



Minutes

Meeting: Wednesday 13th June 2018. The Plough Inn, Rosemarkie.

Present: Sarah Atkin (SA), Anne Phillips (AP), Russell Mackenzie (RM), Iain A C Brown (IACB), Lucy Tonkin (LT), Douglas Stuart (DS), Archie Macleod (AM), Tom Heath (TH), Sergeant Mike Gallie (Police Scotland) – in part.

Ward 9 Councillors: Cllr Jennifer Barclay (JB) *The Highland Council (THC)*

Apologies: Cllr Craig Fraser (CF), Cllr Gordon Adam (GA)

1.0 Welcome & Apologies

Chairperson Sarah Atkin informed meeting that she intends stepping down at the AGM next month but will continue as a community councillor specifically for the Common Good and Chanonry Point portfolios.

2.0 Minutes of last meeting

Proposed, AP. Seconded, LT.

3.0 Matters Arising

- 3.1 Footpath map board upgrade: Woodwork to be smartened up. AP to provide latest footpath maps. TH to laminate same. **RM/AP/TH**
- 3.2 Flagpole in King George V Park: DS has been in contact with those involved. In hand. C/F **DS**
- 3.3 Request for mirrors at Station Road junction & Castle Street junction: TH emailed Iain Moncreiff and Di Agnew, awaiting response. C/F **JB**
- 3.4 Provost's Chain: IACB has had further communication with Bank of Scotland and has been advised that the safety deposit box is with G4S Security. They can deliver the box to chosen branch for collection but cannot guarantee the Provost's Chain is in the box. CC Member has volunteered to collect and look after the chain once collected until it is decided what should happen to it. **TH/IACB**
- 3.5 Speed/concern over cars swerving when they turn into Ness Road: SA chased Iain Moncreiff re solution, awaiting response. **SA**
- 3.6 Large vehicles parking across junctions on Fortrose High St: CC to request for extension of double yellow lines to help deter this. Awaiting response. **TH/CF**
- 3.7 Member of the public has said there is no mechanism which allows you to report small incidents/low level incidents to the police. See point 5.2.
- 3.8 Public toilets: Notice has been created with THC contact details for reporting issues with Fortrose/Rosemarkie public toilets over the summer.
Late press release from THC on 13th June 2018. Review of public toilets is to be extended until 31st October 2018. They are exploring community ownership options.
- 3.9 Tulloch's Play Park: JB still chasing/pursuing the 'No Dogs Allowed' sign. C/F **JB**
- 3.10 Siting of bins: SA continues to chase THC an additional bin opposite the Deans Road/Castle St junction. C/F **SA**
- 3.11 Fortrose village clean up: the village was very clean with minimal litter. Thank you to those who volunteered to help.
- 3.12 Fortrose Notice Board: IACB has been asked a local joiner to complete works to the noticeboard. C/F **IACB**
- 3.13 Sustrans funding: this is a longer term funding option for CC projects.

4.0 Correspondence/Points from the public

4.1 Correspondence from local Guides/Brownies informing CC of their plans to use spare land around the Tulloch's development play park to create a Guides/Brownies community garden.

4.2 Local Democracy Reporter from the Press & Journal has been in contact.

4.3 Consultation: Scottish Government 'Open government' action plan event. Notification arrived with no time to sign up. Online portal available to submit ideas. **Action: SA**

4.4 Wellbeing Café held at Fortrose Academy: SA attended.

4.5 Community Payback Scheme: plans to pick up plastic from coastlines in July. AP has referred this back to Catriona Taylor at THC. AP has a note of areas where litter picking has already been done this year. **Action: AP**

4.6 Deliveries junction of Academy St/Fortrose HS. See community issues.

5.0 Police Report

See full report attached as addendum.

5.1 Sergeant Mike Gaille joined the meeting. Issue of anti-social behaviour on Rosemarkie H.St raised. Query about use of the system of reporting incidents online not appearing in the police report. This process does take longer. Discussion on underage drinking and the number of beach parties this year raised (11 in recent weeks.) Rosemarkie Amenities are organising clear-ups of broken glass from the beach. Response: any person under-age caught drinking will have their details taken and submitted to vulnerable partner agencies. Police will also inform parents, where possible any evidence of the supplier of the alcohol will be taken. Test purchasing is often carried out in the area; this has had a positive impact in reducing the level of underage drinking in the past 5 years. Meeting also informed of the work currently being done with Fortrose Academy on various issues, especially mental health/well-being. Over 80% of police time is now spent working with other agencies.

5.2 Query on mechanism for reporting issues/crimes without having a visit from an officer: meeting advised that crimes can be logged with the police without visits. It may, however depend on how different sergeants/inspectors operate their teams. Stressed that so much of their crime fighting relies on intelligence from the community.

5.3 JB informed Sergeant of needles (indicating intravenous drug use) found in Tullochs Play Park. Discussion followed. Police patrols in this area to continue.

6.0 Treasurer's Report

Cash at bank: £2,613.31 (excludes next year's grant from THC)

Full report to be received at AGM next month.

7.0 Planning/Licensing

7.1 17/02523 - Care Home: No further update. September start still expected

7.2 18/00444 - New House by Shorelands. Transport planning have given the all clear with no reference to CC concerns. A further comment has been sent in respect of this. **/TH**

7.3 18/00927 - Greenside. Work expected to late August. Liaison group still not established despite being promised over a year ago. Concerns over traffic in Courthill Rd during construction and likely that plans will be presented as a 'done deal' to residents without any input. Cllr GA has agreed to talk with Daffyd Jones, Planning, THC re liaison group before works start.

8.0 Community Issues

8. Fortrose Farmer's Market: interest encouraging. Black Isle Transition (BIT) to lead. An evening market suggested as a trial; a Thursday slot is preferable but there may be an

- issue with other groups using the town hall at that time. Discussion followed. Agreement to ask BIT to canvass options of a Thursday evening or 1st Saturday morning with current stall holders. With a preferred time/day SA or LT to speak to Highlife Highland to work out a way to take to make it happen. BIT suggest a volunteer co-ordinator until the event becomes established. **Action: SA/LT**
- 8.3 Anti-social behaviour at Rosemarkie High St bus stop by young people. Nuisance noise escalated into intimidating behaviour banging on residents doors late at night. Complaint was sent to the police electronically by resident, but issue did not appear on our monthly police report. SA raised this as a concern. (See Police Report)
- 8.4 20s Plenty campaign (Rosemarkie): Petition put out at SPAR/Rosemarkie Stores. More bin stickers to be distributed. Resident with ideas for improving traffic flow around Rosemarkie to be put in touch with AP. Rosemarkie 'Traffic Action' group to be formed. **Action: AP**
- 8.5 Town Hall update: group taking on promoting more use of the facility meeting soon. AP suggested Black Isle Partnership may be an option as an umbrella organisation for the group longer term. To investigate. **Action: LT/SA**
- 8.6 Dog Park: SA wrote again to Tullochs explaining the community benefits of a dog park on land adjacent to the play park. Response received was still negative. Not even willing to explore the idea or meet up on site. CC to pursue with Ward Councillors. **Action: SA**
- 8.7 Academy St Fence: SA sent letter to Tullochs about the fence, asking if they would reinstate. Response not yet received. **Action: SA**
- 8.8 Grass cutting: complaints that it is irregular and hap hazard. Queries on what the remit is. SA asked JB if a schedule/scope of works for our area could be made available. It would be helpful information. AI agreed. **Action: SA/JB**
- 8.9 Academy St/High St junction: Delivery lorries obscuring the view of cars in and out of Academy Street and creating a traffic hazard. Query on whether this is a permitted spot for deliveries. Suggested this was unlikely to continue once the new restaurant opens. LT to ask the proprietor. **/LT**
- 8.10 Needles in the play park (indicative of drug use). See Police Report.

9.0 Operational Issues

- 9.1 Confirmed CC taking a stall at St. Boniface Fair 2018.
- 9.2 Community store of litter pickers/equipment for volunteers : AP to purchase items when given a list of items required. SA to obtain a 'wish list' from 'Tidy our Burgh' volunteers. **Action: SA/AP**

10.0 Common Good Fund (CGF) Update

- 10.1 Coastal Protection – Rosemarkie Caravan Park – Project update from Cllr Adam:
- Tender process has begun through Quick Quotes, Public Contracts Scotland.
 - Works are due to start in October and last for 6 weeks.
 - No decision has been taken on whether to use gabions or rock armour.
 - Iain Moncrieff is to be the project manager on behalf of THC.
 - CC has asked for legal opinion as to whether the tenant or the CGF is responsible for the repair. The CC have been advised by THC legal department that the CGF is liable. The Caravan and Camping Club has agreed to contribute to the costs but with conditions attached. CC are not happy with what has been proposed.
 - CC are still seeking assurances that any new caravan and camping lease will be at market value (the CC does not view the current rental agreement as fulfilling this criteria.) If this can be done, within a decade it would restore the level of the common good fund and longer term generate considerable funds for the common good (i.e. the communities of Fortrose and Rosemarkie.)

- TH has emailed Di Agnew, Ward Manager and is seeking assurances that this will be a value for money project comparable in price with other similar projects in the area.
- Agreement that SA produce a summary of the plans for the community so all are informed.

10.1.1 Chanonry Point: Dolphin Shuttle tourist leaflets have been printed and are being distributed to outlets where tourists will seek information. Also available locally.

Action: SA

- Reports that bins were overflowing, and some were not being used. Cllr CF has addressed this.
- Parking meters not yet installed at time of meeting. June was given as a deadline. SA to chase HC. **SA**
- SA to secure permission in writing from Ron Taylor (Parklands) for use of the care home field for overspill parking.

11.0 AOB

- 11.1 Congratulations to Fortrose Café for winning 2 x Best in Scotland hospitality awards.
- 11.2 Congratulations also to Rosemarkie Beach Café who were listed in the Guardian's Top 10 beach cafes.
- 11.3 Buddhist Triratna Community Highland will be holding a 24 hour meditation at Chanonry Point for the summer solstice and to raise funds for whales and dolphin and the homeless.
- 11.4 Rosemarkie Beach: Opening of the tennis courts is on 23rd June at 11am.

12.0 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 11th July 2018 – AGM 7pm, meeting to follow.
Fortrose Leisure Centre, Fortrose.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FORM

Command Area	Ross & Cromarty	Community Group	Fortrose and Rosemarkie
Station	Dingwall	Officer	PC 468 John Murphy
Data of Meeting	13/6/18	Location	Plough Inn Rosemarkie
Meeting Attended		Meeting Not Attended (Contact Made)	

Meeting Preparation

Ward and Local Policing Plan Priorities.	Activities conducted over the reporting period to support those priorities.
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Road Safety 2. Antisocial Behaviour 3. Alcohol/Drug Abuse 	<p>The following are the crimes, offences and antisocial behaviour and other incidents of note dealt with between 09/05/2018 and 13/06/2018:</p> <p>Speed checks continue to be carried out between Fortrose and Rosemarkie when duties permit.</p> <p>Patrols will continue of King George playing fields.</p> <p>Patrols of Rosemarkie beach area currently being carried out due to increase in youths consuming alcohol.</p> <p>Alcohol has been seized from youths in area of Rosemarkie Beach. Efforts will continue regarding this.</p> <p>Several calls received regarding eggs being thrown at houses in Fortrose. Patrols to continue.</p> <p>Theft – Between 20/5/18 and 21/5/18. Sack barrow removed from garden in Fortrose.</p> <p>64 Calls were received for this area during the last month.</p> <p>Any information or community issues please contact Police Dingwall on 101 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.</p>