



Fortrose and Rosemarkie Community Council

Minutes

Meeting: Wednesday April 12th 2017. Gordon Memorial Hall, Rosemarkie.

CC members present: Sarah Atkin (SA), Anne Phillips (AP), Iain A C Brown (IACB), Archie MacLeod (AM), Lucy Tonkin (LT)

Highland Councillors: Craig Fraser (CF), Jennifer Barclay (JB). (Highland Council = HC) (RAA = Rosemarkie Amenities Association)

Apologies: Tom Heath (TH), Gareth Phillips (GP), Douglas Stuart (DS), PC John Murphy (Police Scotland)

1.0 Welcome and apologies

2.0 Minutes of last meeting

Proposed AM. Seconded IAB

3.0 Matters arising (if not elsewhere in the agenda)

- FB post on cyclists/walker visibility from Avoch to Fortrose. Done.
- Rodger Court bench replacement. In hand.
- Black Isle swimming pool fund. Update via e-mail. Chairman of Fund has organised an open meeting to discuss options. Wednesday 26th April. Leisure Centre.
- FB post to remind residents that Rosemarkie H.St is not official residents parking. C/F **Action: TH**
- Rosemarkie Cemetery – request for photo of plot 195. C/F **Action: GP**
- Fire Plan Review consultation. Done.
- Napier Survey on Community Council Engagement. Done.
- Defibrilators: notice to register. Done.
- Beach/Village Clean-ups. Thanks to AP for organising. The turnout was good. Suggestion that they happen more than once a year.
- Engagement Day Report. Agreed to put up during the elections. It will be issued as a FRCC document rather than personally authored. **Action: SA/TH**
- Letter (or contact) with Tulloch's re: George V Park football pitch. C/F SA to make contact with football club first. JB noted the work completed a while ago. CC still felt issue is worth raising. **Action: SA**
- Dog mess bins: map siting locations. C/F. In hand for May meeting. **Action: LT**
- Bus speeds: Contact Stagecoach. C/F. **Action: SA**

4.0 Correspondence/Points from the Public/Secretaries Report

4.1 Correspondence

- Residents impacted by Chanonry Point traffic reiterated their concerns now the season has started. Noted that, over 2 years they've never received a response from a HC official. SA/IAB replied to them. Informed Ward Manager.
- Reminder that CC's need to hold their AGM in June.

- East Watergate (transferred to 'Planning')
- Swimming Pool Fund (see matters arising)
- Bank Closure in Fortrose (see Community Issues)
- Clean Up Scotland – asked AP to complete survey on beach cleans. Action: AP
- Highland Small Communities Housing Trust. Note to direct us to their blog for information. www.hscht.co.uk/blog
- Marine House: from HC regarding naming of flats. Agreed numbers 1-11 is fine.
- 20's Plenty Campaign. Circular with an update on success in Dumbartonshire. N.B SA has e-mailed to establish contact with this group. No response yet.
- Highland Third Sector Interface Community Planning Partnerships. Notification of event on 19th May. AP attending anyway so can represent CC and report back.
Action: AP
- Chanonry Point. Snagging works completed.
- Request from HC for more street names for Ness Gap development. Suggestion of putting out a FB post to ask for suggestions. **Action: TH**
- Police Surgery Notice (for Thurs 6th April.) SA publicised event, as requested.
- Fortrose Free Church trees. Now removed.
- Scottish Government Consultation on Unconventional Oil & Gas (i.e. Fracking).
Action: no CC members with sufficient knowledge. Will circulate via FB.

4.2 Points from the Public

- Asked when HC grass cutting is happening. Also, wooden fence needs repair near the bus shelter at Greenside.
- Resident concerned about Greenside. She informed CC that she'd been to SEPA, written to Kate Forbes MSP and to Highland Council. Copies of correspondence passed to CC for TH. Noted: Developer refused to meet with MSP over this issue.
- Suggestion that FRCC approach the Co-Op Community Fund. **Action: SA**
- Query as to whether a crossing or lights from Pharmacy to Post Office could be suggested. Discussion followed. Consensus that this wouldn't be a practical spot as it's too near a corner with car's turning into the H. Street. The situation with traffic volume & speed continues to worry residents.

4.3 Secretary's Report

- **Christmas Lights:** donation received by RAA to start a fund for extra Xmas lighting in Rosemarkie. (See Minutes Jan 2017. Desire expressed to see better lighting in both villages in light of Avoch's efforts.) Planning meeting, organised by RAA scheduled for September 2017.
- **Brighten Up Rosemarkie:** RAA hope to extend Xmas lights fund for other ways to brighten up the village. Appeal to village put out. **C/F to agenda in May 17.**
- **Seniors' Lunch:** report on the event planning provided for future reference. Suggestion of a similar, summer event.
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5.0 Planning

5.1 Greenside Farm 15/03033/FUL

Awaiting response from HC to letter of complaint regarding the process. Residents prompting more press coverage. Resident approached SEPA and included mention of potential flooding. Response from SEPA was that they hadn't been consulted on flooding matters – only drainage.

- 5.2 Parklands Care Home: application yet to be submitted. SA informed meeting of her visit to Urray House, Muir of Ord (also run by Parklands).
- 5.3 East Watergate: query re: fenced off land at Campbell's garage. Issue raised with Iain Moncrieff (HC) along with photos. Awaiting notification of any action req'd. Under 'planning' remit. **Action: TH**
- 5.5 Licensing: Eilean Dubh (soon to be re-named IV10) license application approved.

6.0 Treasurer's Report (summary) as of 12th April 2017

Income and Expenditure to 12 April 2017:

	<u>Current</u>	<u>Charitable</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Opening Balance	£ 1,866.51	£ 2,246.69	£ 4,113.20
Expenditure/Income/Projects			£1,497.99

Closing Balance			<u>£ 2,615.21</u>

(Full report available on request.)

7.0 Police Report

March 2017 report circulated. April 2017 report not available. SA to write and see whether a commitment of 4 meetings per year is possible. CF noted that ours is not a high crime area. 4 per year is a reasonable expectation. **Action: SA**

Police Report. March 2017 (as submitted)

The following are the crimes, offences and antisocial behaviour and other incidents of note dealt with between 08/02/2017 and 15/03/2017:

- 1 x Road Traffic Collision
- 1 x Speeding Canonbury Terrace
- 1 x Driving No MOT
- 1 x Domestic incident.
- 1 x Parking issue
- 1 x Vandalism
- 6 X Mental health issues.

Speed checks will continue in the area when duties allow including the 40 zone between Fortrose/Rosemarkie.

Foot patrols have been carried out in Rosemarkie and Fortrose.

During the past month Dingwall Police have received 713 calls with 62 being in this area.

Ends.

N.B. SA to contact police to qualify the use of generic term 'mental health issues'.

Action: SA

8.0 Ward 10 Councillor update

CF reported that drains sinking is being done in Canonbury Terrace.

CF alerted CC to upcoming planning conference in Edinburgh (October 2017.)

Suggests TH attend.

Action: TH

9.0 Communication/Operational issues

9.1 Minutes Secretary: paid post to be advertised. Agreed £50 per meeting. **Action: SA**

9.2 SA circulated summary of 'active' projects/groups. These are in addition to regular events in calendar with CC input, e.g. St Boniface Fair, Seniors Lunch, Beach Clean etc. To be discussed more fully at May meeting.

9.3 Co-opted Members (see agenda item 10.0)

9.4 Next newsletter to be planned. Suggested out for early Sept 17.

10.0 Co-Opted Members: SA canvassed idea of co-opted members being appointed on a 'skills gap' basis. Currently digital/communications expertise is needed to support extending the 'reach' and visibility of the CC. SA to consult with Ward Manager.

Action: SA

11.0 Community Issues

11.1 **B.I.G Event.** October 2017. FRCC to book.

Action: AP

11.2 **Bank Closure in Fortrose:** FRCC responded immediately gaining press coverage. Letter sent to the MP and MSP. Both responded promptly. Primary concerns are the post office being an inadequate substitute (due to the physical limitations of the space) and the loss of an ATM anchored on the High Street. Green Tree (Post Office) not happy with the FRCC approach. SA to write and explain reasoning. **Action: SA**

11.3 **AGM:** agreed ahead of June meeting.

11.4 **Dog mess bins:** map siting locations. C/F. In hand for May meeting. **Action: LT**

11.5 **Buses** (service reduction of 26A/B/C/D route): the meeting organised by CF is for services on that side of the Black Isle, specifically Culbokie. No meeting this side ahead of timetable change. CF noted it is difficult to secure responses from all operators. He will pursue. **Action: CF**

11.6 **Chanonry Point (traffic management):** SA updated meeting. Free CP Shuttle bus has pick-up spot organised at CP. Access to a suitable field for 'overspill' parking still being investigated. It may prove impractical. If you direct people to parking places you are liable for things going wrong. The Shuttle wouldn't be covered for that. Thanks to Sparks for his community spirit and effort.

11.7 **Coastal Protection:** no change from March 2017 meeting. FRCC await sight of Wallace Stone report. Being internally discussed at HC. SA to chase. **Action: SA**

11.8 **Council Election Hustings** Tues 25th April/Fortrose Theatre: FRCC/SA organising. Black Isle CC's supporting. **Action: SA**

11.9 **Common Good update:** IACB presented update.

SA queried the following: i) As Chair she was unaware of any 'model' had been recommended by Common Good Trustees for Town Hall community transfer. Nothing in writing. Clarification required from Ward Manager. **Action: SA**

ii) Engaging volunteers at this early stage is premature. A key aim of this process (if it takes off) is to engage the community beyond our own social and family circles;

iii) The status of some assets listed has moved forward. E.G. Academy Street picnic area: the Ward Manager has informed SA that the fence is to be fixed.

SA is awaiting a date. Also, the upgrade of this area had been mooted as a possible community project.

IACB informed the meeting that the amount of work involved going forward would be too onerous as he had many other commitments. Discussion followed. IACB left the meeting. Discussion suspended. Meeting concluded by Chair.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 8th May 2017, Fortrose Leisure Centre, 7pm.
Public Surgery: 6pm – 6.45pm (in the Leisure Centre foyer.)