

FERINTOSH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 20 JANUARY 2020 IN FERINTOSH HALL

MEMBERS: Sally Falconer, Adam Fletcher (Associate), Karen Harcus, Alison Lowe, Alastair Macintyre, Iain McCallum, Gordon Morris, Bruce Morrison (Secretary), Becky Richmond (Chair), Eilidh Richmond (Treasurer).

ALSO PRESENT: Martin Sherring, Penny Edwards (CCT), Cllr Gordon Adam, 6 residents.

APOLOGIES: PC John MacPherson, 3 residents.

Becky opened the meeting with the sad news of the death of Carlton Rocke who served on FCC for 10 years, four of them as Treasurer. A notice will appear in Noticeboard.

POLICE MATTERS: PC John MacPherson sent in a report of two traffic incidents. In November, a driver was reported to the Procurator Fiscal for a speeding offence on the A9 near Coulnagour. In December, on the A835 near Corntown /Conon Bridge, a pedestrian reported dangerous driving (being investigated).

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: As a CCT Director, Bruce will take no part in discussions about CCT's two projects i.e. the development of the Glascairn site; Active Travel Plan for Culbokie.

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES: (excluding actions carried out, carried forward and those considered later in the agenda): **Associate membership for key community groups:** to be discussed at the February meeting.

MINUTES: November's minutes were approved (proposed by Sally, seconded by Iain) and duly adopted. December's minutes were approved (proposed by Alastair, seconded by Karen) and duly adopted.

MAIN DISCUSSION: ACTIVE TRAVEL ROUTE: Martin Sherring, representing the Culbokie Community Trust, was welcomed by Becky to inform FCC of CCT's plans for an Active Travel Route. **Background:** A 2011 consultation in the Culbokie area showed residents' desire for more footpaths and cycleways to improve safety and accessibility. There have been previous attempts by the school and FCC has been involved in reducing vehicle speeds. Sustrans (seeking fewer car journeys) was approached by CCT and encouraged to bid into Places for Everyone (incorporating Safer Routes to School funding) and were successful in gaining 100% funding for the design of a safer travel route through Culbokie and onwards to link with bus services on the A9. CCT is aware of the need to look at overall traffic flows split between the B9169 and the B9163. **Work to Date:** Consultants have prepared designs to Sustrans standards (can be seen on culbokiect.org) involving traffic calming (incl. 20 mph) and enhanced footpaths in Culbokie and a shared pedestrian /cycle way, separated from the B9169 carriageway, to the A9. Intensive consultation has taken place (mostly supportive response) with residents and landowners (5 public events, visits to market, schools, online survey) and modifications made to the plans which are supported by Sustrans. **Timetable:** CCT now has to decide whether and how to proceed. Further stages, including a planning application (May 2020?) followed by technical designs (Jan2021?) will all involve further consultation with residents and FCC (planning application stage). Construction could start in Spring 2021.

Issues raised included the safety of the B9163 /A9 junction (and the B9163); cycle usage on the Balmeanach Brae; cycle usage through to the A835; sources of funding (could THC provide match funding?); hazard of A9 bus stop position; 50 mph on the Black Isle; over specified?

Becky thanked Martin for answering the questions and helping FCC understand better the plans to date.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Eilidh reported that there have been no outgoing this month but FCC has received the £200 from THC for grass cutting in 2020. The balance is just over £5K with 2 small cheques to be paid out.

CORRESPONDENCE and REQUESTS: Scottish Land Commission: Consultation meeting to gather views on land reform issues and discuss community ownership at Longman House, Inverness, 29 Jan, 7pm (Becky /Iain); **CCT: Active Travel Route:** Resident requested that FCC should carry out its own consultation but idea was turned down (all agreed) since FCC's role is to encourage others to carry out extensive intermediary consultations in the knowledge that final plans will come to FCC for statutory consultation at planning. Another resident has offered expertise (noted and thanked) to help FCC assess the plans; **UHI:** sent questionnaire to community councillors as part of a study of local governance and action. **Kate Forbes:** Convening a meeting of community councils and others (including Transport Scotland) to review safety at the A9 /Munlochy junction. FCC will consult with residents and take views to a preparation meeting of all the community councils and Members (Becky /Gordon); **THC Planners:** Proposal for CCs to send in comments via a website rather than a case officer following some trialling. Iain /Bruce to meet planners to discuss (Iain has concerns about losing personal contact); **Voters:** 4 households in the Drynie Park area have been confirmed to be allocated to the FCC area for the election but no strong desire for them to move to Killearnan CC area; **Project for Holistic Wellbeing:** Letter received about this new project asking to meet with FCC but FCC will reply (Becky) just requesting that FCC be updated; **Roger Piercy:** Received a thank you letter from Roger and his best wishes to the new FCC; **Resident** passed on information about **Fares4Free** which is a transport service for veterans and their families; **Transport Scotland:** Received a consultation (Strategic Transport Projects Review) which was sent out to residents with closing date of 10/01/20.

SERVICE REQUESTS: Barriers at Fowlers Croft have been removed and bus issues at Findon Hall have been resolved. All other outstanding service requests are to be logged (Becky) and passed on to Gordon for the tour of the area with Iain Moncrieff on 28 Jan.

MAIN DISCUSSION: A FRESH AGENDA FOR THE NEW FCC: Becky led a discussion about how could the new FCC best operate to be as effective as possible. Becky raised the issues of meeting deadlines for actions; sharing all incoming email information (Minute by Bruce will be heavily edited to the most relevant); training for all beginning with planning by Iain; offering a teas /coffee session at the beginning of the next three meetings for residents to meet all the community councillors. Becky also presented a list of all the possible projects that have been raised by residents over the past few years. This list will be sent out for residents' views (also to Culbokie market -Alison) about their top priorities and FCC will discuss at the March meeting.

Allocation of Linkages /Responsibilities:

Becky: Facebook (including Carol Elliot... all agreed), Noticeboard (printing), Tullochs (Glascairn) Community Liaison, Port of Cromarty Firth, Black Isle Tourism Team, Black Isle Community Councils, Findon Hall Trustee, Mid Ross Community Partnership, MSPs /MPs.

Bruce: Dingwall Medical Group and health services, Community Council Steering Group, Culbokie Community Trust (all agreed with confirmation of appointment), email list.

Eilidh: Facebook, Noticeboard (editor), Port of Cromarty Firth, Stagecoach.

Iain: Planning, Tullochs (Glascairn) Community Liaison.

Sally: Forestry and Land Scotland.

Alison: Stagecoach.

Gordon: Community Services.

Karen: Meals on Wheels.

Alastair: Police.

Adam: Website, 40 mph at Mulbuie, Forestry and Land Scotland.

ACTIVE PROJECTS: (Updates below on all FCC's linkages but only if new information)

Buses/Community Transport: Stagecoach has reported back that the commuter bus will not have to be a 'coach' style bus which can cause access difficulties for some passengers.

Email list: Numbers decreased by 3 names to 642.

Port of Cromarty Firth: Next meeting is on 29 January.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS (only new information included):

Iain reported on the following planning applications:

Update on Objections lodged:

19/01628/PIP: Replacement house, Drummondreach Steading, Alcaig: Granted by NPAC

Comments lodged:

18/05853/FUL: New house, garage/house unit, large shed, Plot 15, The Cairns, Culbokie: Altered design submitted to reduce shed profile but comment to be put in that the garage spaces would still accommodate commercial vehicles unsuitable for a residential estate.

19/03052/FUL & 18/05537/PIP: Eight acres development: awaiting decision. Transport Planning team objected but some transport and roads information has now been submitted.

New Application:

19/05219/FUL: Demolish steading (part), new annex, Crask Farmhouse: No comment

19/05254/FUL: New house, 10 Fowlers Croft, Culbokie: No comment

19/05505/FUL: New house, Site 2, West of Milford, Alcaig: No comment

19/05607/PIP: New house, 35m NE of Solas, Duncanston, Easter Kinkell: No objection but need to explain FCC's scepticism about a business case being used to justify residential development.

Lack of Planning Enforcement. Iain to write explaining FCC's concern about recent lack of follow up by THC.

AOCB: Siting of sign at the B9163 /B9169 junction a concern.

INTERACTION WITH RESIDENTS: Resident reported (with photos) the fourth accident at the Cnoc na Fanaig bend in the past 6 months. Resident reported overhanging branches in New Urquhart cemetery (west side).

ACTIONS:

WHO?	WHAT?	BY WHEN?
Becky	Script for Munlochry junction consultation	23 Jan
All	Which community groups for associate membership	Feb Meeting
Becky	Reply to project about holistic wellbeing	31 Jan
Becky	Outstanding service requests	23 Jan
All	Seek more residents' email addresses	Feb Meeting
Eilidh	Proposals for more youth engagement	Feb Meeting
Becky	Summary of residents' comments re. election	Feb Meeting
Becky	Script seeking residents' views of top priorities	23 Jan

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday 17 February, 7pm, Culbokie Primary School

Contact details for comments; to join the email list; to receive minutes electronically:

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