



Fortrose and Rosemarkie Community Council

Meeting Wednesday 14th July 2021 7pm by Zoom

DRAFT MINUTES

1. Welcome and apologies

Present. A.Phillips(AP), Trish Wilson(TW), Susan Pringle (SP) Lucy Tonkin(LT), Ann Jefferson(AJ)
Member of the Public

7-7.30 Get to know your Village Festival weekend

AP reported on the Think Health Think Nature weekend festival of walks taking place across the Black Isle.

Saturday 31st July

1. Fins, Fur and Feathers wildlife talk by Charlie Phillips of WDC, talk in Fortrose town hall for those with mobility issues followed by a chance to discuss access and plan a walk to Chanonry Point.
2. Simon Gunn leading a walk along Rosemarkie beach to the caves with a talk about Rosemarkie Man.
3. Sarah and Debra Shorewatch volunteers Wildlife watching at Chanonry point.
4. Walk and talk about the history of Fortrose Harbour.
5. Coffee and Craic Mill house garden a chance to talk about local history and get out of the house for those less mobile..

Access Rangers

Unfortunately the head ranger could not attend so AJ gave a brief outline of the fantastic work that they are doing in our area, helping visitors and supporting residents at this exceptionally busy time.

2. Minutes of the last meeting 9th June 2021.

Proposed by AP seconded by TW **Agreed**

3. Matters arising – not covered elsewhere

3.1 Gulls

We have received clear guidelines from the RSPB gulls are protected and their must be no interference once they start to build their nests. We need to start a campaign early next year to reduce the significant impact in the locality.

3.2 Chanonry Point

We have received a copy of a very supportive email from B Richmond Chair of the Tourism team, copied to all appropriate agencies at Highland Council along with msp's and other relevant people, about the many issues surrounding Chanonry Point. The email include AJ and AP at F&RCC email but the email response from THC did not include AJ or F&RCC, another example of the CC being left out of communications. A strong response was agreed.

4. Points from the Public/Correspondence

4.1 Feedback from Leaflet

So far an 8% response covering a wide range of concerns, road conditions, community transport, speeding, parking, potholes, access, aggressive gulls, verges and green spaces, litter etc. all concerns raised will be followed up and carried forward until resolved, or at least improved.

Spare leaflets have been printed to give to new residents and to 16+ at the Academy.

5. Police Report

Fire in Fortrose mentioned. F&RCC would like to thank all those who quickly responded with support to all those affected..

6. Treasurer's Report

No Transactions to report

7. Planning

21/03142/FUL Application for retail unit next to care home

21/03143/FUL convert existing co-op to flats.

These linked applications were discussed in depth and the majority felt that they were not in the interests of the community because

I. there would undoubtedly be a negative impact on the shops in the High Street

Ii. Increase traffic in an already congested area.

Iii. the timing of the application gave little time for consultation being at a time when many are away on holiday.

The flats were crowded with little parking and this application was linked to re-siting the co-op on a site outwith the local plan which had been rejected twice before.

Iv The local plan protects green space between the villages

8. Licensing

No referrals

9. Common Good

9.1 Community Consultation and Management Transparency

The ward manager picked this up from our last minutes and has asked to speak to AP. We were given the name of the Common Good officer and details of the quarterly meetings.

9.2 Coastal Erosion and footpath – protection project.

We are looking to form a group to develop a plan to create an accessible footpath Fortrose to the point and down to Rosemarkie. Phil Waite has been contacted.

10. Community Issues/ Consultation

10.1 Community growing/garden project

This will be carried forward to September when everyone is back to school.

10.2 Road Safety issues on the High Streets

No response to the photographs we sent to THC.AP to follow up
None of the traffic management plans which we were told were planned to cope with the tourist season have started and details have not been forthcoming.AJ to write about the positioning of bollards along Marine Terrace and how a clear footpath will be ensured.

10.3 IMDLDP – FRO2 – Temporary usage

No new information and no news of overflow car park.

10.4 St Boniface Fair hut

AP to follow up.

10.5 School Rolls

No new meetings.

10.6 Footpaths monitoring and maintenance.

AP to contact TORB and others in area.

10.7 Community Development

M Bamford to contact relevant parties re Community planned retirement living..

10.8 Empty property

For over four years we have been asking about the Janitors House in Fortrose which we were told was being returned to housing stock and an empty council owned house in Bridge Street Rosemarkie which we were told was to be sold.

We know several families interested in the Bridge Street House but understand it is now being moved out of housing stock to be an asset transfer. Both house have been neglected for several years.

10.9 Memorial benches - carried forward still no response from THC.

11. Black Isle community meetings - updates

11.1 BIP

Focussed on the Think Health Think Nature festival.

11.2 BICC

Meeting date to be arranged.

11.2 BITT

B Richmond continues to lend support over Chanonry Point.

12 AOB

13 Date of Next Meeting

8th September 7pm

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