

# Fortrose & Rosemarkie Community Council

**Wednesday 3 January 2024 by Zoom**

## Minutes

Item		Action by
1	<b>Welcome &amp; Apologies</b> <u>Present:</u> Theo Stratton (Chair) TS; Jo-Anne Pugh (Sec) JP Anne Phillips AP, Kerry Ward KW, Lucy Vaughan LV. Ann Jefferson AJ <u>Apologies:</u> Bob Latimer (Treasurer) BL; Cllr Morven-May MacCallum MMM.	
2	<b>Minutes of the Last Meeting</b> Agreed. Proposed LV, seconded AP.	
3	<b>Matters arising</b> None	
4 4.1 4.2	<b>Points from the Public/Correspondence</b> Transition Black Isle are holding a Climate Cafe evening on 24/1/24 with speakers from energy advice organisations on reducing home energy costs, grants available etc. It was agreed FRCC will publicise on website/Facebook. There had been one complaint re Christmas lights (lack of lights in Cathedral Square and in main streets - response with explanation sent) and a number of positive messages received via email and Facebook.	JP
5	<b>Police report</b> No update this month. TS to see if an officer can attend a future meeting.	TS
6	<b>Treasurer's report</b> Submitted report by BL. Balance on 31/12/23 £5681.08	
7	<b>Planning</b> House in Fortrose 23/05431/FUL	
8	<b>Licensing</b> Nothing to report	
9 9.1 9.2	<b>Common Good</b> Coastal erosion. MMM asked to update at next meeting. Caravan site leases. AP said that a copy of the lease for Fortrose Caravan site (situated on Common Good land) had been obtained but the accompanying report explaining how the lease had been structured that was prepared for	MMM

	then-ward councillors cannot be found. The Common Good sub-committee plans to look at all relevant leases, reporting back at a future meeting.	
10	<b>Community Issues/Consultations</b>	
10.1	<p><u>Carols at the Cathedral.</u> TS congratulated the organisers and said that feedback at the event had been very positive. The FRCC thanked organisers William and Hannah Mather, Anne Phillips, Lucy, Stewart and Imogen Tonkin and the Young Councillors and others who volunteered as elves and reindeer and to sing in the choir, plus Douglas Simpson who made an outstanding Father Christmas. AP to organise a debrief and discuss future Cathedral access with Historic Environment Scotland.</p> <p>A total of £739.15 had been raised in donations, £51.93 spent on Santa's sweets, leaving a net profit of £687.22. It was agreed that 50% of this would go towards replacing/renewing Christmas Lights. The remainder would form a donation to Avoch Primary to train teachers in the use of Makaton (AP to contact school) and be used to fund a Senior's Summer Strawberry tea (see 10.5).</p>	AP
10.2	<p><u>Christmas lights.</u> As noted (4.2), comments had been overwhelmingly positive. The lights and tree would be removed on 6/1/24. The FRCC thanked David Guthrie and his group of volunteers and to Mary Galloway who kindly donated the tree. JP and LV to meet to discuss funding and replacing broken/energy inefficient lights.</p>	AP
10.3	<p><u>Winter Ceilidh.</u> JP apologised to the meeting for confusion over the date of the winter fund-raising ceilidh and confirmed that the Gordon Memorial Hall and the Black Isle Ceilidh Band had now been booked for Friday 2 February. JP and BL sorting publicity/tickets. Volunteers needed to help set up on the night from 5pm.</p>	JP/LV
10.4	<p><u>St Boniface Fair.</u> It was agreed that holding the fair on the first Saturday in August rather than the first Thursday resulted in more stallholders and visitors. It was therefore agreed that this year, it would take place on Saturday 3rd August. Call for volunteers to join the working group to go out on the next FRCC mailing list email.</p>	JP/BL
10.5	<p><u>2024 dates.</u> It was agreed that a "Senior's" event would be held in the second half of June and that this year it would be a "strawberry tea" given the popularity of sweet rather than savoury offerings in the past. The event costs around £150-£200. Money for this would be taken from the Carols fundraising (see 10.1). JP to liaise with school/young councillors to fix an appropriate post-exam date. AP to book Gordon Memorial Hall when date fixed.</p> <p>AP said that Fortrose &amp; Rosemarkie Union FC planned to hold a Fun Day in early September and that FRCC might be</p>	JP  AP

	invited to take a stall. JP to develop a stall idea.	JP
11	<b>Community Meetings</b>	
11.1	<u>Black Isle Community Councils.</u> Knockbain due to set date. JP reported that Cromarty & District CC are bidding for discretionary funding for a joint Teams account that could be used for BICC meetings. AP noted that Place Plan comments from CCs were due by 15/1/24.	
11.2	<u>Other meetings.</u> None had been held or set during the Christmas/New year period.	
12	<b>Any other business</b>	
12.1	<u>Traffic on Marine Terrace.</u> AJ reported that there had been serious traffic issues on the seafront in Rosemarkie on Boxing Day and New Year's day, due to the number of visitors, new traffic regulations and poor parking. Grass verges had suffered serious damage. She anticipated similar problems at Easter and during the summer and said that residents had contacted THC but had not had a response. She said better signage, yellow lines on both sides of the road, the presence of a traffic warden and a (long-promised) overflow car park are essential. LV said that a strategy to manage visitors must be developed. It was agreed that more video evidence should be gathered when visitor numbers increase from Easter. AJ to send information to TS and JP for the FRCC to draft a letter to THC and Ward Councillors. TS to contact MMM to establish to whom this should be sent eg Roads/Tourism officials and elected members.	AJ/TS/JP TS/MMM
12.2	<u>Broadband.</u> TS said that Highland Broadband, a broadband supplier, had asked to attend a future meeting. There were no objections.	
13	<b>Date of next meeting</b> Wednesday 7 February 2024 via zoom.	