

Sadly Our Chairperson Tom resigned on 29<sup>th</sup> May due to ill health, this is a brief Annual Report prepared by the Secretary.

2019 saw a drastic reduction of the annual grant which made us examine expenditure and prioritise activities while looking for ways to raise funds for community projects. The election in November brought a welcome injection of new blood with new ideas and a very constructive meeting produced a possible programme of events. A very successful Quiz Night was held before Covid 19 brought everything to a standstill. The way in which the community has stepped up has shown how caring people are. It has taken some time for the Community Council to find a new way of meeting and community engagement in different forms will be high on the agenda in the coming year, what will not change is the commitment of members to do their level best for Fortrose and Rosemarkie

#### General points

- potholes, road and path maintenance , traffic congestion and parking were pursued with the relevant departments.
- Bus service meetings were attended and user opinion canvassed.
- A free shuttle bus operated July and August but no figures for usage were available.
- Planning applications were scrutinised within our remit.
- No licensing matters were referred to us in the last year.
- Points from the public were raised mainly through e,mail or facebook messaging.

#### Community involvement

- St Boniface fair took place in August
- Senior's Lunch In January
- Quiz Night in February,
- We supported the publication of a book about Fortrose Cathedral and the author donated profits back to the CC for community use.
- Parklands offered money for an arts project but the CC asked if this could be used for other community projects and in conjunction with Highland Council was used to keep the toilets in Fortrose and Rosemarkie open.
- An active interest in Common Good Assets.
- Participation in the Wellbeing Partnership
- Encouragement of projects brought forward by young people such as a skate park.
- Regular Beach Cleans and village tidying.

Not only have we lost our Chairperson but our Treasurer has decided to retire, they have both given exceptional service to this community for which we are very grateful