(14.7 Donation to Defibrillator Training Hall Hire). Done. <b>Discharged.</b>	
9.24	(17.2 Organise Defibrillator Press Publicity). Done. <b>Discharged.</b>	
9.25	(17.2 Follow up requirement for Electrician to wire in defibrillators). Each venue has taken responsibility for this. Thanks go to Alan Plampton at the Victoria Hall, Kenny MacFarlane at Cromarty Arms and the Fire Brigade. <b>Discharged.</b>	
10	<b><u>Treasurer's Report</u></b>	
10.1	EQ circulated her report prior to the meeting (Appendix B).	
10.2	Following EQ's attendance at their most recent committee meeting, a new fund has been opened for the mini-fest, <i>Gluren bij de Buren</i> ('Peeking in on the Neighbours').	
10.3	C&DCC will hold donations to the Just Giving page for legal fees to oppose the CFPA Ship to Ship proposed oil transfers.	

11	<p><b><u>Victoria Hall Report</u></b></p> <p>Alan Plampton circulated the Victoria Hall Report (Appendix C) and the Emergency Resilience Project Budget (Appendix D) prior to the meeting.</p>	
12	<p><b><u>Community Councillors' Portfolios</u></b></p> <p><b>12.1 <u>Kenneth MacFarlane</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Cromarty Ferry</b> - The Cromarty Ferry finishes this Friday until June 2017. There has been lots of positive feedback at the efficiency of the service and benefits to travellers and workers at Nigg. Two new engines have been ordered for next season.</li> </ul> <p><b>12.2 <u>Diane Brawn</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>BICC</b> - At the meeting on 12th September in the HMI, the following were discussed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The lack of Care Home facilities on the Black Isle.</li> <li>- Poor Signage and congestion of vehicles at Chanonry Point. It is hoped to develop a more satisfactory strategy in discussion with HC.</li> <li>- Black Isle Landscape and Exploration have a meeting on 29th October in the Gordon Memorial Hall, Rosemarkie, 2-4pm.</li> <li>- Iain McCallum, Knockbain CC. Topic for discussion - 'Helping HC be a better HC'. Minutes of the meeting due.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>12.3 <u>Alan McDonald</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Bonfire Night</b> - the recent Bonfire Quiz Night raised £360.</li> </ul> <p><b>12.4 <u>Estelle Quick</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dog Poo bags</b> - Since the withdrawal of free disposal bags, dog mess around town does not appear to be any worse.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Jacquie Ross</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Harbour</b> - Tony Vandyke sent a report from the Harbour Trust (Appendix E).</li> <li>• <b>The Links</b> - this area has been closed off for vehicle access on one or two occasions recently but will close in October for the duration of the Winter months.</li> <li>• <b>Links Toilets</b> - Jim Mallows had made contact with the Boat Club about the possibility of opening their toilet facilities for Links users. This will be discussed further before next season. RH will continue to progress the suggestion of a small toilet building on the Links.</li> </ul> <p><b>12.5</b></p> <p><b><u>Gabriele Pearson</u></b> - <i>(Minute Secretary's note - report sent prior to the meeting).</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Cromarty Care project</b> - GP attended their last meeting. It's progressing well and a coordinator has been appointed. Regarding the winter emergency rest centre and plan, they are hoping to provide C&amp;DCC with two dates so that everyone will be able attend one to practise putting in place the emergency plan. They would also like a letter of support to access some further funding, but will let C&amp;DCC know when this is needed.</li> </ul> <p><b>12.6</b></p>	<p><b>JR &amp; RH</b></p>

<p>13</p>	<p><b><u>Highland Councillors' Reports</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Cllr Craig Fraser</u></b></p> <p>The following issues are ongoing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The broken iron gate at the Victoria Hall.</li> <li>• The gate to the Reeds Loop path has been reported to be padlocked.</li> <li>• Grass cutting issues in various areas of the town.</li> <li>• Impact bark in the play park requires levelling.</li> <li>• A Cherry tree requires pruning in the retirement area of Townlands</li> <li>• The wall at the top of the Denny damaged by Munros requires repair.</li> </ul>	<p><b>CF</b></p>
<p>14</p>	<p><b><u>Correspondence</u></b></p> <p>14.1 <i>Scottish Review</i> is looking for features from communities. DB suggested she compile a piece on the Ship to Ship for publication. <b>Agreed.</b></p> <p>14.2 Digital Training is available to all CC Members. Contact DB for further information.</p> <p>14.3 Questionnaire received about public convenience charging.</p> <p>14.4 Document received from HC about off street parking (mainly relating to Inverness).</p> <p>14.5 The HC Policy Coordinator suggests the use of a generic email address in order to engage with CCs. However, C&amp;DCC Office Bearers <b>agreed</b> they were happy that their personal email addresses, already in the public domain, can still be used for this purpose.</p>	<p><b>DB</b></p> <p><b>ALL</b></p> <p><b>DB</b></p>

17	<b><u>AOB</u></b>	
17.1	JR had complaint that a new Cromarty skiff boat could not access the slipway opposite the Royal due to parked cars. CF will raise with Iain Moncrieff about signage	CF
17.2	C&DCC met with HC and the Small Communities Housing Trust on 8th September to discuss the possible options for the Albyn Housing Field. More research is being done and the matter is ongoing.	
17.4	<b>Ship to Ship</b> - There will be a Public Meeting on <u>Tuesday 4th October at the West Church Hall at 7.30pm</u> with scheduled speakers followed by an 'open floor'. CFPA have been formally invited and all local CCs and those round the Moray Firth have been notified.	
17.5	<b>Joanne Allday</b> - JR had received a document via email in answer to the question posed regarding Council representatives on the CFPA Board. CF had sent questions independently and received no response to date.	
17.6	<b>Ice warning signs</b> for Glenurquhart. (Action Point, Minutes 25.4.2016) CF will raise with Iain Moncrieff at HC.	CF
17.7	It was <b>agreed</b> that documentation produced by the Minute Secretary should show the CL website and show the C&DCC is on Facebook.	GM
17.8	<b>October Drop In Session, 7-7.30pm, Hugh Miller Institute</b> - RH & EQ will be available for Residents wishing to discuss local issues.	
20	<b><u>Date of Next Meeting</u></b> <b>Monday 31st October 2016, Hugh Miller Institute, Church Street, Cromarty @ 7.30pm.</b>	
	JR thanked everyone for attending and for their input. The meeting concluded at 8.45 pm.	

## Summary of Matters Arising & Action Points

Reference	To whom allocated	Notes
4.5	Estelle	Follow up on parked car at junction causing problems
9.1	Craig	Follow up on Road Management issues as detailed
9.2	Craig	Remove self seeded tree as instructed between grave stones.

9.3	Craig	Report back on action on broken gate in Townlands
9.5	Estelle	Follow up on C&DCC publication sales on Ebay
9.6	Bryn	Monitor litter levels in the Victoria Park
9.7	Jacque	Send complaint about removal of grave marker to Craig
9.7	Craig	To follow up above removal of rose and grave marker.
9.8	Craig & Jacque	Jacque copy in Craig to follow up with Hugh Gardiner at HC, information about budget for Cromarty Public Toilets
9.9	Jacque	Follow up with Bill Alexander about soil from school build on Whitedykes site
9.10	Craig	Look at possibility of local contractor carrying out pruning work at the Ice House at Marine Terrace.
9.11	Estelle	Continue to seek additional funding for Monday Club
9.13	Jacque	Letter of thanks to Jim Mallows
9.15	Craig	Research other areas in relation to Dog Poo bags and waste collections
9.21	Jacque	Follow up on proposed Memorial bench
12.5	Jacque and Rosemarie	Follow up suggestions for Links Toilet
13	Craig	Follow up issues in his report
14.1	Diane	Collate article on Ship to Ship for <i>Scottish Review</i>
14.2	All	Members interested in Digital Training to contact Diane
14.5	Diane	Inform HC policy coordinator about agreed use of email addresses.
17.1	Craig	Raise issue of access to Slipway with Ian Moncreiffe
17.6	Craig	Follow up suggestion of Ice warning signs at Glenurquhart with Ian Moncreiffe.
17.7	Gillian	Add CL Website and Facebook to all C&DCC documents.
17.8	Rosemarie and Estelle	Attend October drop in session.



## Appendix A

### Agenda item (8)

Police Report 29-08-16 to 26-09-16.

Again this month has been very quiet crime wise in Cromarty. There is one reported assault which is currently being progressed with positive lines of enquiry. Further to this we have dealt with a number of other calls which were not of a criminal nature. I have a message from the Area Inspector David Ogilvie for you all which I have attached to this report. Regards, Sergeant Reid.

*"Current issues affecting our communities still include concerns regarding speeding vehicles and supported by our colleagues in the Road Policing Unit we continue to visit a number of locations to deter and detect offenders as well as working with partners in the Highland Council to find practical solutions for certain areas where possible.*

*Mentioned previously and still a problem are cold callers on telephones contacting people and scamming them out of significant sums of money simply by saying they work in a bank without the need to identify themselves further.*

*Some people can be too trusting and act on instructions given without question sending money to anonymous accounts. The message is simple but yet to be heeded by all, your bank will not cold call you and ask you to move money*

*to a different bank account (sometimes even with a different bank!). If your bank needs to contact you to inform you of suspicious activity, they will do so using recognised methods and will not ask you to provide any personal details*

*other than those already agreed with them to prove your identity before discussing your account - for example, the first and third number of your agreed security code (not the whole number) or your mother's maiden name etc.*

*It's your money - be suspicious! If you have any doubts about anyone cold calling, tell the person so and hang up to contact your bank through a recognised contact number.*

*The darker nights are upon us and the temperature will start to go down soon enough. Please encourage your communities to secure any valuable items around their properties and ensure their oil tankers are locked and if possible, get additional security measures in place around the property, for example, motion activated security lights, locks on tanks/outbuildings, lock house and vehicle doors as well as reporting any suspicious vehicular activity in or around remote or secluded properties.*

*We have a very low occurrence of these types of crimes but it is wise to take precautions.*

*David Ogilvie, Inspector, Dingwall."*

**Appendix B**  
**Agenda item 10**

<b><u>Finance Report – Cromarty &amp; District Community Council</u></b>				
<b><u>Agenda Item No 8 - Treasurer's Report</u></b>				
<b><u>Period: 27/8/16 - 21/9/16</u></b>				
<b><u>General Income</u></b>				
Less:				
<b><u>General Expenditure</u></b>				
Secretarial Services - August	£	50.00		
<b>Increase/Decrease in Accumulated Fund</b>		<b>£</b>	<b>50.00</b>	
<b><u>Fund Income</u></b>				
Community Christmas Fund - collection boxes	£	40.90		
Defibrillator Fund - donations	£	525.00		
Less:				
<b><u>Fund Expenditure</u></b>				
Emergency Resilience Fund - various	£	13.83		
Defibrillator Fund - defibs and training	£	3,669.28		
<b>Increase/Decrease in Other Funds</b>		<b>£</b>	<b>3,117.21</b>	
<b><u>Net Assets</u></b>				
Bank & Cash in hand balances as at 21/9/16	£	10,251.40		
<b>Total Net Assets at 26/8/2016</b>		<b>£</b>	<b>10,251.40</b>	
<b><u>Comprising:</u></b>				
Community Council Accumulated Fund	£	2,126.25		
Provision for Guide Book reprinting	£	290.80		
Seaplane Plinth Fund	£	48.93		
Bonfire Night Fund	£	1,102.86		
Splash & Dash Fund	£	691.77		
Monday Club Fund	£	-		
Community Christmas Fund	£	78.97		
Gala Day Fund	£	4,764.69		
Emergency Resilience Fund	£	920.27		
Defibrillator Fund	£	20.00		
Open Gardens Fund	£	6.86		
Tractor Operations Fund	£	200.00		
		<b>£</b>	<b>10,251.40</b>	
Estelle Quick 21/9/16				

**Appendix C**  
**Agenda item 9**

**Cromarty & District Community Council Meeting - 26<sup>th</sup> September 2016**  
**Agenda Item 9**  
**- Victoria Hall Report**

1. **Finances and Bookings** Nothing new to report. Decorating in the Hall has very nearly been completed. October/November is wedding 'month' with 4 weddings in 5 weeks!

**ACTION - Information only, no action required.**

2. **Highland Council/Highlife Highland** The Licence to Occupy renewal is still ongoing! Unfortunately still no change from our last report. Apparently someone has been appointed to deal with the renewal in the HC Legal team. We await news! In the meantime the Public Entertainment Licence renewal has commenced. The total cost of this renewal should be about £500. Highland Council repairs to the Hall are still outstanding!

**ACTION - Information only, no action required.**

3. **Emergency Resilience Project** The final electrical works will be completed by Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September (including the fitting of the defibrillator). Materials are being delivered on 28<sup>th</sup> to then complete the ground works in the following week. Once finished the Fire Service inspection will be organised. Once all these works have been completed, dress rehearsals will take place for using the Hall as an Emergency Response Centre, as part of the Community's Emergency Action Plan. The latest budget is attached, which shows that we are still 'in funds', but Members should note that there are still a couple of estimates for work and supplies, to be confirmed.

**ACTION - Information only, no action required.**

4. **Awards For All Application** The application, detailed in the last report, has been submitted by the VHMC, on behalf of the C&DCC. Success or failure of this application will be reported in due course.

**ACTION - Information only, no action required.**

5. **Youth Café** No new report but an application for funding, from September 2017, to the Middleton Trust is in the process of being submitted.

**ACTION - Information only, no action required.**

Alan Plampton

VHMC

**Appendix D**  
**Agenda item 9**

**CROMARTY EMERGENCY RESILIENCE PROJECT  
VICTORIA HALL EMERGENCY RESPONSE CENTRE  
BUDGET**

FUNDING			£	£		
SSE Emergency Resilience Grant			9,000.00	Confirmed		o/s
Victoria Hall Building Fund			1,537.73	Confirmed		Received
BI Discretionary Ward Fund			3,400.00	Confirmed		Received
						13,937.73
<b>COSTS</b>						
	<b>Supplier</b>	<b>Size/Details etc</b>				
Shed	Autobuild	2.5 x 5.25m	4,259.18	Confirmed		Paid
Construction Expenses	Rochford	Sealant & Grinder	28.46	Confirmed		Paid
	Shapcott	Tool Hire etc	299.68	Confirmed		Paid
Groundworks	Plampton	Drainage, Levelling & Paving	402.47	Est £150 o/s Labour		Part Paid (£252.47 Paid)
Security	Plampton	Padlock & Fixing	13.83	Confirmed		Paid
Shed Base (+ path)	Doug Shepherd	2.5 x 5.25m	1,250.00	Confirmed		Paid
Electrics	Morrison	As per quote	5,014.80	Confirmed		Paid
Generator	Morrison	6.5 kw	incl	Confirmed		n/a
Emergency Hall Lights	Morrison	As per quote	1,537.73	Confirmed		Paid
Diesel & Storage (30L)	?	?	100.00	estimate		o/s
Range Cooker	Currys	BC190.2TCSS	464.00	Confirmed		Paid
Cooker Trolley	Amazon	Bentley 300kg	38.49	Confirmed		Paid
LPG & Storage	?	?	200.00	estimate		o/s
Defibrillator	Morrison	Fitting Unit	100.00	estimate		o/s
Planning Fee	HC	N/A	101.00	Confirmed		Paid
						13,809.64
			£			128.09 (DEFICIT)/CONTINGENCY

27/09/2016

**Appendix E**  
**Agenda item 12.5**

**Harbour Trust Report**

- A Volunteer Harbour Master will be appointed this week prior to the 2<sup>nd</sup> of October, next Sunday.
- We have a new funding application with European Fisheries that is getting some positive feedback. These are just the immediate items that fit this particular application. This fund will only provide 75% of total cash requirements so we will need to find other match funding. The application is covering the following:
  - Harbour office and shed replacements
  - Hand rail replacement
  - Electricity supply replacement
  - Possible freezer storage and ice maker
  - Ladder replacements
  - A crane for fisherman
  - Harbour visual improvements such as benches, signs and story boards
  - Floating fender for Admiralty Pier
  - Funding for Wave Attenuation study and solution
- The annual Cromarty Boat Club boat crane out will be happening this Saturday, the 1<sup>st</sup> of October.
- We will be removing the floating fender on Saturday using the CBC crane.
- Our heritage engineer has been and has provided some excellent feedback and will be helping with a renewed relationship with Heritage Environment Scotland and some engineering solutions including the Admiralty Pier repairs.
- We need to do some repair work on the bridge from the pier to Smeaton's Mole (the sheds) so in the meantime we are limiting the weight of vehicles to 2 tonnes until further notice.

Tony Vandyke