

Fortrose and Rosemarkie Community Council



Minutes

Meeting: Wednesday 11th April 2018. The Plough Inn, Rosemarkie.

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

Ward 9 Councillors: Craig Fraser (CF), Jennifer Barclay (JB), *The Highland Council = THC*

Apologies: CC members - Iain A C Brown (IACB), Lucy Tonkin (LT), Douglas Stuart (DS).

1.0 Welcome & Apologies

Thank you to Russell Mackenzie & Janet Gray for the use of The Plough Inn meeting room.

2.0 Minutes of last meeting

Proposed, TH. Seconded, AP.

3.0 Matters Arising

- 3.1 Footpath map board upgrade: School project has not materialised. Plan B is to tidy up board surround and put tear off maps & pictures in. **SA/AP**
- 3.2 Flagpole in King George V Park: DS to contact Iain Goode and David Grigor. C/F **DS**
- 3.3 Request for mirrors at Station Road junction & Castle Street junction: JB to provide update **JB**
- 3.4 Provost's Chain: IACB enquired to Bank of Scotland who are investigating, awaiting response. Groam House Museum have confirmed they only had the chain on loan for an exhibition. Possibility the chain is at Dingwall bank branch. C/F **IACB**
- 3.5 Academy St fenced section on stretch past Fortrose: Estimate received from Aardvark Contracting. SA to contact Tulloch's as they took the fence down, they may be willing to contribute to the cost of replacement. **SA**
- 3.6 Tulloch's Play Park: Play Park gate and fence have both been fixed as the fence had been kicked and damaged and the gate would not shut.
- 3.7 Parking complaints & pavement obstructions: Polite parking notice agreed upon by CC to be used as a reminder to drivers. **SA**
- 3.8 Street names for future use: THC have advised they have already banked the suggested names. There is no need for CC to create bank.
- 3.0 Fire & Rescue consultation: RM to submit response on behalf of CC. **RM**
- 3.10 Speed/concern over cars swerving when they turn into Ness Road: SA spoke to Iain Moncrieff re getting an island in the middle, he has put this idea on his schedule of works. **SA**
- 3.11 BICCs Meeting: SA attended but items about cuts to CC funding was omitted from the agenda without prior notice. The 'school cluster Head Teacher' idea is going to be consulted on and this will be led by Highland Parent Forum. CC's will be kept informed and input as and when necessary.
- 3.12 Blocked drains & collapsed manholes: Iain Moncrieff (THC) has passed this on to Trevor Fraser (THC) to deal with. **TH/SA**

Other:

Academy Street pavement obstruction: c/f. Agreed a solid white line at the staff parking area is needed. Polite notice approved. To be circulated in the community.

SSEN Community Fund: not for projects. For community resilience schemes only.

4.0 Correspondence/Points from the public

- 4.1 Scottish Parliament Economy, Jobs and Fair Works Committee are to hold a focus group in Fortrose on the impact of bank closures. 20 places available. Date TBC.
- 4.2 Member of the public reports that the late bus service provided by D&E Coaches is regularly not running. SA to chase up. **SA**
- 4.3 George V Park: Reports of young people with motorbikes gathering with fires, alcohol, loud music. They are jumping on top of the pavilion buildings & leaving what looks like evidence of drug use. The information has been passed on to the police.
- 4.4 Review of polling places is open. AP to circulate & TH to post to FB. **Action: AP/TH**
- 4.5 Alcohol opinion survey: AP to circulate & TH to post to FB. **Action: AP/TH**
- 4.6 Large vehicles parking across junctions on Fortrose High St: CC to request for extension of double yellow lines to help deter this. **Action: TH** Agreement that random police checks for parking in the area would be helpful. CF to take this forward. **Action: CF**
- 4.7 Member of the public has said there is no mechanism which allows you to report small incidents/low level incidents to the police. These incidents may fit into a pattern of similar behaviour, e.g. broken windows. Reporting crimes requires a visit from police officers and much paperwork unless you report it anonymously. Agreed that this was a possible deterrent to reporting. TH to write letter to Police Scotland. **Action: TH**

5.0 Police Report

The following are the crimes, offences and antisocial behaviour and other incidents of note dealt with between 13/03/2018 and 11/04/2018:

- Misuse 999 system on 31/3/18 Fortrose. Female traced and arrested.
- Attempt Murder 5/4/18 Fortrose. Male arrested.
- Police Assault 8/4/18 Fortrose. Female arrested for assaulting and making racist remarks to police officers.

27 calls for the Fortrose and Rosemarkie area were received by Police.

Any information or community issues please contact Police Dingwall on 101 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

C/F from previous meeting. Nuisance of illegal parking was de-criminalised 2 years ago and is now the responsibility of THC. The Police will only act if a situation is dangerous.

6.0 Treasurer's Report

Treasurer absent from the meeting. Update to follow next month.

7.0 Planning/Licensing

- 7.1 17/02523/FUL Care Home: No notice of application to commence works has yet been filed. Parklands have been asked for an update. TH circulated response – the building works still remain likely to start in September.

- 7.2 18/00444/MSC: Shorelands, Canonbury Terrace. Objection registered in respect of inadequate parking and danger to traffic.
- 7.3 18/00459/PIP: Land 35m NE Of Redburn Raddery Fortrose . Application Permitted
- 7.4 18/00738/FUL: Dupack Cottage East Watergate Fortrose. New House. Queries raised by Forestry Officer have been answered and previous objection removed. Awaiting Decision.
- 7.5 18/00849/FUL: 88 Feddon Hill Fortrose IV10 8SP. Application to extend house permitted.
- 7.6 18/01300/PIP: Proposal for three sites at Land 70m NW Of House Of Shannon, Wester Templands, Fortrose. TH proposes that we should object to this application on the grounds that there is only parking for two vehicles on each site and this is simply not enough given today's car ownership.
- 7.7 Greenside Farm development: During planning application Stuart Black (Director of Planning and Development, THC) promised liaison before roadworks started for access to site. This hasn't happened. TH proposes to object until strategies are in place with local residents with regards to how a road will be put in place, not just the final outcome.

8.0 Community Issues

- 8.1 Public toilets: No closures are to be made this season. The CC have not been informed of plans for the future. SA to email JB & CF for contact details for the current cleaners/managers in case of queries and/or toilets aren't open. **Action: SA**
- 8.2 Fortrose Farmer's Market: Lead CC member not present. CF advises to look at Transition Black Isle's website for dates of other local markets. CC agreed there were fundraising opportunities for groups from selling teas & coffees, although this may be difficult with the proposed mid-week option. C/F **Action: LT**
- 8.3 Anti-speeding strategy for Fortrose: C/F to when all CC members are present. 20's Plenty campaign for Rosemarkie. AP has a team & they are going to meet. **AP**
- 8.4 Town Hall update: Lead CC member not present. C/F.
- 8.5 Village clean up: Rosemarkie village clean up went very well. Thank you to Anne Phillips of organising & coordinating. Thank you also to the volunteers from Fortrose Co-Op. Fortrose Village clean-up day required: Proposed date, Saturday 26th May. AP to arrange litter pickers for that week. SA to enquire to Fortrose Academy re: litter picking. **Action: AP/SA**
- 8.6 Dog Park: resident interested in leading on this has not been back in contact. SA to chase. C/F **SA**
- 8.7 Tulloch's Play Park: JB still chasing/pursuing the 'No Dogs Allowed' sign. **JB**
- 8.8 Siting of bins: SA continues to chase THC about spacing of bins on Marine Terrace and an additional bin opposite the Deans Road/Castle St junction.
- 8.9 Academy Street fence: idea of costs to replace sought. A replacement fence with wires is quoted at c£700 + VAT. A chain link fence at £875 + VAT. Tulloch's removed the fence for access to build houses. CC members agreed to ask them to contribute to the cost of replacement.
- 8.10 Village Notice Boards: C/F to next meeting.

9.0 Operational Issues

- 9.1 Separate meeting to discuss operational issues in light of 58% grant reduction (leaving a net income of just £589.47 for the year) is scheduled for Saturday 28th May, 10am, Fortrose Library.

10.0 Common Good Fund Update

10.1 Coastal Protection – Rosemarkie Caravan Park: for reasons of commercial confidentiality a closed meeting was held Wednesday 11th April, 6.30pm, The Plough Inn. Meeting outlined the financial package.

CC members not happy with the cost to the common good fund but agreed to progress to the next stage of producing a tender document.

10.2 Dolphin Shuttle Bus: Bus is being used for transport between villages, but there has been minimal use of the bus to and from Chanonry Point. This was expected to start with. Comments from the public when the bus without livery operates. It isn't identifiable to potential passengers. SA getting the leaflet designed and distributed. THC are still to install the signage; the new bus shelter at Station Square and the parking meters (current date for meters is June.)

11.0 AOB

None

12.0 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 9th May 2018, 7pm, Fortrose Leisure Centre.