



# Cromarty and District Community Council

Minutes of meeting held on  
Monday 28th January 2019, 7.30pm  
in the Hugh Miller Institute

**Draft**  
**Minutes**  
**28.1.2019**

## Present

**Community Councillors:** Jacquie Ross (JR) Chair, Diane Brawn (DB) Secretary, Estelle Quick (EQ) Treasurer, Rosemarie Hogg (RH),

**Youth Representatives:** Tilly Grist (TG) & Teagan Young (TY)

**Highland Councillor(s):** Cllr Craig Fraser (CF)

**Police Scotland:** -

**Member(s) of the public:** Natalie Murray (NM), Assistant Youth Worker

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

<b>1</b>	<b><u>Chairman's Welcome</u></b> JR welcomed everyone to the meeting.  <b><u>Apologies:</u></b> Kenneth MacFarlane (KM), PC Scott Cameron (PC SC), Gabriele Pearson (GP)	
<b>2</b>  End	<b><u>Declarations of Interests</u></b>  None	
<b>3</b>  <b>3.1</b>  End	<b><u>Approval of previous Minutes, 26th November 2018</u></b>  The minutes were approved by EQ and seconded by RH.	
<b>4</b>  <b>4.1</b>  <b>4.2</b>  <b>4.3</b>  <b>4.4</b>  (cont)		<b>DB, JR &amp; NM</b>

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4.5	Young people have suggested a skate or bike park in Cromarty. Members suggested that the young people take this on and put together a proposal.	NM, TY & TG
4.6	JR thanked TG and TY for attending and to bring to future meetings the issues that affect younger people in the District. “Is there is enough for young people to do here?”, is a question Members would like to hear views on.	NM, TY & TG
4.7	JR also recommended TY & TG arrange a pre-meeting with NM to collate information for their short report to Members.	NM, TY & TG
End	NW, TY and TG left at 7.40pm.	
5	<b><u>Police Report</u></b>	
5.1	PC Scott Cameron (PC SC) submitted his report to Members, prior to the meeting. <b>(Appendix B).</b>	
End		
6	<b><u>Matters Arising</u></b>	
6.1	(3.1 Invite Joanne Allday, CFPA to the January or February C&DCC meeting). DB has corresponded and offered dates and awaits a reply. Discussion then took place regarding ongoing rig noise. Any complaints submitted have been passed on to the private rig companies directly from CFPA, and have been reminded to follow the rules about noise levels and work hours. JR will post links for CFPA and HC Environmental Health on Facebook for residents to lodge any further concerns and DB will make a poster for the CC noticeboard.	JR & DB
6.2	(6.1 Enquire with the Harbour Trust about the disappearance of the waste bin). No success with enquiries. <b>Discharged.</b>	
6.3	(6.2) Look into developing a community project with the young people to remove wet leaves from paths and pavements for safety reasons. <b>Ongoing.</b>	NM, TG & TY
6.4	(6.6 Monitor graveyard procedures). JR is still monitoring and CF reports some tree work and tidying has been completed recently. <b>Ongoing.</b>	JR
6.5	(6.7 Organise a visit to Youth Cafe ref CCDT). <b>Ongoing.</b>	EQ
6.6	(6.8 Report back once response received from HC about Whitedykes soil removal). HC has now confirmed there is no money in the budget for removal of the soil. Discussions are now underway about transferring this area into community ownership, forming part of the Tourist Infrastructure Fund application being completed which would earmark this space as a campsite. <i>(See item 8.1)</i>	JR
(cont)	<b>Ongoing.</b>	

(cont)	(6.11 Report back on planning issues i.e replacement fence and wood chip drying kilns). In GP's Planning Report, <i>item 10.5</i> . <b>Discharged.</b>	
6.7		
6.8	(6.13 Contact HC about benches for the sheltered housing courtyard). <b>Ongoing.</b>	CF
6.9	(6.14 Continue to monitor the emptying of graveyard waste bin). This has been done to date. <b>Ongoing.</b>	JR
6.10	(6.19 Follow up with HC regarding Ward Budget funding application for Lunch Club). Details in Treasurer's Report, <i>item 7.2</i> . <b>Discharged.</b>	
6.11	(6.27 Diane attend the Black Isle Tourism Team (BITT) meeting and report back). DB said it was an excellent meeting covering key issues through different workshops. <b>Discharged.</b>	
6.12	(6.28 Post as a document the new Cromarty Newsletter on Facebook). Done. <b>Discharged.</b>	
6.13	(7.2 Look at market stalls for size etc and suitability for using and storing as discussed). <b>Ongoing.</b>	EQ & RH
6.14	(10.1 Liaise with businesses about dog mess on Bank Street and follow up on suggestion of sign). A sign has gone up outside the Cheese Shop costing £30, which was funded by proceeds from the fundraising tins around town. This area looks much better but Members noted it was disappointing that dog mess is still a problem in other locations. <b>Discharged.</b>	
6.15	(10.1 Share poster/information about dog mess on Facebook). Done. <b>Discharged.</b>	
6.16	(11.1 Craig to organise a meeting with Jacquie, himself and Ian Moncrieffe about Traffic Management Plan options). Discussed under <i>item 11.3</i> . <b>Discharged.</b>	
6.17	(11.2 Follow up on concerns with trees on the Paye affecting overhead wires). This is now in the hands of SSE. <b>Discharged.</b>	
6.18	(11(a)1 Keep Members informed of 'Choose Life' events). <b>Ongoing.</b>	JR
6.19	(12.1 Report to Members once Joanne Allday has replied about moving of rigs closest to Cromarty). A reply received; " <i>The recently arrived rig has a very deep draft. As such, she can only be accommodated at the anchorage where she is currently positioned. This was the same for the West Phoenix when she came in last year. (The newer rigs are deeper and it's likely you will see more of them in this position.) The rig is here for inspection, repair and maintenance work which is bringing much needed jobs to the local area. She's expected to be here for a couple of months</i> ". <b>Discharged.</b>	
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<p>(cont)</p> <p><b>6.19</b></p> <p><b>6.20</b></p> <p>End</p>	<p>(12.2 Enquire about the assets of the Black Isle Pool Foundation). DB received a reply from Roy Sinclair to confirm the organisation has not yet been wound up, but DB will be kept informed. <b>Discharged.</b></p> <p>(13.1 Keep informed of Community Council Scheme Review progress). HC is organising a special meeting to present the outcome of responses from the Review and further information will follow. <b>Ongoing.</b></p>	<p><b>JR &amp; All</b></p>
<p><b>7</b></p> <p><b>7.1</b></p> <p><b>7.2</b></p> <p><b>7.3</b></p> <p><b>7.4</b></p> <p><b>7.5</b></p> <p>End</p>	<p><b><u>Treasurer's Report</u></b></p> <p>EQ circulated her report prior to the meeting and presented to Members. <b>(Appendix C).</b></p> <p><b>Lunch Club</b> - Thanks were extended to Irene MacKay who donated £50 from the sale of her Christmas wreaths to the Lunch Club. EQ's Applications to the Ward Budget and Common Good Fund were successful in raising a further total of £400, which will allow the Club to run until April 2019.</p> <p>EQ will chase up HC for the Tractor insurance refund.</p> <p><b>Cromarty Rising</b> - One loan has still to be processed, but all loans given to the Cromarty Rising campaign have now been repaid to donors. Any remaining funds will be ring fenced and maintain the website.</p> <p><b>Ferry Slipway Fund</b> - A feasibility study is underway, so the grant of £5000 awarded to C&amp;DCC from the Ward Discretionary Fund will be paid on completion. EQ noted that Nigg &amp; Shandwick CC is fundraising for the project's planning application fee.</p> <p>EQ was thanked for her report.</p>	<p><b>EQ</b></p>
<p><b>8</b></p> <p><b>8.1</b></p> <p><b>8.2</b></p> <p><b>8.3</b></p> <p>End</p>	<p><b><u>Cromarty Community Development Trust (CCDT)</u></b></p> <p>JR and others are working hard to complete an application for submission to the Scottish Government <b>Rural Tourist Infrastructure Fund</b> by 31st January. The project total of £450,000 is for repair to both slipways, replacement at the Nigg side and the creation of a campsite at Whitedykes. Thanks were expressed to all who have contributed to the submission.</p> <p><b>Townlands Barn</b> - There will be a public meeting to devise a plan for the Barn's future on <u>Sunday 10th February at 2.30pm in the West Church Hall.</u></p> <p><b>Thrift Shop</b> - RH thanked Irene MacKay who donated £150 from the selling of her Christmas Wreaths to purchase painting materials to freshen the space up prior to opening.</p>	

<p>9</p> <p>9.1</p> <p>9.2</p> <p>9.3</p> <p>End</p>	<p><b><u>Victoria Hall Management Committee (VHMC) Report</u></b></p> <p>AP circulated the VHMC report prior to the meeting (<b>Appendix D</b>) and the Mid Ross Area Conference Report (<b>Appendix E</b>) attended by NM.</p> <p>The upcoming change of insurance was highlighted from AP's report and any impact to the CC is unknown at this stage.</p> <p>Members wished to record that the Victoria Hall Management Committee is entirely made up of volunteers. Grateful thanks were expressed to AP and the management team for their time, effort and commitment to running and maintaining the Hall for the benefit of all the Community.</p>	
<p>10</p> <p>10.1</p> <p>10.2</p> <p>10.3</p> <p>10.4</p>	<p><b><u>Community Councillors' Portfolios</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Estelle Quick</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Another volunteer has joined the rota for the emptying of dog poo bins.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Rosemarie Hogg</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All is going well with the winter gritting. The volunteers ensure the tractor battery is fully-charged by taking it out for a run once a week when not in use. The tractor is also regularly washed down to minimise salt damage.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Diane Brawn</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DB attended the Nigg Energy Park on 12th December and gave a brief report to Members. Global Energy is doing well with multiple sub sea projects and rig repairs and recently received an award for the Nigg Skills Academy.</li> <li>• DB attended a meeting at the CFPA and reported to the Members there was a presentation about the Port's new extension project and information about rig activity. CFPA statistics on Health and Safety are excellent.</li> <li>• <b>Sustainability Trail</b> - CFPA propose to install an information board by 2020 to coincide with Scotland's year of coast and waters in each of the nine communities that border the Firth. The trail will tell the economic, social and environmental stories that visitors and locals can follow.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Jacquie Ross</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The Ferry</b> will begin one month earlier, recommencing on the 1st May. The owner is committed to working with HC and the community to provide ongoing improvements to the service and this news was welcomed by Members.</li> <li>• <b>The Harbour</b> has had a lot of ongoing work and improvements and the Harbour Trust will be announcing the next step of developments soon.</li> </ul>	

<p>(cont)</p> <p><b>10.5</b></p> <p><b>10.6</b></p> <p><b>10.7</b></p> <p><b>10.8</b></p> <p><b>10.9</b></p> <p>End</p>	<p><b><u>Gabriele Pearson</u></b></p> <p>• <b>Planning Report - New Applications</b></p> <p>18/05344/FUL   Siting of Marine Shellfish Farm (24,000 x 1m x 3 m Oyster trestles)   Cromarty Bay , West Cromarty- under consideration</p> <p>18/05677/LBC   Erection of replacement fence (retrospective)   Stornoway House 7 Shore Street Cromarty IV11 8XL - under consideration</p> <p>19/00009/FUL   Siting of shepherds hut to be used as annex for visitors   Land East Of 32 Gordons Lane Cromarty - under consideration</p> <p>Comments have been passed to Members regarding the Shepherds Hut application, in particular about the limited size of the site and concerns about parking. After discussion of ongoing traffic issues and general congestion within Cromarty, it was <b>agreed</b> that the C&amp;DCC would <u>raise an objection to 19/00009/FUL on the grounds of inadequate parking provision.</u></p> <p>HC will also be asked in future to give due consideration to parking in <i>any</i> future planning issues. EQ to do this and copy in CF.</p> <p>GP is still in communication with the HC enforcement officer regarding the <b>Biomass Boilers</b>. She awaits an answer to what the statutory time limit is for applying for retrospective planning permission. There now appears to be 18 biomass boilers within a mile or so and although most are out-with the C&amp;DCC boundaries, the smoke travels some distance and residents are affected negatively over a wide area. This has been reported to the HC Environmental Health Officer and GP is currently in contact with Resolis CC as this is something that is affecting both Districts and can be worked on together.</p>	<p><b>EQ</b></p> <p><b>EQ</b></p> <p><b>GP</b></p>
<p><b>11</b></p> <p><b>11.1</b></p> <p><b>11.2</b></p> <p><b>11.3</b></p> <p>End</p>	<p><b><u>Highland Councillor (HC) Report</u></b></p> <p>CF continues to work on various issues including the Burial Ground maintenance and overgrown vegetation at the Links carpark reducing visibility at junctions.</p> <p>There are four ‘bulkhead’ street lights not working properly and alternative solutions are currently being investigated by HC.</p> <p>A Traffic Management Plan (TMP) for Cromarty has been drafted by Ian Moncrieff and a meeting with CF and JR will take place shortly to discuss.</p>	<p><b>CF</b></p> <p><b>CF</b></p> <p><b>CF</b></p>

<b>12</b>	<b><u>Correspondence</u></b>	
<b>12.1</b>	A letter received from the <b>Harbour Trust</b> requesting CC support for a funding application to update and increase security cameras in the harbour area. No issues were raised by Members, so JR will contact the Trust and confirm.	<b>JR</b>
<b>12.2</b>	Comment received requesting “ sensible” allocation of Council Housing which takes into account the needs of the community eg. homes for families to help school role numbers which have decreased in recent times. JR to pass this on to CF in writing.	<b>JR</b>
<b>12.3</b>	Images of numerous Camper vans parked throughout last year on the Links had been received by DB, highlighting concerns for the coming season of those living in close proximity. JR confirmed that if the application proposing Whitedykes as a camp site is successful ( <i>item 8.1</i> ), the aim would be to reduce or stop camper vans using the Links for over night stays.	
End		
<b>13</b>	<b><u>AOB</u></b>	
<b>13.1</b>	Following on from item <i>10.3</i> , EQ raised a concern about the poor state of current interpretive panels around the Town and will ascertain the ownership/origin of the panels in question and ask for them to be replaced or removed.	<b>EQ</b>
End		
<b>14</b>	<b><u>Date of next meeting</u></b> <b>Monday 25th February 2019 @ 7.30pm, Hugh Miller Institute, Church Street, Cromarty.</b>	
	JR thanked everyone for attending and the meeting concluded at 8.45 pm.	

## Summary of Matters Arising & Action Points

Reference	To whom allocated	Notes
4.4	Diane	Draft a letter to residents in homes around the Denny road requesting consideration to park safely
4.4	Jacque	Print out above letter
4.4	Natalie and Teagan and Tilly	Deliver letter to residents requesting safer parking
4.5	Natalie and Teagan and Tilly	Follow up on a proposal from the young people about a skate or bike park provision
4.6	Natalie and Teagan and Tilly	Bring issues affecting young people to meetings and survey if the younger residents think there is enough for them to do in Cromarty

4.7	Natalie and Teagan and Tilly	Organise pre-meeting discussions each month to collate information for short Youth Report
6.1	Diane	Report to Members once Joanne Allday has responded to invitation to attend a CC meeting
6.1	Diane	Make poster for the CC notice board informing residents how to report concerns about rig noise
6.1	Jacque	post links for CFPA and HC Environmental Health on Facebook to report rig noise
6.3	Natalie and Teagan and Tilly	Progress the possibility of young people taking on the removal of leaves from footpaths as a project
6.4	Jacque	Continue to monitor burial procedures
6.5	Estelle	Organise a visit to Youth Cafe ref CCDT
6.6	Jacque	Report back on discussions about Whitedyke site community ownership
6.8	Craig	Contact HC about benches for the sheltered housing courtyard
6.9	Jacque	Continue to monitor the emptying of graveyard waste bin
6.13	Estelle & Rosemarie	Look at market stalls for size etc and suitability for using and storing as discussed.
6.18	Jacque	Keep Members informed of 'Choose Life' events
6.19	Jacque & All	Keep informed of Community Council Scheme Review progress & further information
7.3	Estelle	Chase up Tractor insurance refund from HC
10.7	Estelle	Raise an objection planing application as minuted
10.8	Estelle	Write to HC Planning about parking consideration for any application and copy Craig in
10.9	Gabriele	Update Members on communications with Planning about Biomass Boilers & discussions with Resolis CC
11.1 & 2	Craig	Progress/report back on graveyard maintenance, overgrown vegetation at links carpark and street light problems
11.3	Craig & Jacque	Craig to organise meeting as minuted to discuss draft TMP with Jacque and Ian Moncrieff
12.1	Jacque	Confirm support for the Harbour Trust application for updating security cameras system
12.2	Jacque	Write to Craig to support the 'sensible' location of Council Housing to support needs of the Community
13.1	Estelle	Ascertain the ownership/origin of the interpretive panels in poor condition in Town and ask for them to be replaced or removed

## Agenda item 4.1

### Appendix A

<b>Cromarty Youth Cafe Youth Worker Report</b>	Month: November 2018
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#### Summary of activities

- **Rowing**

Outdoor rowing has stopped for the rowing but we have a new indoor rowing club every Monday and the kids are improving greatly with their timing and techniques. Our young leaders do a great job at teaching them every week.

- **Community Council**

At the meetings we have been going over issues that have risen in our area, such as the leaves that are beginning to pile up around the town. It makes things harder in the winter because it gets icy and older people can slip easily. We also spoke about the dog poo that have been left around and people keep stepping on it. Even outside places such as the shop and cheese house, it's spread out and it's disgusting so we are working towards sorting these issues. We will also be bringing up how many parents have concerns that there are a number of people who live in Cromarty yet their children go to other schools. It puts Cromarty Primary at risk of losing teachers.

- **Mental Health**

There have been focus groups done in the mental health sessions going over issues that some young people face when in school, how they cope with it and who they may turn to. They discussed what they might use to get by on a day to day basis. Some use energy drinks, some may use drugs, etc. There are going to be more focus groups done with different groups.

- **Chanter**

There is two new people that have started since the intake and they are progressing nicely. The other four are still coming each week and learning new songs. They are all doing really well but some more practice is definitely needed.

- **Equality and Diversity**

The group have been going over doing a fundraiser to raise awareness about equality and diversity within the school. They will hold the event in Kitchen 1 with key issues being Mental Health, LGBTQI+, refugees, the Equalities act 2010, food from different countries will be spread out and they plan to have a different year each day so they all get a chance to explore it. They are also going to be working on a banner to show that the school is an ally with LGBTQI.

- **Leadership**

In my leadership course we are beginning to plan a badminton tournament for P7's that are coming up to first year, next year, so we are creating our plans in different groups so we all know what to do and adding our own spin to it.

- **Youth Café - Juniors**

We have been doing lots of sports and arts & crafts at youth café. I have plans after Christmas to order a bulk of stuff from Baker Ross so the kids have new things to create and make to take home with them each week. Some of the P7's have been doing indoor rowing as well and they've been progressing really well, working on their time and technique without young leaders helping them out.

- **Youth Café - Seniors**

A lot more plans are in place to have discussions that surround drugs, sexual health and mental health. I feel it's important our seniors can have informal talks on these topics so they can get out any questions they maybe don't want to ask whilst in school.

- **Mountain Biking**

They have been competing in lots of competitions and been doing very well, they are progressing brilliantly. They've been offered lots of opportunities such as becoming an ambassador for Frog which is a mountain biking group. They even had a Christmas bike ride towards the end of the month.

- **Cookwell and Bakewell**

The young leaders have been doing a great job helping out in the kitchen every Monday and they've even been helping out at some of the Christmas lunches within the school, serving and helping out with the food. Their cooking and baking skills are improving immensely and they enjoy making different kinds of desserts during their sessions such as oreo cupcakes and chocolate pizza. Sounds gross, but it works!

- **Citizenship Groups**

We have been doing different activities each Friday such as baking and going over lyrics for the songs they are singing in December. They have a play coming up and they also have a Christmas Fayre to get ready for. They each have their own stall and thing to do at it so they have been preparing. Some of the groups have also been going over their timetables.

- **Mid-Ross Area Conference**

Separate report attached.

## Evidence of activities (Photos)



## Impact of activities

Young people as a result of these activities are a lot more **confident**, they're **happier** and they are learning **responsibility** and **respect**. They are **participating** in the community more and going outside of their **comfort zone** to get involved and try new things.

One of our eight year olds actually knows all of the SHANARRI words, the wellbeing indicators and what they mean. Even our seniors weren't too sure until we started working on them, but she blew us all away by knowing!

## Additional Information (if appropriate)

### Plans for January will include -

- Working on SHANARRI and wellbeing indicators.
- Resilient kids with the primary 7's.

**Agenda item 5.1**

**Appendix B**

**“POLICE REPORT 12/10/18 TO 25/01/19”**

**Firstly can I offer my apologies in respect of no reports since 12/10/2018 - I was on holiday for part of this time and was kept busy with the run up to the festive period as well as the festive period itself being a busy time for Police Scotland. I do hope you all had a lovely festive holiday (although seems so long ago now).**

**Between 20/10/19 and 25/01/19 Police Scotland were involved in 18 separate incidents within the Cromarty area.**

**14 of these incidents were requests for assistance for various different concerns including the house fire at 18 Townlands Park. None of these incidents were of criminal nature and Police were only in attendance to assist.**

**The remaining 4 incidents were road traffic related with nothing of note to report although one incident was a road traffic collision involving one vehicle leaving the road near Eathie Mains Farm. This was a non-reportable collision as there was no damage to property or injuries to the driver. A reminder to take care on the roads at this time of year.**

**There are no enquires outstanding within the Cromarty area.**

**I have been in contact with Head teacher Julie Dinwoodie at Cromarty Primary School and I am currently in the process of organising time to attend the school as they have a couple of topics that Police can offer an input to and Julie is keen for Police to attend.**

**Officers routinely conduct high visibility mobile patrols as well as foot patrols and Licence premise checks within the Cromarty area. Should you wish to discuss anything further or are aware of anything I may not be aware of then please do not hesitate to contact me.**

**Unfortunately I will not be in attendance for the upcoming meeting due to operational shift duties.**

**Kind Regards**

**PC Scott Cameron N0377**

**Agenda item 7.1**  
**Appendix C**

<b><u>Finance Report – Cromarty &amp; District Community Council</u></b>				
<b><u>Agenda Item No 7 - Treasurer's Report</u></b>				
<b><u>Period: 26/11/18-26/1/19</u></b>				
<b><u>General Income</u></b>				
Website sales	£21.19			
Less:				
<b><u>General Expenditure</u></b>				
Website postage	£2.27			
<b>Increase/Decrease in Accumulated Fund</b>	<b>£18.92</b>			
<b><u>Fund Income</u></b>				
Christmas lights donation - Cromarty Stores	£500.00			
Christmas Lights donation - Mullery family	£752.80			
Community Development Fund - donations tins	£47.22			
Cromarty Rising - donations	£255.45			
Monday Club Fund - Highland Council	£400.00			
Monday Club Fund - Irene Mackay	£50.00			
Less:				
<b><u>Fund Expenditure</u></b>				
Community Development Fund - dog poo sign	£30.00			
Cromarty Rising - loan repayments	£2,989.58			
Cromarty Rising - website	£110.00			
Monday Club Fund - November lunches	£147.00			
Monday Club Fund - December lunches	£115.50			
Splash & Dash Fund - website	£24.00			
	£3,416.08			
<b>Increase/Decrease in Other Funds</b>	<b>£1,410.61</b>			
<b><u>Net Assets</u></b>				
Bank & Cash in hand balances as at 26/1/19	£20,611.36			
Paypal - website sales	£68.55			
<b>Total Net Assets at 26/1/19</b>	<b>£20,679.91</b>			
<b><u>Comprising:</u></b>				
Community Council Accumulated Fund	£2,389.88			
Provision for Guide Book reprinting	£900.70			
Seaplane Plinth Fund	£48.93			
Bonfire Night Fund	£2,155.60			
Splash & Dash Fund	£126.00			
Monday Club Fund	£463.00			
Community Development Fund	£536.26			
Gala Fund	£4,661.35			
Emergency Resilience Fund	£242.72			
Open Gardens Fund	£6.86			
Gluren bij de Buren Fund	£202.06			
Tractor Operations Fund	£110.92			
Tractor Maintenance Fund	£72.40			

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

**Cromarty & District Community Council Meeting - 28<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

**Agenda Item 9 - Victoria Hall Report**

1. **Finances and Bookings** The Hall accounts for the 9 months to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018, show that Hall Rental Income is about 8% lower than for the same period last year. Our expenditure for the same period has reduced overall, despite increases in the cost of heating oil, increased insurance premiums and the new Community Administration costs. However our cost of repairs is lower and the net result is a £400 increase in our Financial Performance for the first three quarters of the financial year.

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

2. **Repairs and Maintenance** No external repairs have been done, by the Highland Council, for over a year. The long awaited electrical works are planned for March and quotes are being obtained for repairs to the stage front, as well as the internal main hall doors. Sadly, more than 60 dinner plates have been stolen from the Hall. It is impossible to prove who was responsible, but the likely suspect is an outside caterer. The plates are being replaced and greater vigilance will be undertaken for such future bookings.

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

3. **Insurance** Following the Highland Council's ending of their block policy arrangements on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018, the current insurers, Zurich, have begun a comprehensive risk evaluation of all their Community Insurance responsibilities/liabilities in the Highlands. The likelihood is that this will result in a more forensic approach as to what is covered, and inevitable higher premiums. However it is certain that the Hall have to make a series of updates to the current Booking Form, which will become a new Booking Contract. Negotiations are not yet completed, but a fuller presentation of the implications will be given to the February Community Council Meeting.

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

4. **Highland Council/Highlife Highland** Still nothing new to report. This is being handled by Di Agnew, on behalf of Cromarty Common Good interests.

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

5. **Youth Café** Attached is Natalie's latest November 2018 Youth Café Report.

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

Alan Plampton, VHMC

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## **Mid-Ross Area Conference**

Present - Wanda Mackay (YDO) Louise Rose (YDO) Fraser Thomson (AYW) Natalie Murray (AYW)

Audrey Anthony (SYDO) Esme (YC)

Cromarty Youth Café - Alex Campbell, Erin Lambert, John Munro, Anna Campbell, Lucy MacIver, Teagan Young, Allys Mann, Tomos Dargie, Tilly Grist, Kelsey Benjamin

Dingwall - Ashleigh, Alan, Lilly, Adam

Agenda -

4pm - 4.30pm - Arrive and Refreshments

4.45pm - 5pm - Icebreakers led by Cromarty Young people

- Alex and Tilly led this activity by doing - The name games and then fruit salad, everyone said something about themselves for the group to get to know each other better

5pm - 5.30pm - Area Update - what we have been up to?

LGBTI+ Work

Equalities Group

Youth Strategy Consultation

Audrey (SYDO) and Esme (YC) introduced themselves and explained about their role with in HLH

The spoke about the YW Strategy that took place during the summer months, Esme has now collated the info, and asked the group for their feedback to make sure they agreed or disagreed.

Dingwall's Update:

- There have been surveys done on youth work and we got to see what the outcomes were.
- Dingwall have a youth forum every Tuesday after school.
- They spoke about mental health and have shown it to guidance so now a priority in schools.
- They had over 100 people at one of their fusion events and over 90 at another.
- For fundraising they have done talent shows, from one of them alone they raised £800.
- They are going to be running Muir of Ord fusions once a term

Cromarty area Update:

- We have an Equality and Diversity group in the school and have been coming up with ways we can make our school more welcoming and accepting. Surveys were made by the group and sent out to all staff in order to gather information - pie charts on table , lots of discussions weekly at Youth Café , Worlds Aids day delivered by Natalie
- In July there was a rowing regatta in Cromarty with 16 different teams from all over Scotland. 450 rower's altogether. Over a thousand spectators.
- There are 10- 12 young leaders who volunteer at Junior youth café every week, they help plan and deliver sessions each week.

- GTKYT every Wednesday where young people help older people showing them how to work technology.
- Helped people with dementia and three blind women.
- Games sessions every Thursday with older people in partnership with Black Isle Cares.
- Cookwell or Baking every Monday.
- SHANARRI indicators are done at the start and at the end of every session. - Gold Star to Kelsey for memorizing the SHANARRI indicators.

5.30pm - 6pm - Fiona Richardson & Di Agnew - Explain about Community Planning Partnership and give inspection feedback spoke about the strengths in the area and areas for improvement

- Discussed what we take to community partnership to discuss, what is relevant in our community that we can bring up

6pm - 6.30pm - Dinner - Thanks to Cromarty Youth Café for this we got a 4 course meal cooked by our young ones - it was amazing

6.30pm - 7pm - Session on Mental Health from Emma Campbell - PMHW - Emma Could not Make it so instead we spoke about Mental Health and what each group is doing for Mental Health,

Cromarty Area -

- S6 are taking part in the Scotland's Mental Health First Aid ( whole year group and we will be doing a SQA UNIT .
- Choose Life Focus Group
- Equality Group
- S1 Well Being Wheel
- Resilient Kids with P7s

Dingwall -

- Rolling out the Peer Mental Health Project

Also went over what is good for our mental health, our young people came up with suggestions like; swimming, rowing, sailing, coming to work, having a laugh, Netflix, walking the dog, exercise, seeing mates, talking to parents or someone I trust.

7pm - 8pm - Debrief of the Session - Action plan taking things forward

- Inviting partnership for dinner in 2019.
- Giving feedback to each other on what we are doing in regards to mental health.
- Take the Dingwall YP out rowing.
- Do training (SIPP) Wanda doing with the Samaritans and NHS .