



# Fortrose and Rosemarkie Community Council

## Minutes

Meeting: Wednesday 11th January 2017, Fortrose Leisure Centre, 7-9pm.

CC members present: Sarah Atkin (SA), Tom Heath (TH), Archie MacLeod (AM), Emma Dalseme (ED), Iain A Brown (IACB), Lucy Tonkin (LT). Associates: Douglas Stuart (DS)

Highland Councillors: Jennifer Barclay (JB) (Highland Council = HC)

Apologies: Anne Philips, Vikki Trelfer, Gareth Phillips, Cllr Craig Fraser, John Murphy (Police Scotland)

### 1.0 Welcome and apologies

### 2.0 Minutes of last meeting.

Proposed SA. Seconded IAB.

### 3.0 Matters arising (if not elsewhere in the agenda)

3.1 Grit bins: 2 still not filled at Greengates Place. One in need of replacement as it floods. Other only part full. HC aware. JB to chase. **Action: JB**

3.2 Care Home: TH to attend joint Black Isle CC's meeting on 7th Feb to present ideas for collective lobbying strategy. **Action: TH**

3.3 Christmas tree/lights 2016: Report from Secretary (AP): lights were taken down early to fit in with schedule of volunteers. Highland Council have been asked if sockets were checked as some were still not working from 2015. AP to ask again if all sockets can be checked and enquire about getting more sockets for 2017. **Action: AP** (See *Community Issues*)

3.4 Car Park behind Marine House – access issues: William Gray contacted.

3.5 Academy Street lighting: we are assured work to fix this will commence w/c 9th January. (See 'Points from the public' for other lights.)

3.6 Fisherman's Path – damage from horses using this short cut to the beach. Signage discussed last month not made/put up yet. After viewing the path, however the CC's view now is that this path/route is unsuitable for horses because of the increase in housing and usage as well as surface damage. FRCC to communicate our view to Broomhill Riding School and to Maggie Wylie (whose horses may use the route) and request that they no longer use it. **Action: SA and TH.**

3.7 Parent and Toddler Group: moving into Fortrose Town Hall Friday 13th Jan.

3.8 Fortrose Xmas Tree – money reimbursed for cost.

3.9 Podiatry Services: SA received update from Surgery. Looks positive for the retention of a local service. Avoch & Killen CC published on FB (as they received **confirmation** from NHS Highland.)

### 4.0 Correspondence/Points from the public/Secretaries Report

#### 4.1 Correspondence

- Podiatry (see Matters Arising 3.9)

- Christmas card from Kate Forbes MSP
- Academy Street lights. Grit bins (see matters arising 3.1 and 3.5)
- Potential volunteer for Rosemarkie group – forwarded to relevant contact.
- Art Society Inverness looking for good local venue – SA sent details/suggestions.
- Christmas lights query (see matters arising)

#### 4.2 Points from the public

- Fortrose to Avoch road: poor visibility for drivers seeing cyclists. Can the railway track be made into a designated cycle path?

Response: a dedicated cycle path is a longer term project not within the gift of the CC. Suggested signage on road to warn cyclists and walkers. TH to draft a post for Facebook reminding cyclists and walkers of the need for high visibility clothing. JB expressed a similar concern re: pupils waiting for school buses. JB to raise issue with Parent Council.

Action: TH / JB

- Ship to Ship Oil Transfer at Sea (see also 'Community Issues'): enquiring about FRCC promoting links with Cromarty Rising. Residents were attending 12th Jan protest at Holyrood. Concerned about the low level of support in our community. Requested that we link to Cromarty Rising Facebook page. Action: GP
- Minutes: can they be posted earlier and go on Facebook a bit quicker?

Response: FRCC only publish minutes in full when they are 'adopted' (monthly, in arrears.) Issues being debated/raised will, however be made available via Facebook posts and the web site and in print on notice boards.

- Speeding: Rosemarkie – Fortrose stretch of road. How much does a Smiley Face cost? Also, traffic cuts the corner turning right down Ness Road.

Response: JB said Smiley Face costs £000s. Mini Island suggested as an option for Ness Road turn. Noted that idea suggested by Iain Moncrieff (HC). DS to write to roads department re: white line visibility. SA to inform police of speeding concerns. Action: DS / SA

- Work on Rosemarkie Beach: Rosemarkie volunteers responded to a complaint about health & safety queries of work carried out on Rosemarkie Beach: *the area where the work took place was clearly cordoned off. Those undertaking the work were qualified tree surgeons. As it is voluntary, the work had to take place over a week-end. The land/trees are owned by a QC based in Edinburgh (not publicly owned).*
- Beach Wildlife: Brent geese visit Rosemarkie beach every winter. By the Burn, Russian geese graze on seaweed at low tide for 3 months of the year. This is very rare and unusual for the UK. Dog walkers are allowing their dogs to chase the geese away. How do we educate dog walkers and the public?

Response: resident agreed to write an article for Facebook and Chatterbox. Notices to be put up at Beach Café & Mill House window (if house owner agrees). Longer term, permanent information boards could be produced. Draft needed. Action: C/F

- Street lights out. A list was handed in by residents. Car park area at the foot of Mackenzie Terrace, Rosemarkie; main road Rosemarkie to Fortrose; entrance to Greenside Ave. Greenside Ave/Ryebank has 3 lights out. Ness Rd, opposite top entrance road to Tulloch scheme. Scout Hut, Fortrose; Rose Street near Scout Hut. Town Hall opposite the one up Feddon Hill; Union Street near St Katharine's. Action: Highland Councillors (Cllr Craig subsequently informed)

#### 4.3 Secretaries Report (see Xmas Tree / Matters Arising

### 5.0 Treasurer's Report

[1] Income and Expenditure to 11 January 2017:

	Current Account	Charitable Account	Totals
Opening Balance	£ 1,866.51	£ 2,246.69	£ 4,113.20
Transactions:	Expenditure		Income
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	£ 211.00		
Highland Council			
Senior Citizens' Fund	£ 15.00		
	£ 657.80		
Closing Balance	£ 3,455.40		

[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	£ 000	
Seniors' Christmas Party	£ 200.00	More
Beach Clean	£ ???	
Christmas Tree, Eilean Dubh,	£ TBC	amount awaited
Website	£ 30.00	
Total estimated -	£ 580.00	plus, plus

[3] The Charitable Account in the process of being renamed "Community Projects".

### 6.0 Police Report (as read)

The following are the crimes, offences and antisocial behaviour and other incidents of note dealt with between 07/12/2016 and 10/11/2017:

- 1 x Mental Health issues.
- 5 x Domestic incident.
- 1 x Vandalism.
- 2 x Child Protection enquiries.
- 2 x Vulnerable persons.
- 1 x Theft.

Speed checks will continue in the area when duties allow. Foot patrols have been carried out in Rosemarkie and Fortrose including the night of the Xmas dance Fortrose Academy.

During the past month Dingwall Police have received 781 calls with 66 being in this area.

Issue raised at last meeting regarding speeding delivery vans on Canonbury Terrace. All officers in Dingwall aware including Road Policing Officers and checks will continue.

## **7.0 Planning**

- 7.1 Greenside Farm: survey work re drainage due for completion this month. Due to go to Area Planning Committee. Jane Bridge responded to traffic survey request we asked for. Survey only looked at peak-time traffic, not daytime traffic which is significant. Discussion followed. Agreed that TH draft another letter. **Action: TH**
- 7.2 Marine House: formal planning permission should be granted next week (w/c20/1/17)
- 7.3 Planning Gain: TH/DS to follow up Tulloch contribution to improved light at A9/Munlochy Junction. Follow up made to Academy Rector re: formal applications for planning gain from school. None made yet but informal relations exist. **Action: TH/DS**

## **8.0 Licensing: nothing to report.**

## **9.0 Update from Ward 10 Councillor: nothing outside agenda to report.**

## **10.0 Communication**

- 10.1 Notice board replacement Fortrose. Ongoing. **Action: IACB to investigate.**
- 10.2 Rosemarkie CC Board options: lack of information for residents in Rosemarkie is an issue. The main village notice board is run by the Amenities and has one key holder. Sharing the Church of Scotland notice board (next to where people now wait for the bus) isn't possible. Agreement for the need of a dedicated notice board in Rosemarkie. Site /costs needed. **Action: C/F to February meeting.**
- 10.3 Agreed to only make approved minutes public. Facebook needs to be used more frequently to update current issues/information. Agenda's should be posted 2 weeks in advance. Agreed to retain a permanent agenda on notice boards (change date/add information as required.) TH/IAB/SA all have access to notice board in Fortrose.
- 10.4 Minute Secretary: SA suggested approaching Fortrose Academy for pupils wanting work experience. We'd pay an honorarium. Report back next month. **Action: SA**

## **11.0 Community Issues**

- 11.1 Senior Citizens' Lunch  
ED link person in AP's absence. Felt to need a 'push' as bookings low. Action: posters to go up and churches to be given posters to mention at Sunday services. ED to contact Friendship Club. **Action: SA/IACB/ED.**
- 11.2 Common Good Fund  
IAB sent an expansive e-mail to Di Agnew (Ward Manager) for clarity re: FRCC role and liabilities with respect of Common Good Fund as well as other queries on common good assets. Discussion followed.  
  
Noted: it has been a long-standing ambition of FRCC for the Town Hall to be run as a community asset. Currently it is owned by the Common Good Fund but managed by High Life Highland.
- 11.3 Bench by Rodger Court: was removed by HC as it was rotting. Much missed by residents. Needs to be replaced. SA to ask Fortrose Academy if interested in this as a pupil project. If not Cllr Barclay will ask HC. **Action SA/JB**

- 11.4 Community Engagement Day: link person not present at meeting. Nothing to report.
- 11.5 Dog Poo bag campaign: poster produced & circulated. Emergency dog poo bags now available in both villages. Thank you to the Fortrose Leisure Centre, Fortrose Café, Plough Inn and Beach Café for supporting this initiative.
- LT to chase Highland Council for Tavern (Fortrose) bin to display a dog waste sticker. LT to chase Avoch PS re: a 'Bag it and Bin It' poster competition. **Action: LT**
- Further Action: Press Release (SA); audit of poo bins in Rosemarkie (LT); map of bin locations for both villages (LT to investigate). **Action: SA/LT**
- 11.6 Xmas Lights 2017: residents have been in touch about improving Xmas lights/trees in the villages for 2017. Avoch's display has set a high bar. Discussion followed. Agreed that way forward is to set up working groups. C/F to March 2017 meeting.
- 11.7 Ship-to-Ship Oil Transfer at Sea: timing around Xmas not good for a public meeting. SA in touch with Cromarty Rising. VF also agreed to help 'lead' on this. To pursue awareness raising of this issue in Rosemarkie. **Action SA/VT**
- 12.0 Chanonry Point and Coastal Protection**
- Iain Moncrieff (HC) attended Ward Meeting 9/1/17. JB said he has a proposal/plan for discussion ready. SA now able to follow up and arrange a 2nd 'stakeholder' meeting before the end of January. After this public consultation will follow. In addition, the results of Wallace Stone survey on coastal protection should also be ready. **Action: SA**
- 13.0 **Date of next meeting** Wednesday February 8th 2017. Gordon Memorial Hall, 7pm. Surgery at 6.30pm for public concerns.