

# Fortrose and Rosemarkie Community Council



## Minutes

**Meeting: Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2018. Black Isle Leisure Centre, Fortrose.**

Present: Sarah Atkin (SA), Anne Phillips (AP), Russell Mackenzie (RM), Iain A C Brown (IACB), Lucy Tonkin (LT)

Ward 9 Councillors: Cllr Gordon Adam (left at 8pm) *The Highland Council = THC*

Apologies: Tom Heath (TH), Douglas Stuart (DS), Cllr Jennifer Barclay (JB), Cllr Craig Fraser (CF), *Archie MacLeod*

### 1.0 Welcome & Apologies

### 2.0 Minutes of last meeting

Proposed, RM. Seconded, AP.

### 3.0 Matters Arising

- 3.1 Footpath map board upgrade: RM to undertake project to tidy up board. **RM**
- 3.2 Flagpole in King George V Park: DS to contact Iain Goode and David Grigor. C/F **DS**  
Request for mirrors at Station Road junction & Castle Street junction: JB to provide **JB**
- 3.3 update. C/F
- 3.4 Provost's Chain: Complaint has been submitted to Bank of Scotland for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time. They are still unable to locate if the chain is in the Dingwall or Inverness Branch. C/F **IACB**
- 3.5 Academy St fenced section on stretch past Fortrose: Raised that it may not require a fence. Solution for the meantime may be to remove the current fence. SA to check with THC if this is possible. New fence can be pursued for later on. Noted that as Tulloch's requested taking it down, they should be responsible for putting it back. **SA**
- 3.6 Speed/concern over cars swerving when they turn into Ness Road: SA to chase Iain Moncreiff. **SA**
- 3.7 Scottish Parliament Economy, Jobs and Fair Works focus group was cancelled due to lack of interest/poor uptake.
- 3.8 Complaint about late bus: D&E noted that it leaves from Stance 6 and not Stance 4 like the Stagecoach service. Reminder to be put out on Facebook. **/SA**
- 3.9 Large vehicles parking across junctions on Fortrose High St: CC to request for extension of double yellow lines to help deter this. Agreement that random police checks for parking in the area would be helpful. CF to take this forward. C/F **TH/CF**
- 3.10 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. **TH**
- 3.11 Public toilets: SA effort to source contact numbers via THC of those responsible for looking after the toilets locally was unsuccessful.

- Information would not be provided. THC telephone number to be made available to the public for all issues relating to the toilets over the summer. SA  
JB
- 3.12 Tulloch's Play Park: JB still chasing/pursuing the 'No Dogs Allowed' sign. C/F
- 3.13 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. C/F SA

#### **4.0 Correspondence/Points from the public**

- 4.1 Letter from Police Scotland regarding bogus tradesmen. SA to post user friendly version to FB. **Action: SA**
- 4.2 Circular received with information on new GDPR regulations.
- 4.3 'Battle's Over' correspondence in relation to remembrance Sunday events. CC agreed to stick with the events carried out as previously.
- 4.4 Scottish Community Development Survey has been circulated.
- 4.5 Comments in from resident regarding dead gulls on the beach. (see Community Issues)
- 4.6 Letter from Black Isle Brass Band who are fundraising and asking for a place to play. AP to take forward. **Action: AP**
- 4.7 Correspondence from High Street trader who had a shop window smashed by a passing Stagecoach bus. SA responded/contacted Stagecoach and spoke to trader. Issue is now being resolved.
- 4.8 Complaint from visitor who was "stunned" at the lack of public toilets.
- 4.9 Letter from resident concerned over 2 way driving and cars parked on the road along Marine Terrace. CC agreed this should be addressed along with the Rosemarkie speed issue as a 'traffic issues' group. **Action: AP**

#### **5.0 Police Report**

CC seeking clarification on the Police Report prior to publication.

#### **6.0 Treasurer's Report**

Please see appendix attached.

#### **7.0 Planning/Licensing**

- 7.1 18/00011/RBREF Proposal for house on land 25m NE of Garlyle, 10 Ness Way: Review has been dismissed.

#### **8.0 Community Issues**

- 8.1 Fortrose Farmer's Market: agreement reached between Highlife Highland and Black Isle Transition. HLH will hire extra tables and have agreed to **only** charge the extra table hire cost only for a trial period. Likely to be trialled. Suggestion of a Wednesday 16:30 – 18:30. Now looking for someone to run the market (this is usually a paid monthly position.) LT FRCC link person. **Action: LT**
- 8.2 Anti-speeding strategy for Fortrose: Police were carrying out speed checks in Roger Court in Fortrose on the morning of 09/05/2018.
- 8.3 20s Plenty in Rosemarkie: AP to arrange meeting with the 20s Plenty Rosemarkie team. AP to re-do the petition to default the speed limit to 20 mph on all residential roads in Rosemarkie. In progress for Summer – Autumn period. **Action: AP**
- 8.4 Town Hall update: Email has gone out from initiative leader Stuart Tonkin to people interested in setting up a group. Meeting for interested parties for Stage 1 plan - to promote the town hall and increase its use - to be arranged.

- 8.5 Village clean up: Fortrose Tidy-up day to be held on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May. Litter pickers will be available at BILC from week commencing 21<sup>st</sup>. Meeting point at BILC to begin with. **Action: AP/SA**
- 8.6 Dog Park: negative response to resident from Tulloch Homes. SA to draft letter back to explain why the dog park is a good idea. **Action: SA**
- 8.7 Dead birds on beach: CC members and volunteers cleared 95 dead birds from the beach. The numbers have been huge across the coastline due to storms earlier in the year.
- 8.8 Village Notice Boards: IACB has instructed the joiner to complete the work on Fortrose notice board.

## **9.0 Operational Issues**

- 9.1 SA put forward a proposal for discussion. The reduction in the grant will have implications. Agreed: Senior citizens lunch, Christmas tree/lights; Christmas carol singing events have to continue but with funding from other sources. FRCC contribution of £200 to the Miss Andrewina Junor Trust distribution can no longer be afforded.
- 9.2 Agreement that any funds raised by the CC have to be for tangible community benefit, for example a community Xmas tree/lights.
- 9.3 Agreed that 50% of Christmas carol singing funds are to go towards FRCC community expenditure.
- 9.4 Suggestion that FRCC take a stall at St Boniface Fair to raise money for Xmas Tree lights as the event is under the FRCC umbrella/insurance. Clarification required over insurance status. TBC for next month. Query also on where the proceeds from St Boniface ends up. Meeting given confirmation that it is given to charity and community benefit.
- 9.4 SA also proposed that existing monies have to be spent on commitments already made by the CC of benefit to the community. For example, a supply of community litter picking equipment so various groups can easily access it; other equipment for volunteers; upgrading of notice boards etc. To be discussed further next month.
- 9.5 A paid minute secretary won't be affordable from September 2018. Proposal that the number of formally minuted CC meetings are reduced to September, November, December, February, March, May and June. Minute taking/distribution responsibility to be shared amongst CC members. Agreed. More public surgeries/informal meetings can happen between formal meetings.
- 9.6 Newsletter: printing a newsletter will no longer be affordable. Suggestion of a PDF version with photocopies in various outlets.

## **10.0 Common Good Fund Update**

- 10.1 Coastal Protection project at Rosemarkie Caravan Park: the CC has concerns over the project which have been communicated to THC and our Ward Councillors. Separate meeting to be convened.
- 10.2 Chanonry Point
  - Dolphin Shuttle leaflet to be drafted next week. Delay outwith control of SA.
  - SA has been informed that parking wardens have been checking parking at Chanonry Point.
  - Hot food outlets have appeared again. Relevant HC personnel informed.
  - Ron Taylor, Parklands has verbally agreed to his field being used for additional parking in the village during the summer holidays. TBC in writing.
  - Maureen Stewart has won the tender to sell ice-cream at Chanonry Point over the summer.

## **11.0 AOB**

11.1 Fortrose Police Station closure has been announced by Police Scotland.

11.2 Sustrans: Idea for possible funding which could be used to clear the path between the Fairy Glen car park and the Plough Inn to avoid the public having to walk down Bridge Street. **Action: AP**

## **12.0 Date of Next Meeting**

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2018, The Plough Inn, Rosemarkie.

# Fortrose and Rosemarkie Community Council Financial Year to 31 March 2018

At the 14<sup>th</sup> March Meeting the Treasurer's Report said:

FRCC should consider what actions to take to raise income in the year to 30 March 2019.

It is unlikely that reducing expenditure (newsletters, secretarial services, cost of meeting rooms, etc.) on its own would be sufficient to ensure continuity in the year 2019-2020.

On 22 March he said, the seriousness of the situation and the urgency to arrive at potential resolutions require a longer-in-time debate than would be available at one of the monthly business meetings. We should consider a special meeting. The Special Meeting was held on 28 April.

**The accounts for the year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018, await independent inspection prior to the AGM.**

**The draft of the accounts show:**

## Expenditure and Income to 31 March 2018

[1] Opening Balance: _____	1 April 2017	£ 3,020.28
Closing Balance: _____	31 March 2018	£ 2,803.26
Less Charity Book credit _____		£ 60.00
Less Cheques still to be presented _____		£ 320.00
Actual Balance _____	31 March 2018	£ 2,423.26
Trading Loss _____		<b>£ 597.02</b>

After showing a trading loss of £ 597.02, we entered the year 2018-19 with a bank credit balance of £ 2,423.26.

Our Highland Council Grant is to be reduced from £ 1,501.86 to £ 675.73, a reduction of £ 826.13.

If no action is taken to either reduce expenditure or increase income, we can anticipate a trading loss in this year of **£ 1,423.15**.

**I A C Brown, Treasurer  
9 May 2018**