

# Fortrose and Rosemarkie Community Council



## MINUTES

**Wednesday May 12th 2021 7pm zoom.**

### **1. Welcome and Apologies**

**Present:** Anne Phillips (AP), Susan Pringle(SP), Ann Jefferson (AJ) ,Trish Wilson (TW), Lucy Tonkin (LT) Asia Cielecka(AS)

HC Cllr J Barclay (JB)

HC Cllr G Addams (GA) joined 7.40 pm

Several Members of the Public joined zoom.

**Apologies:** None

### **2. Minutes of Last Meeting**

The minutes of the zoom meeting 12.05.21 were approved To be put on notice boards.

Proposed PW Seconded SP

### **3. Matters Arising (not covered elsewhere)**

3.1 Gulls - herring gulls continue to cause concern in the villages. Several responses to our leaflet have pointed out that the gulls are on the red list of protected species. Ap has asked THC for posters asking people not to feed the gulls. THC are aware that overflowing bins attract gulls and are emptying bins more frequently. AJ agreed to contact RSPB for advice.

3.2 Play parks - AP is following up the safety reports. THC is short of grasscutters and have sent a link for recruitment.

3.3 Chanonry Point - GA reported that the plans to alleviate

### **4. Points from the public/Correspondence**

4.1 Gull Nuisance. Environmental Health at THC have Do not Feed Gulls posters which AP has requested. K Taylor THC has agreed to increase the frequency of bin collections. A HC portal is being developed for the public to raise issues about full/overflowing bins.

Link supplied by Cllr CF put on facebook.

4.2 Play Parks. THC has agreed to supply more bark for PARK in Rosemarkie. AP and AJ to meet representatives from THC on Friday about safety issues identified in our play parks, grass cutting and green spaces.

4.3 Fencing on land below the Leisure Centre. Cllr JB is progressing the matter with THC.

### **5. Police Report**

Fire exit door Fortrose Academy damaged  
41 calls in the area over the last month.  
Deceased female found on beach has been identified

AJ attended a zoom meeting with Police Scotland for CC reps to discuss tourism related problems.  
Report will go to the tourism partnership group .

## **6. Treasurer's Report**

£91.70 agreed to pay for leaflets.  
Reimbursal to LT for masks agreed.

## **7. Planning**

AP has set up our planning portal.

## **8. Licensing**

8.1 AP to write to asking for monitoring of recent variations over the impact on parking and noise.

## **9. Common Good**

10.1 The Common Good fund will be discussed at a later meeting to give more time to the issue. AP has circulated an information sheet sent by other CC's concerned about the transparency of management of Common Good Assets. The leaflet is on our website.

10.2 Coastal Erosion. AP reported on the speedy response by Scottish Water to remove the wire from their damaged gabions, their surveyors will assess the next steps for protecting this area. AJ has sent a letter of thanks. Thanks also to our ward manager.

## **10. Community Issues/Consultations.**

10.1 Leaflet has been distributed to most of Rosemarkie. We are hoping for help from Scouts and/or Academy for Fortrose to assets CC members..

GA to address several issues raised with him at the last meeting.

**10.2 Affordable Housing Greenside.**

Amended plans are out for review. There should be 13 affordable houses but GA unable to ascertain at what stage they would come forward. The site is due for completion by September.

### **10.3 Overflow temporary car parks**

i. Primary schools site Ness road - A member of the public pointed out that the Allotment Group were pursuing this area to use until the school decision was made. GA pointed out that the area would remain as grass and that any charges could probably be reinvested locally. F&RCC has previously asked that if the site is not used for a primary school that the site is reserved for a community building or community use.

ii. Rosemarkie - proposal to use the field between Greenside and the Sewage Works. Bollards for Marine Terrace, contract going out for tender, these will allow safe pedestrian access while protecting the verges.

### **10.4 Ice Cream Van at Chanonry Point**

Public questioned the environmental impact of a diesel engine running all day opposed to the locally owned previous van. GA to follow up concerns.

#### **10.4 Potholes**

Junction of Ness Road with A832 - resurfacing due to start in June.

£100,000 was allocated for roads, extensive programme of repairs. Parklands developer contribution for resurfacing top of Ness Road. Some were concerned that work will be seen as being done for the benefit of tourists while local residents had had to contend with dangerous holes for months.

10.5 Parking in Rosemarkie continues to be a serious issue with no further details available to let local residents know what is happening and when. GA said more money was being allocated to the Black isle.

#### **10.6 Developer Contributions**

It has been difficult to get details about how much has been contributed and where the planning gain has been spent. A parent representative was especially concerned about the contribution to the education budget. GA explained that currently contributions go to a central fund but work is underway to move to a more local system with the proposed appointment of a Community Development Officer who will help communities access funds JB pointed out that part of the Tullochs contribution went towards taking the 26 bus service down Ness Road.

GA agreed to organise a meeting , preferably evening, for CC and other stakeholders along with planning and education reps from THC to explain the developer contribution system and give a breakdown of where the money has been spent.

#### **10.7 Janitor's House Fortrose**

This was an issue raised in 2019 as the house had been left empty and JB was told by THC that the house along with another empty property in Bridge Street Rosemarkie, would be going on the market. The Janitor's house is now to be returned to council housing stock JA to follow up.

#### **10.8 Fortrose High Street**

We discussed at length all of the very serious road safety issues highlighted by residents.

GA suggested contacting L McCulloch THC to carry out a safety survey. AP to send details to GA .

10.9 20 mph limit for Rosemarkie

There is money set aside for speed restrictions in villages but the implementation of traffic orders is a lengthy process. This issue has been raised repeatedly since at least 2014. It was agreed to contact Kate Forbes MSP.

10.10 Respite at are Home

AP and AJ to visit in June. The home is opening in phases with a final total of 40 residents and it is expected that a bed will be set aside for respite paid for by the NHS or private arrangement

#### **10.11 St Boniface Fair**

It was agreed to postpone again this year and relaunch next year.

### **11. Black Isle Community Meetings**

**11.1** BIP AP circulated report.

**11.2** BICC Minutes will be circulated when available.

**11.3** BITT AP circulated a report.

11.4 Waste Management Group to be formed for Black Isle LT to attend a meeting.

11.5 Stakeholder meeting about long term plans for A9 munlochy junction to Tore. AJ to attend.

### **AOB**

A very big thank-you to the medical team at our local surgery for the very efficient way they have managed the vaccination programme.

Thank you to JB and GA for attending and to GA for responding to the issues we raised.

Date of next meeting 9.06.21 7pm by zoom

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