



Fortrose and Rosemarkie Community Council

Minutes of meeting 9th November 2016. Fortrose Leisure Centre.

Present: Sarah Atkin (SA), Anne Phillips (AP), Iain Brown (IB), Archie MacLeod (AM), Gareth Phillips (GP), Lucy Tonkin (LT), Vikki Trelfer (VT), Emma Dalseme (ED).

Apologies: Tom Heath (TH)

1. Welcome & Apologies. Special welcome to the newly co-opted members Emma and Vikki.
2. Minutes of last meeting: approved. Proposed by IACB Seconded SA
3. Matters Arising (if not an agenda item):

Meeting with Ian Moncrieff from Highland Council. Iain Moncrieff met with Iain Brown, Anne Phillips and Cllr Craig Fraser to see traffic & parking concerns situation on Fortrose H. St and to familiarise himself with the area. Cllr Fraser raised issue of pot holes. Mr Moncrieff also went to Rosemarkie (20mph speed limit stressed) and Chanonry Point (where he could see issues with parking.) General discussion followed.

Action point: concern raised re: pedestrians walking from Fairy Glen onto the main road. Will look at signage for next season. VT to follow up with RSPB. /VT

Coastal protection

Informed on 28/10 that Members of Ross & Cromarty Committee (for the Fortrose and Rosemarkie Common Good Fund) approved funding to enable a brief to be prepared to make recommendations on coastal protection at Rosemarkie Caravan Park. (See www.highland.gov.uk for full report.) Wallace Stone to carry out the survey. Request for £11,000 to enable this work to be completed.

Action point: to follow up and put pressure on the HC to complete work ahead of this winter. /TH

Ship to Ship Oil Transfer at Sea

Fortrose & Rosemarkie jointly holding a public meeting. Speakers from Cromarty Rising invited to put their case to our communities. Tuesday 29th November at Avoch Primary School 7.15 to 8.45. FRCC paying for hire costs and recovering 50% from AKCC.

Action point: SA to put up posters around villages. /SA

Grit bins

List provided by AM.

Action point: AP to source a contact at HC. IB will forward details on to relevant person AP/IB

Remembrance Sunday – Fortrose Cathedral. Meeting at 10.45. CC members to attend.

Carol service. Action TH. /TH

Christmas Lights

Rosemarkie: AP has new set of Christmas tree lights for Rosemarkie.
Fortrose and Rosemarkie: Lights for lamp standards being checked.

Saturday 26th November 9.30 lights going up. /AP GP IB TH.

Action Point: Volunteer to go round and check if any lights go out.

Grave Stone – Deans Road/Ness Gap. Belongs to Alexander Hossack and his wife.

No further action required.

4. Correspondence/Points from the public.

Overgrown hedge along Ness Road opp Ness Road W reducing the width of the path.

Action Point: GP to cut back. /GP

5. Treasurer's Report:

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Treasurer's Report

As at 9 November 2016

Bank of Scotland said it could be a further six weeks the bank before the bank will have completed the change of signatories and postal address requested more than two weeks ago.

Awaiting Highland Council guidance on whether signatories need to be members of the community council so that the accounts may be operated in the meantime.

Recommend FRCC move accounts from Bank of Scotland, email of 7 November refers.

The most recent (September 2016) record of account balances:

Current Account £1,866.51 Charitable: £2,246.69 Total £4,113.20

Ideas on where money should be spent updated to: newsletter, community volunteer support fund, Seniors Party, replacement Christmas lights, dog poo bags (see Community Issues.)

6. Police report (summary)

Agreement to make last month's police report public with amendments due to sensitive nature of the content. This month's summary:

* 3 people charged with speeding. Speed checks are continuing.

* 1 person rescued from Chanonry point: Both person and dog well after being airlifted

* Licensed premise checks continue to be carried out.

Issue of anti-social behaviour at the Pavilion and football ground raised and discussed. Reports of under-age drinking and vomit on the football pitch. Also, young people are able to break into the store shed for shelter.

Action point: SA to inform PPC Murphy and Rector at the Academy of these reports and our concerns. /SA

7 Planning:

17/09/2015	15/03033/FUL	Erection of 50 residential units including access road, associated parking areas and am	Land 90M NW Of Greenside Farmhouse Courthill Road Rosemarkie	Pending
20/01/2016	16/00139/FUL	Change of use of building to form self-contained residential unit	St James Union Street, Fortrose, IV10 8TD	Pending
04/08/2016	16/03488/FUL	Change of use and alterations to former residential/nursing home to form 11 flats	Marine House 11 Marine Terrace Rosemarkie Fortrose IV10 8UL	Pending
15/08/2016	16/03667/FUL	Demolition of extensions to building	Marine House 11 Marine Terrace Rosemarkie Fortrose IV10 8UL	Permitted
18/08/2016	16/03727/FUL	Demolition of existing and erection of replacement church building	Free Church 5 Church Street Fortrose IV10 8TE	Pending
30/08/2016	16/03817/FUL	Erection of building to provide facilities for disabled horse riders	Broomhill Fortrose IV10 8SH	Pending
26/09/2016	16/03916/FUL	Proposed erection of extension to house to form garage and self-contained residential unit	Ulena House Fortrose IV10 8SW	Pending
14/09/2016	16/03944/FUL	Erection of fence (1.8m vertical slatted timber to Castle Street and 1.2m to match existing on	Ashcroft 1 Castle Street Fortrose IV10 8TH	Permitted
30/08/2016	16/03945/CON	Demolition of wall	Ashcroft 1 Castle Street Fortrose IV10 8TH	Permitted
19/09/2016	16/04261/FUL	Erection of replacement extension to house	Hollysyde, 3 Castle Street, Fortrose IV10 8TH	Pending
20/09/2016	16/04280/FUL	Engineering works to repair coastal erosion at golf course	Fortrose And Rosemarkie Golf Club Ness Road East Fortrose IV10 8SE	Permitted
14/10/2016	16/04479/FUL	Installation of replacement doors	7 Union Street Fortrose IV10 8TD	Pending
07/11/2016	16/04687/FUL	Erection of house and garage	Land 40M SW Of Ness Farmhouse Ness Road East Fortrose	Pending

Marine House: approval not yet given. Archaeological study needed to ensure nothing disturbed. Project possibly set back a few months. Discussion followed on planning gain issues. FRCC position is that any planning gain from this project should be spent in our community.

8 Licensing: nothing to report.

9 Local Councillors' update: none present at meeting. Nothing to report.

10 Communication: newsletter. 2-week lead time needed to print. Awaiting information for the Community Spotlight page. Hope to circulate before mid-December.

11 Community Issues

Mother and Toddler Group: want to move to Fortrose Town Hall. They have outgrown the Dolphin Room. Town Hall has space but no storage for toys.

Action points: LT to liaise with group Chair Maru Fraser. GP to source a storage shed for toddler group toys. LT/GP

Dog Poo Bags: resident mentioned increase in dog mess after the free bags were cut back by HC. FRCC to trial free bags in various village outlets. Target: the occasional forgetful dog owner. FRCC will also undertake a dog bin audit.

Action points: SA to source eco poo bags. LT to undertake dog bin audit. SA/LT

Fortrose Christmas tree: is there to be a Xmas tree in Fortrose?

Action point: Eilean Dubh to be asked about hosting tree again. /LT

12 Chanonry Point (2017 traffic management)

Meeting on Friday 2nd December 2016 with all stakeholders. SA & AP to attend.

FRCC priority will be for improvements for next year – what can be achieved – as well as looking to the longer term. Discussion followed. Noted that when visiting the site Iain Moncrieff referenced a number of simple ideas that will help.

Action point: SA to report back at December meeting. /SA

13 Black Isle Community Councils joint meeting:

Informal discussion on broadband, transport, care home provision and speed.

Broadband: Fergus Weir (Teclan – digital marketing company) presented to the meeting. He has invested heavily in securing 200mb of bandwidth for his business premises in Tore. This can potentially be ‘shared’ on a commercial basis using wireless line-of-sight technology to other households on the Black Isle. ScotNet would be the ISP for his plan. This is similar to the ‘model’ Mike Hicks is promoting on this side of the Black Isle. Mr Weir will be hosting a public meeting to explain more fully in early 2017.

Transport: the new representative from Stagecoach – Philip Prestwood was present. All bus contracts are up for renewal in April 2017. He informed the meeting of new bus times. Minor changes to 26 route from Jan 9th 2017. SA raised issue of buses being more ‘in sync’ with train arrivals to minimise car journeys.

Care Home provision: general discussion. Consensus was that the shortage is a Black Isle problem requiring a Black Isle wide solution and that any new provision should primarily be for Black Isle residents. These points of principle to be agreed at FRCC December 2016 meeting when Tom Heath can attend.

Speed: proposal that the 20 mph proposals for Inverness apply to rural areas.

14 A.O.B

FRCC Associates: request from CC Member that Douglas Stuart become an Associate with specific remit to work with IB on Common Good Fund issues. All agreed.

Action point: SA to canvass views of other co-opted member applicants for a role. IB to confirm with Mr Stuart. IB/SA

Community Planning: idea of an open day surgery suggested for residents to put forward their suggestions/ideas for feasible improvements to the community.

Action Point: VT to bring plans to December meeting. /VT

15 Date of next meeting: Wednesday 14th December, Gordon Memorial Hall, 7pm.

Public Surgery at 6.30pm with IB and TH.