

FERINTOSH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 15 JULY 2019 AT CULBOKIE PRIMARY SCHOOL

MEMBERS: Sally Falconer, Adam Fletcher, Colin Lawrence (Treasurer), Iain McCallum, Bruce Morrison (Secretary), Becky Richmond (Chair), Eilidh Richmond.

ALSO PRESENT: 2 residents.

APOLOGIES: Roslind MacNaughton, Cllr Gordon Adam.

POLICE MATTERS: In June, three fixed penalty notices were issued, one for traffic offences (A835, near Kinkell) and two for speeding (A9, near Coulnagour). No July report received. Residents /Becky explained that Police Scotland is interested in any observations of a white van purporting to sell garden furniture (please phone 101).

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: As near neighbours, Becky and Eilidh declared an interest in the planning application at Mount Eagle and will not take part in any relevant discussion. As a CCT Director, Bruce will take no part in discussions about the development of the Glascairn site.

MATTERS ARISING FROM JUNE'S MINUTES: (excluding actions carried out, carried forward and those considered later in the agenda):

Residents were informed about the **Housing Surgery** that took place in Culbokie on 1st July; **Tourism Strategy consultation:** there is a new deadline for the beginning of September so more replies can still be received before FCC puts in its submission; **AbilityNet** – FCC has received a number of positive email responses from residents and Becky will pass on for a response.

MINUTES: June's minutes were approved (proposed by Sally, seconded by Iain) and duly adopted. Corrections are noted here following residents' comments: 1. Japanese Hogweed – should be Japanese Knotweed; 2. Water running down the road beside the Culbokie Inn: should now say that the resident's contact with Scottish Water led to an understanding that it is THC's responsibility which has issued a case number but failed to respond to update requests (see later in minutes).

FINANCIAL REPORT: Colin reported that THC's annual grant has been received (£613.16) with only one payment this month for £29.95 for the website. Balance is £5411.

CORRESPONDENCE and REQUESTS:

Resilient Communities Small Grant Scheme and Tesco Centenary Grant Opportunities: passed on to Findon Hall; **Local People Leading** newsletter to be put on website; Resident complained about an inappropriately designed **scarecrow** and Becky is finding contact details for the resident; **Highland Third Sector Interface:** is seeking new Board Members who have skills/experience in community development, social entrepreneurship, media and branding, digital and social media, legal and risk management. Please contact Mhairi Wylie on 01349 864289; **Black Isle Ward:** a new streamlined process for naming streets is to be piloted in the FCC area.

Service Requests: **Running water:** Becky has contacted THC for an update; **Pothole at Easter Kinkell:** has been logged for action; **Flooding in Culbokie:** resident has followed up with THC for outstanding actions after recent heavy rainfall and FCC informed; **Drive around:** THC has agreed to a review of the FCC territory for all service issues but date yet to be confirmed.

ACTIVE PROJECTS:

Inner Moray Firth Local Development Plan (IMFLDP): Feedback for Core Paths consultation required to be with Eilidh by 22nd July for submission by the 29th July.

Buses/Community Transport: Initial efforts to hold regular quarterly meetings with Stagecoach in order to build relationships and initiate joint promotion have not gone well. Stagecoach has postponed meetings and failed to follow up on all our issues. A meeting a week ago raised the poor start to this exercise, apologies received, and hopefully serious work will now begin to produce a joint marketing leaflet with which we wish to promote the Inverness commuter service. Becky suggested using the leaflet information for Noticeboard. The main issue of the poor punctuality of the 9.02 Culbokie /Inverness bus has been addressed with the new timetables coming in on 19 August. The main change coming on the 19 August is an increase to 6 (from 4) return journeys between Culbokie and Inverness (via Easter Kinkell) on Saturdays.

The focus on community transport is now on a resident by resident basis. One resident, who is now unable to drive through illness, had flagged up the need to attend an activity /social event, twice a week. Fortunately, other members of the group have rallied round and are able to provide the necessary transport.

Broadband: No update.

LEADER: Group no longer meets.

Crask Junction: Works began during the second week of July as promised and are progressing without issues.

Undergrounding of electricity cables in Culbokie: Iain reported that applications for funding from SSE are due to be submitted in October.

Meals on Wheels: Black Isle Cares were delighted to welcome two further volunteers from the FCC area following FCC's publicity. A third volunteer may well be on the cards from the Resolis area.

B9169/Mulbuie Speed Limit: Expecting feedback in August.

Cromarty Firth Port Authority: Becky will attend the next meeting on Wednesday 24th July.

Email list: No change to the numbers on the email list. Becky will attend the Culbokie Market in August. Adam has offered to knock on doors in his local area to introduce himself, explain FCC's actions locally and explain the value of access to residents' views through a large contact list.

Community Links: Bruce proposed a new project to link local residents to local social activities. Loneliness is now recognized as a major health issue and GP's are tasked to consider encouraging greater social contact to appropriate patients. Meetings with Dr Mack (Dingwall Health Group), Becky (FCC) and Bruce have led to a description of a pilot project for a six month period and a draft risk assessment /action plan. The initial reaction of FCC was supportive and Bruce will present to FCC a description and risk assessment for comment and approval.

Community Council Elections: Becky /Bruce have been considering assembling FCC's views on what future projects the next FCC could tackle and ask residents for further ideas and their priorities. The objective would be to encourage residents to put themselves forward for election knowing that something of interest to them is to be tackled. FCC would welcome an 'over supply' of potential community councillors so that residents would be able to carry out their democratic will and elect community councillors through a postal ballot. FCC agreed with this approach and should send ideas for future projects to Becky.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS (only new information included):

Iain introduced the following planning applications: -

Update on Objections lodged:

19/01714/PIP: New house, Urquhart Farm, Alcaig: Withdrawn

19/01624-01628/PIP: 3 new houses and 1 "rebuild", Drummondreach Steading, Alcaig: Application for 3 new houses withdrawn but rebuild remains to be considered.

Comments lodged:

18/05808/FUL: 33 new houses, 130m N of The Cairns, Culbokie: Granted, but comments lodged on road safety grounds.

A condition of this development is for Tulloch Homes to facilitate a Community Liaison group to continually exchange information and views throughout the course of the development. Becky /Iain are attending the first meeting on 23rd July.

The details of developer's contributions arising from this development were notified to FCC without any consultation. Cllr Adam is taking up this issue and has informed FCC that changes may be possible provided the funds are directed towards transport improvements but he is seeking further clarification.

18/05806/PIP: 6 new houses and SUDS, CCT Site, 130m N of The Cairns, Culbokie: Granted, but comments lodged on road safety grounds.

18/05537/PIP: 3 house plots, 70m SE of Elder, Cruachan, Eight Acres, Culbokie: Comments lodged on road safety grounds.

18/05853/FUL: New house, garage/house unit, large shed, Plot 15, The Cairns, Culbokie: Comment lodged on outsize of shed.

New Application:

19/02467/FUL: New house, 1 Fowlers Croft, Culbokie: Comment on the height of the house and over development.

19/03052/FUL: New house, 35m SE of Elder, Cruachan, Eight Acres, Renewal of consent: Object on road safety concerns since THC has provided no clarity on how conditions are to be imposed. FCC also agreed, if necessary, to request a meeting in Culbokie with planning officers to better understand how conditions are to be applied.

Previous Applications/Issues being monitored:

16/00595/FUL & 16/02591/PNO: New House and chicken shed, Mount Eagle: No report from Cllr Gordon Adam as yet.

16/00248/ENF: Unauthorised use as builder's yard, W of Culbo Cottage, Culbokie: In the hands of the enforcement officer.

AOCB: None

INTERACTION WITH RESIDENTS: Interactions during the meeting.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday 19 August, 7:00pm, Mulbuie Hall

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

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