



Fortrose and Rosemarkie Community Council

Minutes

Meeting: Wednesday 14th June 2017, Gordon Memorial Hall, Rosemarkie.

CC Members Present: Sarah Atkin (SA), Anne Phillips (AP), Archie Macleod (AM), Tom Heath (TH), Douglas Stuart (DS)

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

Apologies: Iain A C Brown (IACB), Lucy Tonkin (LT), Cllr Craig Fraser (CF)

1.0 Welcome & Apologies

Chair noted with regret that elected member, Gareth Phillips has resigned. We thank him for his input.

2.0 Minutes of Last Meeting

Proposed, TH. Seconded, SA.

3.0 Matters Arising

- 3.1 Engagement Day report. Needs to be put out on Facebook and website. A copy is already available in the Library. C/F **Action: SA**
- 3.2 Tulloch Homes planning gain. Letter sent. Awaiting response.
- 3.3 Bus speeds – SA emailed Stagecoach. D&E to be contacted. C/F **Action: SA**
- 3.4 Dog Bins map: work in progress. LT to order more dog bags for village outlets. **Action: LT**
- 3.5 AP attended Third Sector Interface Partnership meeting on 19th May. AP to circulate report. **Action: AP**
- 3.6 Highland Council requests for more street names. Appeal to public for suggestions via Facebook. C/F **Action: TH**
- 3.7 Highland Council grass cutting is now in house. The CC has received some complaints about the service. JB told the meeting that two machines are available which can lift grass, these are to be used in parks and cemeteries. JB has been informed by HC that maintenance of church yards is a priority.
- 3.8 Suggestion for signs to be made for a summer shuttle bus service. On hold for now.
- 3.9 BIG Application form. AP to send. C/F **Action: AP**
- 3.10 Hanging Baskets: Facebook post requesting co-ordinators for each village posted on Facebook. No response.
- 3.11 Parklands: query from last month re: whether proposed care home will provide respite care or not. CC contacted planning. This isn't a planning issue so is not something we can comment on.
- 3.12 Overgrown bushes opposite the camp site spilling into the road. (C/F from last month.) CF has raised this as a service request. The land is owned by Scottish Water. To be contacted re: maintenance. **Action: SA**

4.0 Correspondence

- Letter from Edward Mountain MSP of the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party asking to meet with CC. SA to invite him to next meeting. **Action: SA**

4.1 Secretary's Report

- Sign at Fairy Glen car park did not come on correct order, so the sign "Path" was erected temporarily in place of "Fairy Glen" sign.
- Footpath maps in all villages belong to HC. All are looking dilapidated. There's no funding left from this project to pay for an upgrade. SA has sent many messages to Phil Waite asking whether these boards can be given to the communities or other parties to improve and use them. No response received. AP communicated with Phil Waite on other business. SA to send photographs of the boards to Phil Waite at HC. **Action: SA**
- Paths-for-All funding to secure gardening tools for community use closed early. Noted that successful funding application for tools would require a secure storage site for these.

4.2 Points from the Public

- A member of the public is going to contact Sutcliffe's regarding the play equipment in the park at Gollanhead Avenue as this should still be under guarantee.
- Complaint about the number of weeds on Mill Road. (See 'Action Day' / Community Issues)
- Entrance to Courthill Road, grass on Greenside Avenue side has been cut but the Greenside Farm side has not been cut (referenced in Matters Arising re: grass cutting.)
- Manse Brae maintenance – awaiting date for SSE volunteer day.
- Request for an additional socket on the Christmas tree in Rosemarkie. AM felt this wouldn't be a problem. Has agreed to speak with Sandy Holm. Funds will be needed for new, longer lights for the tree. CC, Amenities and Volunteer group to work together on Christmas lights for the village. AM to be the 'link' person for FRCC. **Action: AM/AP**
- Avoch Primary School Parent Council have made a request for a contribution of £300-£350 from FRCC to go towards sports kits for the school. SA to seek clarification on what this is for, and what cost will be. **Action: SA**

5.0 Treasurer's Report

As at 5 June 2017

Income and Expenditure to 10 May 2017

	<u>Current</u>	<u>Community Projects</u>	<u>Totals</u>
[1] <u>Opening Balance</u> , 1 April 2017	£ 1,302.92	£ 1,717.36	£ 3,020.28

[2] Expenditure

Christmas Tree, Eilean Dubh	£ 70.00
Christmas lights, electrician & high loader	£ 75.00
Gordon Memorial Hall, for meetings	£ 71.75
Website, Plexus Ltd	£ 29.95
Gordon Memorial Hall, for meetings	£ 12.25
High Life Highland, for hustings	£ 86.00

Total	£ 344.95	£ 344.95
[3] <u>Income</u>		
Avoch & Killen CC, hustings	£ 15.00	
Cromarty & District CC, hustings	£15.00	
	£ 30.00	£ 30.00
	Balance	£ 2,705.338

[4] Expenditure considerations

Replacement/Additional Christmas lights	£ ???	cost of approx.. £170 each
Four Hanging Baskets	£ 120.00	cost of approx. £30 per basket

- Agreed an additional 4 or 5 hanging baskets to be purchased .

6.0 Police Report (as read)

The following are the crimes, offences and antisocial behaviour and other incidents of note dealt with between 08/05/2017 and 06/06/2017:

2 x Missing person (Fortrose)
 4 x Misuse 999 system. Female arrested. (Fortrose)
 2 x Mental health issue (Fortrose)
 2 x Disturbance calls outside Union Tavern. No issues on police attendance.
 1 x Youths drinking (Fortrose)
 1 x Police assault (Fortrose) Female arrested.
 7 x Vandalism (6 Fortrose, 1 Rosemarkie)
 2 x Speeding. Fixed penalty issued. (Fortrose)

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 842 calls with 78 being in this area.

- No response to SA request to clarify what “mental health issue” refers to. JB noted that details will not be provided on a report. **Action: SA**
- Notice from Area Inspector to go up on Facebook from previous report. C/F. **Action: TH/SA**
- FRCC would like to make Police engagement with the community more effective through the monthly report. FRCC proposed to discuss this with PC 468 John Murphy at the next meeting where he is present. SA to ‘flag’ this up with PC Murphy. **Action: SA**

7.0 Planning/Licensing

7.1 Greenside Farm 15/03033: Meeting to be held on 20th June 2017. FRCC members to meet with Stuart Black (Head of Infrastructure) and Malcolm Macleod (Head of Planning and Environment). Cllr Maxine Smith (Chair of the North Highland Planning Committee) and Cllr Margaret Davidson (Council Leader) to be invited.

- 7.2 Parklands Care Home: A consultation response was sent by CC supporting Parklands application for a care home. This letter of support follows a Special Meeting convened on Wednesday 7th June 2017. Over many months it is evident that the majority of the community want this development. TH has proposed to gather all correspondence received and put this on website. **Action: TH** SA noted that now we have submitted our response we are no longer required to comment or respond to correspondence or approaches. The next stage of the process does not involve FRCC.
- 7.3 East Watergate: Member of the public as agreed to remove fence but this has not been done. TH to follow up on this. **Action: TH**
- 7.4 William Gray (developer for Marine House) is going to resurface Hawkhill Road.
- 7.5 Tulloch/Ness Gap: Still awaiting response to request for consultee status over the application to re-direct (or not build) the footpath. To be chased up. **Action: TH**

9.0 Ward Update (nothing specific to report outside main agenda items.)

10.0 Communication/Operational Issues/Social Media

- 10.1 Co-Opted Member vacancies: FRCC to advertise for 2 Co-Opted members and for those willing to volunteer and plug the skills gap. Those previously showing an interest will be contacted. **Action: SA**
- 10.2 Website: SA and LT met to discuss. Both agreed it needs to be radically rationalised to be functional and manageable going forward. SA to ask GP whether he's prepared to assist in helping FRCC see this through. **Action: SA/LT**
- 10.3 Newsletter: SA proposed to base on Chair's Annual Report. All agreed. **Action: SA**
- 10.4 Facebook: agreed that, for the interim SA to co-administrate along with Tom Heath.
- 10.5 FRCC agreed change to 10 meetings per annum rather than 11. Meetings will not be held in January and August.

11.0 Community Issues

- 11.1 Bank closure: SA unsuccessful in attempts to contact Bank of Scotland. Now the General Election is over, SA to follow up with Ian Blackford MP regarding the future of the service and ATM. **Action: SA**
- 11.2 SA was contacted by John Reddigan from Strathblair. John grew up in Rosemarkie. His father was a member of the Newfoundlanders Forestry Unit who came to Britain during World War 2. Many served in Scotland and settled here. He wishes for a memorial bench to be erected in Rosemarkie, ideally at the top of the Brae. He is in contact with Gail Paterson (from the Volunteer group) about this. Timing depends upon how long the Brae will take to clear. SA also proposed that his story be used as part of the next Newsletter. Ongoing. **Action: SA**
- 11.3 Library are not able to pin up FRCC minutes if they drop below the level of the noticeboard. They will be kept in a folder in the library. Suggestion for FRCC to have own internal noticeboard in hallway/library entrance. SA to find out cost. **Action: SA**
- 11.4 Academy Street Picnic Area: Two quotes required for repair of the fence. Money to be paid out of Common Good Fund. **Action: SA**
- 11.5 Bus Services: Vikki Trelfer has agreed to help organise a satisfaction/suggestions for improvement survey re: the new timetable. Agreed timing September '17. SA has approached Avoch & Cromarty CC's for co-support. AKCC have been informed that the ½ hourly service is to be reinstated. JB unaware. C/F to July meeting to confirm.

- 11.6 Rubbish Bins: SA, LT and AP met with Kat Taylor from Highland Council (HC) regarding overflowing bins and the placement of bins generally. Additional collections aren't feasible due to budget cuts. Another bin can be placed along Marine Terrace if we purchase it. Some bins can be moved to ensure a greater spread. Notification of the bin request has been submitted to Di Agnew. Will need chasing. **Action: SA**
- 11.7 Village Clean ups: Rosemarkie Amenities has invited people to join an 'action group' to tidy the village on Tuesday evenings 6pm – 8pm and Saturday mornings 9am – 11am until the end of June. Facebook post to be shared about this. CC to purchase a brown bin from HC for community use. **Action: SA**
- 11.8 Brighten up Rosemarkie: Prize Draw tickets on sale to raise funds for Xmas lights and promenade.
- 11.9 Common Good: an agenda item for July 2017.

12.0 AOB

- 12.1 Chanonry Point update: SA in contact with both Di Agnew and Iain Moncrieff (HC). Permission to trade is within Highland Council's gift as they own the car park. Iain Moncrieff informed SA that the Burger Van does not have permission to trade in the car park. No CC action as being dealt with by HC.

13.0 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 12th July 2017, 7pm. Fortrose Leisure Centre, Fortrose.
Public Surgery – 6 - 6.45pm