

Fortrose and Rosemarkie Community Council



Minutes

Meeting: Wednesday 8th November 2017. Gordon Memorial Hall, Rosemarkie

Present: Sarah Atkin (SA), Anne Phillips (AP), Archie Macleod (AM), Tom Heath (TH), Russell Mackenzie (RM), Lucy Tonkin (LT)

Highland Councillors: Cllr Jennifer Barclay (JB) – left at 7.30pm.

Apologies: Iain A C Brown (IACB), Douglas Stuart (DS), Cllrs Craig Fraser (CF) & Gordon Adam (GA), PC 468 John Murphy.

1.0 Welcome & Apologies

2.0 Minutes of last meeting

Proposed, TH. Seconded, AP.

3.0 Matters Arising

- 3.1 Tulloch's community contributions. SA circulated second draft letter, agreed to send. **Action: SA**
- 3.2 Letter from Edward Mountain MSP: SA contacted his office twice regarding a meeting with no response. No further action anticipated.
- 3.3 Footpath map boards: In hand, SA exploring option of school project. C/F **Action: SA**
- 3.4 Crawford Avenue: Main concern is broken fencing. TH to contact HC for removal or replacement. C/F **Action: TH**
- 3.5 Former Janitor's House (Fortrose Academy grounds): JB said property belongs to Education Department at HC, decision on use will be taken by them but JB understands it's going to remain as a house.
- 3.6 Flagpole in King George V Park: DS to assess condition and contact Ian Goode at High Life Highland. C/F **Action: DS**
- 3.7 Additional street name requested for consideration "Lackie". CC members agreed to put forward proposal. C/F **Action: SA**
- 3.8 Avoch Primary School bus services: Multiple issues arising with the buses since the start of this term. LT attended last Avoch Primary School Parent Council meeting who are taking the issue forward. JB recommended further complaints should be directed to Ward Cllrs. JB to clarify who is responsible for children whilst they are on the bus to school. **Action: JB**
- 3.9 Letter reviewing polling districts: No further action required.
- 3.10 Enquiry re possibility of Farmer's Market in Fortrose: LT to lead and act as liaison for any subsequent information. **Action: LT**

4.0 Correspondence/Points from the Public

- 4.1 Dog bins: New dog bin at Manse Brae, Rosemarkie. Two removed from Rosemarkie Caravan site due to tourist season over. LT to create map of bin locations. **Action: LT**
- 4.2 Road surfacing: Suggestion to nominate Marine Terrace & Gowanbrae Crescent, Rosemarkie for resurfacing. FRCC can nominate 3 roads. AP to submit. JB to take photographs of current state to HC. **Action: JB /AP**
- 4.3 HC future street name 'bank': Suggestions "Currie" – Mr Jimmy Currie, former Town Councillor who served both villages. "MacGregor" and "Fraser" – Both recently retired local Doctors. **Action: AP**
- 4.4 Query about empty council house on Bridge Street in Rosemarkie, has been unoccupied for over a year. JB advised that HC is to sell this property.
- 4.5 Concern over vennel from Courthill Road to High Street, between nos. 21 and 25 High Street, path slippery underfoot. Possibly due to shrubs from gardens on either side. **Action: ???**
- 4.6 Query about overhanging gorse bushes between Fortrose Leisure Centre and Lumsden Gardens. JB to clarify who is responsible for this. **Action: JB**
- 4.7 Resident enquiry re date of meeting with Edward Mountain. See point 3.2.
- 4.8 Funder Finder: facility to find available funding. SA/TH to post link on Facebook. **Action: SA/TH**
- 4.9 Community Partnership intergenerational policy meeting in Fortrose Academy, 30th November 2017. Information to be circulated on FB & noticeboards. **SA/TH**

5.0 Police Report (as read)

The following are the crimes, offences and antisocial behaviour and other incidents of note dealt with between 11/10/2017 and 05/11/2017:

- Drugs - Warrant executed at address on High Street, Fortrose personnel amount of cocaine recovered. Male to be reported to fiscal.

- 5.1 Report lacking normal detail. SA to chase for more information. **Action: SA**
- 5.2 Many thanks to the Special Constable who attended Rosemarkie bonfire display.
- 5.3 AP noted disappointment with the Police response to bonfire display, did not receive the number of police cones requested and CC members agreed that one special constable for what was a large public gathering was insufficient on safety grounds.

6.0 Treasurer's Report

As at 30 October 2017

Opening Balance (1 April 2017)	£3,020.28
Expenditure Total	£1,083.95
Income Total	£1,475.60
Total	£3,411.93

- 6.1 **SPENDING SUGGESTIONS UPDATE:** See addendum attached.

7.0 Planning/Licencing

- 7.1 Care Home (17/02523): Application was passed at the NAPC meeting on October 17th. Whilst unable to vote all three of our ward councillors supported the application. The popularity of the decision locally may be judged by the exceptional response to our Facebook posting announcing the decision.
- 7.2 Correspondence complaining about the closure of an access from Chanonry Crescent to the Fisherman's Salmon Path. The access has been blocked by a fence erected by the landowner who was concerned about abuse of the land, particularly by dog owners. These complaints were referred to Philip Waite (Highland Council Countryside Team Leader) who is now in discussion with the landowner and a resolution satisfactory to all parties seems possible.

8.0 Common Good Fund

- 8.1 Separate closed meeting with HC Common Good representative (hopefully) scheduled for Monday 27th November between 6pm and 8pm (tbc)
- 8.2 Coastal protection: TH to advise Di Agnew of failure of 2016 Scottish Water Gabion Scheme. **Action: TH**

9.0 Communication/Operational Issues/CC Membership

- 9.1 Discussed changing minimum number for a quorum, currently in constitution 4 is a quorum. C/F to December when full CC in attendance.
- 9.2 BICCs Meeting: Potentially early December meeting with speaking talking about on Community Empowerment. Awaiting date from Di Agnew. **Action: SA**
- 9.3 Response to FB post for volunteers: Volunteer came forward. Recent school leaver who will be helpful for posters, admin, newsletter assistance. Fortrose volunteer 'ground force' group established (see 10.11) **Action: SA**

10.0 Community Issues

- 10.1 Fortrose Harbour Bi-Centenary celebrations, AP represented FRCC.
- 10.2 **Rosemarkie Fireworks:** thanks and congratulations from FRCC to Rosemarkie Amenities for a fantastic event.
- 10.3 **Academy St Picnic Area:** Ward Manager has verbally agreed to fix the fence based upon more competitive quotes. SA has submitted written quotations to Ward Manager, as requested. SA feels the fence needs to be replaced, not repaired. Meeting agreed. Meeting also agreed that this has been going on for too long. Vote was carried to go ahead and get the work done ASAP. If the money cannot be repaid by Common Good funds then CC will absorb the costs. SA to inform Ward Manager of the decision. **Action: SA.** CC also noted that a resident (who wishes to remain anonymous) has kindly donated new benches for this area. RM agreed to be CC 'lead' for this spot. **Action: RM**
- 10.4 **Christmas Lights:** David Grigor available Saturday 2nd December to put lights up with RM. SA asked if new lights were to be purchased from the Amenities fund raising. CC not purchasing new lights this year. Feeling that there was now too little time available. RM agreed to liaise with David Grigor. **Action: RM**
- 10.5 **Rosemarkie Christmas Tree:** AP and AM liaising with Rosemarkie volunteers. **Action: Rosemarkie Volunteers**
- 10.6 **Fortrose Christmas Tree:** IACB to lead as per previous minutes. Stand/base for tree and lights required. **Action: IACB**

- 10.7 **Christmas Eve Carol Singing in Fortrose Cathedral:** TH has gained permission to use the Cathedral again. **Action: TH**
- 10.8 **Speeding:** Bin stickers, SA to order 'slow down' stickers for when you enter Fortrose from Rosemarkie. AP to order '20's plenty' stickers for Rosemarkie area. AP has signed up for the '20's Plenty' national campaign. C/F as an agenda item for December. **Action: SA/AP**
Agreed, on reflection to leave Fortrose smiley face speedometer on Canonbury Terrace near St Andrew's Walk as it's a crossing point for residents.
- 10.9 **Grit bins:** AM checked all bins 3 weeks ago, HC refilled bins 2 weeks ago. SA chased grit bin to be returned to the bottom of Manse Brae. Bin removed from Station Crescent, AM to query. **Action: AM.** FRCC to coordinate Winter Resilience Scheme provided by HC. TH to post Facebook message to public informing of grit bin availability. **Action: TH.**
- 10.10 **Grass cutting:** To be monitored in the spring.
- 10.11 **Fortrose Volunteers:** group is now established. Ward Manager informed. Clearing/tidying up St. Andrew's Walk is the first project. Meetings held with relevant HC personnel ahead of this work happening.
- 10.12 **Community Brown Bin:** Fortrose community brown bin now delivered and sited at Fortrose Academy.
- 10.13 **Next newsletter:** community self-help/community resilience a suggested theme for the next newsletter.
- 10.14 **Fortrose Noticeboard:** replacement too expensive. IACB has organised a repair. **Action: IACB**
- 10.15 **Anti-social behaviour:** SA to create a public information notice for residents in and around the Dean's Road area in light of recent events and subsequent private approaches from concerned residents. **Action: SA**
- 10.16 JB has requested the removal of the bus shelter on Deans Road. JB to chase. **Action: JB**
- 10.17 **Dog bin map:** See point 4.1.
- 10.18 **Streetlights:** A number out in Rosemarkie, 4 out along Canonbury Terrace. TH emailed HC who are to attend next week.

11.0 AOB
N/A.

12.0 DONM
Wednesday 13th December 2017, 7pm. Fortrose Leisure Centre, Fortrose.
Public Surgery – Tuesday 12th December, 3pm – 3.45pm, Fortrose Leisure Centre foyer.

Addendum 1

Expenditure Considerations Decisions of 11 October Meeting & subsequent actions (at 08.11.17)

<u>Decision taken and subsequent action</u>	<u>Action now by</u>
[1] Picnic Area, Academy Street, Fortrose This is a Common Good Fund cost, both safety fencing and refurbishment but CC will pay for repair and then reclaim from the Common Good fund. Three residents have re-instated the one remaining broken bench Three residents have commissioned the construction and installation of two new benches. The new benches have been installed.	SA/DS
[2] Noticeboard for Rosemarkie FRCC use of noticeboard on Gordon Memorial Hall to be explored	AP
[3] Noticeboard for Fortrose Same size metal replacement costed at £1,500 Meanwhile, £100 repair and restoration of notice board instructed.	IACB
[4] Christmas Tree Fortrose to have a Tree. Permission granted to position in Garden of Remembrance.	IACB
[5] Christmas lights fund Fortrose lamp post-lights to continue and to be maintained. Fortrose & Rosemarkie external cabled lighting between trees and other high locations, not restricted to High Streets. Residents & businesses encouraged to fund complimentary community lighting: SA/AP	AP/IACB
[6] Litter picking & gardening tools Group formed from listed volunteers at BIG. Also, Fortrose Volunteer Group established. Requests for equipment to be submitted. SA wondered about permanent location for litter pickers/high visibility jackets for local people to easily access. Refer to Community Resilience SA/AP	
[7] Plaque at market stone Proposer, LT, to suggest wording, structure and precise location	LT
[8] Wildlife homes (insects, bats etc.) Proposer, LT, to expand on welcomed suggestion	LT
[9] Capital not Revenue expenditure Agreed	ALL
[10] What is the total sum available to be proportioned? In the region of £3,000 but this amount may be modified by consequence of [12]	IACB
[11] How much of the resultant kitty to each proposition (noting when expense will be incurred)?	
[12] Possibility of additional costs next year 2018-19 for insurance HC have been asked for Information on possible additional cost of insurance	IACB

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