

Fortrose and Rosemarkie Community Council



Minutes

Meeting: Wednesday 11th October 2017. Fortrose Leisure Centre.

Present: Anne Phillips (AP), Archie Macleod (AM), Iain A C Brown (IACB), Tom Heath (TH).

Apologies: Sarah Atkin (SA), Lucy Tonkin (LT), PC 468 John Murphy.

1.0 Welcome & Apologies

2.0 Minutes of last meeting

Proposed, AM. Seconded, IACB.

3.0 Matters Arising

- 3.1 Tulloch's community contributions. Letter received. SA to reply. C/F **Action: SA**
- 3.2 Highland Council requests for more street names. A member of the public proposed "Downie". SA contacted HC. This exception to the normal protocol has to be justified. Biography has been drafted. To be circulated to CC members and sent to HC. C/F **Action SA**
- 3.3 Letter from Edward Mountain MSP: SA to invite him to meet FRCC. C/F **Action: SA**
- 3.4 Footpath map boards: Phil Waite (HC) has agreed to pass board's ownership to communities/other parties to improve. SA to explore option of school project to update board at 'The Plough Inn'. **Action: SA**
- 3.5 Crawford Avenue: Weeds, debris from cut grass and fence which requires to be repaired. Contact Highland Council. C/F **Action: TH**
- 3.6 Speeding between Rosemarkie & Fortrose: AP to order bin stickers for both villages; SA has enquired about moving the 'Smiley Face' speed reminder as you exit Fortrose to Avoch to as you enter from Rosemarkie. SA asked HC if they may be able to move on behalf of FRCC or FRCC can move it during erection of Christmas lights. Awaiting response. **Action AP/SA**

4.0 Correspondence/Points from the Public

- 4.1 Janitor's House (Fortrose Academy grounds): DS to ask council what is going to happen to this now empty property. C/F **Action: DS**
- 4.2 Bins located by trade entrance to Co-Op. Issue raised with the CC by a resident. SA has asked Co-Op if they have given permission for this. Awaiting response. C/F **Action: SA**
- 4.3 Rosemarkie Cemetery: Grass is being cut regularly but cuttings not picked up, grass debris left is becoming thicker. AP contacted HC with no response. Cllr Jennifer Barclay and Cllr Craig Fraser both chasing. **Action: Ward Cllrs**
- 4.4 Flagpole in King George V Park: Has not been used or maintained. DS to assess condition and contact Ian Goode at High Life Highland. C/F **Action: DS**
- 4.5 Additional street name requested for consideration "Lackie". CC members agreed to put forward proposal. **Action: SA**

- 4.6 Enquiry about 'Ferry Inn' at Chanonry Point.
- 4.7 Enquiry about grit box at Gollanhead Avenue. 2 bins currently at Greenside Avenue, potential to move one. AM to check all bins. TH to investigate 'Winter Resilience Scheme' used in previous years. **Action: AM/TH**
- 4.8 LILDEM Stakeholder report: Link CC member required. **Action: SA**
- 4.9 Avoch Primary School bus services: Multiple issues arising with the buses since the start of this term. CC to contacted D&E Coaches in support of parents. Immediate response stating that all the issues need addressing with Highland Council. LT to circulate to Avoch Primary PC. **Action: LT**
- 4.10 Resident contacted re mess inside Rosemarkie BT phonebox.
- 4.11 Enquiry via website: Cattle had escaped along the High path and Rosemarkie Beach. AP cleared most of the mess from the path.
- 4.12 Letter reviewing polling districts. AP to read. **Action: AP**
- 4.13 Enquiry re possibility of Farmer's Market in Fortrose. CC strongly support idea and welcome concrete details from proposing resident.

5.0 Police Report (as read)

The following are the crimes, offences and antisocial behaviour and other incidents of note dealt with between 11/09/2017 and 11/10/2017:

- Domestic incident – Fortrose – Female arrested.
- Theft of Vehicle – High Street Fortrose. White Renault Clio removed between 2230 hrs 22/9/17 and 0130 hrs 23/9/17. Any information please contact Dingwall police on 101.
- Vandalism – Crawford Avenue, Rosemarkie – Vehicle scratched between 2100 hrs 30/9/17 and 1500 hrs 1/10/17. Any information please contact Dingwall Police on 101.
- Theft – High Street Fortrose – Between 0900 hrs 28/9/17 and 0730 hrs 2/10/17. Large blue ceramic plant pot removed from garden. Any information please contact Dingwall police on 101.
- Theft – Fortrose Academy – Power drill stolen from school between 21/9/17 and 28/9/17.
- Theft – Deans Road Fortrose – Kartcher power washer and Bosch leaf blower removed from garden shed between 27/9/19 and 29/9/17.
- Sudden death – Rosemarkie – Non suspicious death.

6.0 Treasurer's Report

As at 11 October 2017 – There were no transactions in the month to date.

Opening Balance (1 April 2017)	£3,020.28
Expenditure Total	£803.95
Income Total	£1,475.60
Total	£3,691.93

- 6.1 Spending suggestions gathered. See addendum attached. **Action: IACB.**

7.0 Planning/Licencing

- 7.1 Care Home (17/02523): Planners have recommended refusal of Care Home. TH has drafted letter in response which requests MPAC members to approve the application. TH to circulate amended letter. **Action: TH**
- 7.2 Meeting held on 3rd October 2017 with Maxine Smith to discuss planning issues. 5 FRCC members attended, found meeting extremely worthwhile. MS has been thanked for useful suggestions.

8.0 Common Good Fund

- 8.1 Corner of High Street: Issue with legal services. SA to monitor. **Action: SA**
- 8.2 Coastal Protection status: Ward Manager working on putting together a funding package. She is to meet with Commercial Development Manager and Regional Manager and Director of Finance HC (date awaited) to discuss this. External money is essential otherwise CG will have to bear the entire cost. C/F **Action: SA**
- 8.3 Land opposite Rosemarkie caravan park: Ward Manager meeting with Common Good Officer within the next week and will discuss options to take this forward. C/F **Action: SA**
- 8.4 Academy St Picnic Area: Ward Manager has agreed to fence repair. Written quote to be submitted. **Action: CC**
- 8.5 Fortrose Town Hall: work in progress. **Action: SA/DS**. C/F to November.
- 8.6 Chanonry Point: SA met informally with Di Agnew, Bill Taylor, Ian Moncrieff & David Ogilvie (Local Area Inspector, Police Scotland) to reflect on the multiple issues over the summer. Ideas/solutions 'floated'. All require further debate. SA proposed separate FRCC closed meeting to discuss ideas/detailed proposals from Iain Moncrieff (HC). **Action: SA**

9.0 Communication/Operational Issues/CC Membership

- 9.1 Poster for volunteers up ahead of BIG. Fortrose resident has approached SA to set up a group. There are 3 or 4 people interested and they are meeting soon. SA has put them in touch with Ward Manager. **Action: SA**
- 9.2 Number of changes have been made to the website, news section very active with approx. 10 posts per month.

10.0 Community Issues

- 10.1 FRCC attended BIG event on Sat October 7th. Some interest gathered re Fortrose Volunteer Group. Concern over future of BIG if new volunteers are not found, CC happy to take an active role in finding a new body of people to take this over. **Action: IACB**
- 10.2 Community brown bin to be sited at Fortrose Academy after the October holidays.
- 10.3 Rosemarkie Christmas lights volunteer group update: SSE will arrange for staff member to install additional socket and string the lights on the tree at the end of November. Volunteers still researching best option for outdoor lights.
- 10.4 Great British Beach Clean took place on Rosemarkie Beach from 9.30am on Saturday 16th September 2017. Very well attended event.
- 10.5 Fortrose Harbour Bi-Centenary celebrations, AP to represent CC. **Action: AP**
- 10.6 BICC Network – Agreement to continue, agenda to focus on new CC powers, changes to insurance and shared planning concerns. SA to arrange date and speaker. **Action: SA**

- 10.7 Anti-social behaviour initiative: FRCC to canvas views of residents re anti-social behaviour. C/F discussion to next meeting.
- 10.8 Roads resurfacing: Email from Trevor Fraser HC inviting each CC to nominate 3 priority roads for resurfacing. AP to circulate email for suggestions. **Action: AP**

11.0 AOB

- 11.1 Christmas Carol service in Fortrose Cathedral, CC wish to support this again. TH to find copy of last year's insurance certificate. **Action: TH**. Suggestion for collection of money to go towards 24 hour blood pressure monitor for Fortrose Medical Practice.
- 11.2 Pete MacAskill HC to retire this year. Suggestion to gift him an engraved whisky glass. **Action: IACB**

12.0 DONM

Wednesday 8th November 2017, 7pm. Gordon Memorial Hall, Rosemarkie.
Public Surgery 6.30 -6.45pm.

Addendum 1

Expenditure Suggestions: Decisions of 11 October Meeting

<u>Decision taken</u>	<u>Action by</u>
[1] Picnic Area, Academy Street, Fortrose This is a Common Good Fund cost	SA/DS
[2] Noticeboard for Rosemarkie at entrance to the beach? No action until use of noticeboard on Gordon Memorial Hall has been explored	AP/IACB
[3] Noticeboard for Fortrose replacement? Metal replacement at least the same size (example: Beauly CC noticeboard)	IACB
[4] Christmas Tree lights fund Fortrose should have a Tree. Garden of Remembrance favoured location	IACB
[5] Christmas lights fund Fortrose lamppost lights to continue and be maintained. Plus, Fortrose and Rosemarkie external cabled lighting between trees and other high locations not restricted to High Streets; communities can do complimentary lighting: proposal welcomed for further discussion SA/AP	IACB
[6] Litter picking & gardening tools Group formed from listed volunteers at BIG to compile initial & ongoing shopping request Refer to Community Resilience	SA/AP
[7] Plaque at market stone Proposer to suggest wording, structure and precise location	LT
[8] Wildlife homes (insects, bats etc) Proposer to expand on welcomed suggestion	LT
Other matters arising	
[A] Capital not revenue expenditure Agreed	
[B] Possibility of additional cots in 2018 for insurance Information to be sought for Highland Council	IACB
[C] What is the total sum available to be proportioned In the region of £3,000 but this amount may be modified by answer to [B]	IACB
[D] How much of the resultant kitty to each (and noting when expense will be incurred) Before 8 November Meeting all to respond with comments and priorities .	ALL