

# Fortrose and Rosemarkie Community Council



## Minutes

**Meeting: Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2017. Fortrose Leisure Centre.**

Present: Sarah Atkin (SA), Anne Phillips (AP), Iain A C Brown (IACB), Tom Heath (TH), Russell Mackenzie (RM), Lucy Tonkin (LT) Douglas Stuart (DS)

Ward 9 Councillor: Craig Fraser (CF) *The Highland Council = THC*

Apologies: Archie Macleod (AM), PC 468 John Murphy.

### 1.0 Welcome & Apologies

### 2.0 Minutes of last meeting

Proposed, TH. Seconded, RM.

### 3.0 Matters Arising

- 3.1 Tulloch's community contributions letter. Response re play area but not other aspects. Play area is managed by Life Property Management Department & area to be checked fortnightly during the winter months. Name and contact number has been given for future, to be posted to the public. **Action: SA**
- 3.2 Footpath map boards: SA enquired to Technical Teacher at Academy who has shown interest in this as a project during study leave in the coming months. C/F 2018. **Action: SA**
- 3.3 Crawford Avenue: Main concern is broken fencing. This has now been removed by THC.
- 3.4 Flagpole in King George V Park: DS to assess condition and contact Ian Goode at High Life Highland. C/F **Action: DS**
- 3.5 Enquiry re possibility of Farmer's Market in Fortrose: LT has been in contact with Black Isle Crofters. LT to liaise with Transition Black Isle & Cllr CF. C/F Spring 2018. **Action: LT**
- 3.6 HC Street name request: Suggestions "Currie" – Mr Jimmy Currie, former Town Councillor who gave service to both villages. "MacGregor" and "Fraser" – both recently GPs also suggested. C/F **Action: SA**
- 3.7 Concern over vennel from Courthill Road to High Street, between nos. 21 and 25 High Street, path slippery underfoot. Anne Philips has been in touch with residents who will cut back shrubs when weather improves.

### 4.0 Correspondence/Points from the Public

- 4.1 Christmas card from Kate Forbes MSP: Advertised drop in session Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December, SA to attend. **Action: SA**
- 4.2 Local parking query: SA responded.
- 4.3 Grit bin requests. See below.
- 4.4 Comments from new residents in Rosemarkie who would welcome a 20mph limit through the village. (See Community issues)

- 4.5 Resident querying why the ice cream van can sell to pupils during school hours. SA replied and will raise concern with Parent Council. **Action: SA**
- 4.6 Funding request from Avoch Rainbows. Proposal that the Christmas Eve Carol Singing funds be shared between Rainbows (although Avoch-based Fortrose and Rosemarkie children will take part) and Brownies (Fortrose). All agreed. **Action: TH**
- 4.7 Road gritting query following resident phone call with a Highland Council employee who said the CC is responsible for all but the major roads. CF to follow up on THC's response. **Action: CF**
- 4.8 Fortrose Pre-School request to put up posters advertising new hours. **Action: SA**
- 4.9 Request for mirrors at Station Road junction & Castle Street junction. RM notes it can be extremely difficult to get Fire Engine out of either junction due to parked traffic. TH to ask THC if they will provide mirrors, if not CC to consider providing these. Facebook post to be made to encourage considerate parking. **Action: TH**
- 4.10 Resident comment re inhibiting of traffic flow when traffic lights are put up during private building projects. Suggestion that a charge should be paid to Highland Council for this. TH to write to Ward Cllrs. **Action: TH**

## 5.0 Police Report (as read)

The following are the crimes, offences and antisocial behaviour and other incidents of note dealt with between 05/11/2017 and 10/12/2017:

- Theft by shoplifting – 1000 hrs 10/11/17 from The Studio, Rosemarkie. Theft of baby hats resulted with female being interviewed. Insufficient evidence to charge.  
Any information please contact police on 101 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.
- Theft – Mobile phone stolen from Fortrose Academy. Two youths issued warnings.
- Vandalism – Between 2200 hrs 11/11/17 – 1000 hrs 12/11/17.  
Damage caused to vehicle in carpark next to The Plough Inn.  
Any information please contact Police Dingwall on 101 or Crimestoppers.

Police in Dingwall received 756 calls during the above dates 51 of which were for this area.

5.1 Noted that The Studio is in Fortrose, not Rosemarkie.

5.2 SA to enquire re how many of the 51 calls were 'important'. **Action: SA**

## 6.0 Treasurer's Report

As at 13 December 2017

Opening Balance (1 April 2017)	£3,020.28
Expenditure Total	£1,261.94
Income Total	£1,475.60
<b>Total</b>	<b>£3,233.94</b>

6.1 Agreed to close 'Community Projects' account. **Action: IACB.**

## 7.0 Planning/Licencing/Consultation

- 7.1 Black Isle Community Councils meeting 11/12/17: Thank you to Rory Mair for chairing an excellent meeting on the Community Empowerment Act. Future meetings to be on strategic issues affecting all CCs. SA to circulate notes.  
**Action: SA**
- 7.2 Care Home (17/02523): Financial contributions are required towards real time information on two nearest bus shelters and Queue detector on A9/B9161 Munloch Junction. TH to raise issue with Planning Dept. Noted that Care Home decision notice reasons did not match those on the planning document. **Action: TH**
- 7.3 17/03318 : Application refused. The CC opposed this application. Decision notice states: *"The development is contrary to policies 28 (Sustainable Design) and 34 (Settlement Development Areas) of the Highland-wide Local Development Plan, as it will have a negative impact upon individual and community residential amenity and fails to demonstrate sensitive siting and high-quality design in keeping with local character. The proposal by way of its siting, orientation and close proximity to number 10 Ness Way, would result in a development with a cramped appearance presenting poor secondary elevations to public views and thus poorly relates to the established development pattern. The proposal will therefore have a negative impact upon the character, appearance and general amenity of the area. Furthermore, the proposed development encroaches into the "buffer zone" between number 9-11 Ness Way and Fortrose and Rosemarkie golf course. The purpose of this buffer zone is to provide an amenity strip between housing development and the golf course and to protect occupants from stray golf balls. This buffer zone should be kept free of any development, including the change of use to garden ground proposed as part of this application, in the interests of the safety of occupants and the amenity of the area."*
- 7.4 17/05354 Change of use: This application is supported by the CC and relates to the discussions on maintaining an access to the Fisherman's Salmon Path from Chanonry Crescent.
- 7.5 Courthill Road Residents are continuing to pursue contact with the Ombudsmen regarding the Greenside development planning process.

## 8.0 Common Good Fund

- 8.1 Public Meeting 1<sup>st</sup> February 2018. Ian Goode, Highlife Highland confirmed as speaker. Others TBC. To be publicised by CC via posters & Facebook. **Action: AP & SA**
- 8.2 Agreed to pursue the land opposite the Golf Club to regain this for CG.
- 8.3 Coastal Protection costs: Di Agnew still pursuing funding package. Awaiting response from request for contributions from the Caravan and Camping Club.
- 8.4 High Street Corner: legal opinion from THC states that this piece of land belongs to the home owner.
- 8.5 Academy Street Picnic area fence: replacement work completed. Payment between THC and contractor (Aardvark.) THC satisfied that costs presented excellent value for money. A third panel to be added at no cost in 2018. Facebook post to be put out in due course. **Action: SA**

## 9.0 Communication/Operational Issues/CC Membership

- 9.1 Emails between CC Members: SA request all reduce volume of emails by only replying to the individual concerned when responding to group emails.
- 9.2 Public Surgeries: afternoon options to continue. AP suggested Fortrose Library as a good location using the FRCC banner. All agreed.

## 10.0 Community Issues

- 10.1 Rosemarkie Christmas tree is up and looks very good. Fortrose Christmas tree is also up, but presented more challenges due to the unexpected strong winds. All agreed this is the best location for a tree in Fortrose. Agreed a metal base and more lights would be required for 2018.
- 10.2 All agreed new Christmas street lights are to be bought next year. THC were contacted last year about lamppost sockets which do not work.
- 10.3 Christmas Carol Singing: 6.30pm on Christmas Eve.
- 10.4 20's Plenty Campaign: AP to get team from Rosemarkie & build strategy. Possible petition in 2018. **Action: AP**
- 10.5 Grit Bins: AM prepared map & marked grit bins – Posted to Facebook. TH has submitted 3 requests for grit bins. Approval for one, located on Ness Road, awaiting response of others. **Action: TH**
- 10.6 CC Members to approach residents who may be interested in the Winter Resilience Scheme if they live near grit bins. Noted that THC have been good at refilling bins. **Action: CC members**
- 10.7 Dog bins: One moved at Marine Terrace, two are too close together. SA to ask for one to be moved. **Action: SA**
- 10.8 Tidy Our Royal Burgh volunteer group (Fortrose): a great job has been done on St Andrew's Walk. To be continued in Spring/better weather.
- 10.9 Village notice boards: Boards must be dry in order to be worked on. C/F to Spring 2018 as noticeboards are still functioning. **Action: IACB**
- 10.10 Overgrown hedges on Academy Street: THC informed, possible job for volunteer group if not acted upon by THC.
- 10.11 Roads: CF to circulate committee meeting notes with new information on road resurfacing. **Action: CF**
- 10.12 Food Bank Initiative: SA suggested community food bank donations under Fortrose Christmas tree 10am – 4pm Friday 15<sup>th</sup>, Sat 16<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> 10-12 noon. Items will then be transported to the distribution centre. **Action: SA**
- 10.13 Number of Streetlights out between Fortrose & Rosemarkie. Many lights being upgraded to LEDs. Cable fault in Canonbury Terrace now fixed.
- 10.14 Provost's Chain: Query re display of this, possibly should be in Groam House Museum. IACB to enquire. **Action: IACB**

## 11.0 AOB

- 11.1 Senior Citizen's Lunch to be held on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January, Gordon Memorial Hall, Rosemarkie. AP leading. SA stressed the need for other CC members to share the workload where possible.

## 12.0 DONM

- Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2018, 7pm. Rosemarkie (venue TBC).  
Public Surgery: 6pm – 6.45pm.

