



Fortrose and Rosemarkie Community Council

Minutes of meeting. Wednesday 14th December 2016, Gordon Memorial Hall, Rosemarkie.

CC members present: Sarah Atkin (SA), Tom Heath (TH), Iain AC Brown (IACB), Archie MacLeod (AM), Gareth Phillips (GP), Lucy Tonkin (LT), Vikki Trelfer (VT), Emma Dalseme (ED).

The Highland Council (THC): Cllr Jennifer Barclay (JB), Ian Moncrieff (IM)

Police Scotland: John Murphy (JM),

Apologies: Anne Phillips (AP), Cllr Craig Fraser.

1. Welcome & Apologies

2. Minutes of last meeting: Approved. Proposed by GP. Seconded by LT.

3. Matters Arising (if not an agenda item)

3.1 Fairy Glen signage: concern raised re: pedestrians walking from Fairy Glen onto the main road. VT has organized signage to be put in place

3.2 Coastal protection

IM reported that a survey is due to start this week considering exact cause of erosion at the Rosemarkie Caravan Park and subsequent appropriate remedies. Report expected by mid-January. Suggestion made from CC that if gabion baskets are proposed then they should be of stainless steel instead of mild steel with plastic coating as they are longer lived.

3.3 Grit Bins – all appear to have now been filled.

Action Point: AM to check.

3.4 Christmas Lights: all up, though two do not appear to be working. Likely due to connection issue as lights were tested prior to erection. Will review once removed.

3.5 Dog poo bin audit (see Community Issues)

3.6 Chanonry Point

Meeting of Chanonry Point Advisory Group held on December 2nd. A draft action plan will be drawn up by IM by mid-January to address the short (i.e. for next season) and longer term issues, notably traffic management.

FRCC responsible for convening the next Advisory Group meeting by the end of January 2017. Shortly after this there will need to be a public consultation process.

Action Point: SA to liaise with IM. SA to organise next meeting.

3.7 Care Home

At the recent BICC (all-Black Isle CC's) meeting it was agreed that Black Isle CC's should speak with one voice on this issue. A Care Home is needed but local people benefitting should be our primary focus. Cllr Barclay stressed that the local Councillors were never opposed to their needing to be a care home although this misunderstanding has been canvassed around the community.

Action point: IACB & TH to represent FRCC on this issue.

4. Correspondence/Points from the public:

4.1 Christmas tree in Rosemarkie was noted to be poorly decorated. Please note: there's a need for a twin socket.

Action Point: GP to look into purchase of further decorations.

4.2 Public car park by the Marine being filled up by builders working on Marine, causing residents to congest high street.

Action point: SA to speak with building contractors.

4.3 Viewpoint on Academy street suffering from dilapidated fence, potholes, and worn furnishings. Area is noted to be Common Good land.

Action point: IM agreed to progress.

4.4 Elderly residents unable to read minutes posted in notice board due to small font size.

Action Point: SA to replace current draft minutes.

4.5 Academy Street Streetlights

SA was contacted about 10 street lights being out down from the school entrance. THC alerted and aware. No definite date as to when they will be fixed.

Action point: SA to chase up THC.

4.6. Fisherman's Path (at the bottom of Tulloch's development)

The new surfacing has been damaged by horses. Historically, this has been a popular short cut to for local riders on their way to the beach. Discussion followed. The point was made that with all the housing development this route is now more urban than rural. Is it still suitable for horses? The local riding school already advises their riders to ride on the grass rather than the path. It was agreed that the best short term option was to encourage this for everybody. Signage is required.

Action point: TH to oversee production and erection of signage.

4.7 TH noted a point (directed at IM) from residents that junction of Ness Road and Wester Greengates (the continuation of Academy Street to the east) had poor visibility and could benefit from a mirror.

Action: IM

5. Treasurer's Report

As at 14 December 2016

The signatories and the addresses for the two Bank of Scotland accounts are changed. The need to change banks postponed.

[1] Income and Expenditure to 14 December 2016:

	<u>Current Account</u>	<u>Charitable Account</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Opening Balance	£ 1,866.51	£ 2,246.69	£ 4,113.20
Hanging Baskets, four		- £ 135.00	
War Memorial Wreath		- £ 31.80	
Christmas lights, high loader		- £ 50.00	
Christmas Lights, electrician		- £ 25.00	
Andrewina Junor Trust		- £ 220.00	
Newsletter printing		- £ 211.60	£ 673.40
Closing Balance			£ 3,439.80

[2] Expenditure: Anticipated with estimates

Comments

Three new Christmas lights	£ 250.00	Local resident paying half of £500 estimate.
Dog poo bags	£ 100.00	
Ship to Ship public meeting	£ TBC	Cost shared with Avoch & Killen
Seniors' Christmas Party	£ 200.00	More
Beach Clean	£ TBC	Christmas Tree at Eilean Dubh £ TBC
Website	£ 30.00	

Total estimated - £ 580.00 plus , plus

[3] The earlier reasons for an account to be named “charitable” no longer apply. Propose to change account name to “Community Projects”.

Ends.

Updated ideas for where money should be spent include: contingency for community requests, replacement notice board in Fortrose; printing of the newsletter. The replacement road sign for entrance to Fortrose (coming from Avoch) is a Highland Council cost. AM mentioned the need for new tables at the Town Hall but this is also a Highland Council cost.

Action Point: IACB to source prices for replacement board and will discuss using church notice board for CC minutes in Rosemarkie.

6. Common Good Fund

Report to be presented at January 2017 meeting. Also, Douglas Stuart (new Associate with co-responsibility for Common Good Fund) will attend.

7. Police report (summary):

- 1 person charged with speeding
- 2 mental health issues
- 1 domestic incident
- 2 incidents at Plough Inn. One assault and one noise
- 1 Alcohol seized from youths at Rosemarkie beach
- 1 Vandalism in Fortrose
- 1 Controlled drugs seized from youth at King George V Park
- 1 sudden death in Fortrose
- Speed checks will continue in the area
- Foot patrols have been carried out in Rosemarkie
- During the past month Dingwall Police have received 729 calls with 47 being in the Fortrose and Rosemarkie area.

The issue of anti-social behaviour at the King George V Park, raised at the last meeting was taken forward by JM. The Youth Action Team has been in touch with Fortrose Academy so SA had no need to make contact directly with the Rector (see November minutes ‘action’ point.) SA has discussed this issue with the school. The view is that Fortrose Academy cannot monitor or be held responsible for incidents or behaviour that occurs outside school hours.

Speeding: A CC member raised the issue of the difficulty he experienced in reporting dangerous driving. JM encourages all to call 101 to report dangerous driving and give as much detail as possible. The police cannot act without evidence.

8. Planning:

17/08/2015	15/03033/FUL	Erection of 50 residential units including access road, associated parking areas and amenity	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	Application Withdrawn
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
18/08/2016	16/03727/FUL	Demolition of existing and erection of replacement church building	Free Church 5 Church Street Fortrose IV10 8TE	Permitted
30/08/2016	16/03817/FUL	Erection of building to provide facilities for disabled horse riders	Broomhill Fortrose IV10 8SH	Permitted
26/09/2016	16/03916/FUL	Proposed erection of extension to house to form garage and self-contained residential unit	Utena House Fortrose IV10 8SW	Permitted
19/09/2016	16/04261/FUL	Erection of replacement extension to house	Hollysyde, 3 Castle Street, Fortrose IV10 8TH	Permitted
14/10/2016	16/04479/FUL	Installation of replacement doors	7 Union Street Fortrose IV10 8TD	Permitted
07/11/2016	16/04687/FUL	Erection of house and garage	Land 40M SW Of Ness Farmhouse Ness Road East Fortrose	Pending
03/11/2016	16/04772/FUL	Reinstatement of doorway	40 High Street Fortrose IV10 8SU	Pending

15/03033 Greenside Farm. FRCC has still not received a substantive response from THC to our request that the developer provides an updated traffic assessment for this application.

Action point: TH to chase up traffic assessment.

Issue of developer contributions raised. They are not being used locally. They have been used for signage on A9/B9161 Junction. (Noted: no consideration has been given to the dangers of crossing the southbound carriageway.)

Discussion followed. Agreement that although Munloch Junction was outwith our boundary it did impact upon our residents. Areas entitled to planning gain/developer contributions include transport infrastructure and education.

Action Point: SA to speak with Fortrose Academy Rector to ensure developer contributions are being applied for.

Action Point: Douglas Stuart (new Associate) to look into safety solutions for A9 junction and will be assisted by JB.

9. Licensing: nothing to report.

10. Local Councillors' update: Cllr Jennifer Barclay present. Nothing outwith the agenda or discussions at the meeting to report. Cllr Fraser sent an update note on the Cromarty Rising campaign (see point 13.)

11. Communication: newsletter. Newsletter now delivered to all Rosemarkie homes and made available in outlets in Fortrose (inc. Black Isle Cares for their clients.) Any surplus copies will be delivered to areas in Fortrose most likely to house elderly residents.

12. Community Issues:

12.1 Mother and Toddler Group: now moving to Friday mornings in town hall and require storage for equipment. AM suggested an area in the current shed.

Action points: LT & GP to look at storage solutions and purchase storage if required.

12.2 Dog Mess campaign: Poo Bin audit: LT has carried out an audit in Fortrose. Recommendations: the bin at Fortrose Harbour moved to be more accessible and visible spot and a new bin to be installed at Fortrose end of railway path.

Action Point: LT to follow up with Highland Council and ask The Tavern (Fortrose) if OK to sticker their waste bin to allow for dog waste.

Dog Poo bags: SA showed 3 different brands options. Scot-Pet Shop brand preferred as less expensive. These will be bought in bulk and made available at local outlets for members of the public for a trial period of 3 months. Poster needed to promote this.

Action point: ED to produce a poster. LT to contact Avoch PS HT to see about a 'Bag It and Bin It' poster competition to raise awareness and engage the community.

12.3 Fortrose Christmas tree has been erected. Thank was given to Graham and Anne Law at Eilean Dubh. Thank you to them.

Action Point: IACB to follow up to ensure money for tree is reimbursed.

12.4 Podiatry services at Fortrose Surgery are due to cease. FRCC strongly support the retention of the service in some form, especially for vulnerable and elderly patients. FRCC has contacted the Surgery and understand discussions with NHS Highland are ongoing. We hope a compromise can be reached. We have also asked our local Black Isle Councillors to take up this issue.

12.5 Andrewina Junor Trust: money to be distributed before Xmas. FRCC agreed to a system review discussion at March 2017 meeting.

13. Community Engagement Day

Proposal circulated. Format discussed. The focus will be on the positive and the achievable. Agreed that each village should have its own event. Suggested timing – February 2017. Various locations discussed. Agreement that a central village location (easy walking access) was preferable given the time of year. Refreshments should also be available. All felt that this could be the start of a proactive community planning process.

Action Point: VT to lead on this initiative. All to help as and when required.

13. Ship-to-Ship Oil Transfer at Sea:

The Avoch meeting turnout was disappointing.

Nairn protest very successful with 500 people turning out. Cromarty Rising wish to hold a meeting in Rosemarkie in early 2017. SA referenced Southwold (on the Sussex Coast) where this activity happens 12 nautical miles off the coastline (the proposition for Cromarty is as close as 2km.) A letter from Southwold Town Council to the Maritime, Safety and Environment Branch at the Dept. for Transport (dated 23rd December 2015) refers to 'negative environmental factors'. One is that oil dispersant creates a wax that remains in suspension and has been found onshore and on the bodies of bathers.

Craig Fraser emailed prior to meeting to say that "Drew Hendry MP is now on board and communicating with UK Government. Alyn Smith and Ian Hudghton MEP's have offered their services regarding EU environmental laws."

Action point: SA to liaise with Cromarty Rising about organising a public meeting in Rosemarkie.

14. AOB:

14.1 Survey sent out from Highland Council regarding local democracy and what power can be given back to communities.

Action Point: GP to make available on Facebook and Website in effort to raise awareness and responses.

15. Date of next meeting: Wednesday 11th January 2017, Black Isle Leisure Centre, 7pm.

Public Surgery at 6.30pm with ED and LT.