

FERINTOSH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 2019 AT FERINTOSH HALL

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

ALSO PRESENT: Cllr Gordon Adam, 4 residents.

APOLOGIES: Adam Fletcher, Cllr Craig Fraser, PC John MacPherson, 2 residents.

POLICE MATTERS: Reporting of one incident for August involved a man apprehended at Raven Croft on the B9169 for breach of bail. Police have followed up a resident observation that the speed sign into Culbokie is not being triggered by very fast vehicles and they have confirmed that. FCC to follow up with THC. General discussion with observations that, on other roads, speeds may be rising.

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 PREVIOUS MINUTES: (excluding actions carried out, carried forward and those considered later in the agenda):

Street Naming: THC has requested an FCC recommendation for a street name for the forthcoming development by Tulloch Homes (THL) at Glascairn in Culbokie. Becky reported back on the two stage consultation with residents in the 'eastern' part of the FCC area. The first consultation sought suggested names and then a short list of five suggested names was put forward for voting. The top recommendation from residents of Baluachrach will be proposed to THC and, in case of rejection for technical reasons, the second (Ferguson Field) and third placed (Fergusons Croft) names will also be conveyed to THC. Residents were thanked for their very strong interest and response to this consultation.

Mid Ross Community Partnership (MRCP): Bruce attended a workshop concerned about improving Community Learning, Development and Engagement along with many service providers and one other community councillor. This was both a review and action meeting before a further inspection by Education Scotland during w.c. 4th November. Relevant and important outcomes for FCC and our residents included a continuing desire to strengthen local community involvement in local planning and decision making; hosting a meeting with community councils and to create a contact list for FCC and others to access in order to assist residents e.g. for Community Links.

MINUTES: Last month's minutes were approved (proposed by Ros, seconded by Sally) and duly adopted.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Colin reported on just one transaction this month (£22.65 for paper for Noticeboard) thus reducing the balance to £5352. THC has again agreed to transfer £200 for next year's grass cutting in Culbokie and FCC is now awaiting receipt.

CORRESPONDENCE and REQUESTS:

BT: Residents in Alcaig have responded to BT by requesting to take ownership of their local phone box; **THC consultation on Transient Visitor Levy:** FCC has received no formal request for consultation so, because of resident interest, FCC will go ahead with its own consultation; **Scottish Health Council:** received a newsletter including a change of name to **Healthcare Improvement Scotland - Community Engagement;** **Community Council Election:** Following FCC's promotion of the elections in Noticeboard, the Football Club responded showing concern about not being consulted. Becky apologised and explained that FCC was simply presenting residents' aspirations for future projects and no plans currently existed for any of them; **THC: Meeting with Donna Manson (CEO)** on 24 September: Becky and Bruce will represent FCC. A pre-meeting session on the

IMFLDP is also included; **Resident** has reported to THC some encroaching vegetation around the road down from Findon Hall; **Scottish Government Community Land Team** is holding a free event at Inverness College UHI, Inverness on 15th October 2019. The event will give an overview of the various types of community rights to buy that communities can use and one-to-one sessions (<https://www.gov.scot/policies/land-reform/>); **Raddery Trust**: has funding opportunities available (closing date is 23/09).

SERVICE REQUESTS:

Running water on Balmeanach Brae: THC has completed this work; **Flooding in Culbokie**: residents continue to receive no response or help from THC and Cllr Adam will follow up; **Drive around**: THC has agreed to a review of the FCC territory for all service issues but date yet to be confirmed; **Newhall Mains sign**: this sign at the junction of the B9163 with the B9169 is obscuring sight lines and THC has been informed; **Overgrown grass at old Urquhart cemetery**: Cllr Fraser following up; **New Urquhart cemetery**: Resident reported overhanging trees a hazard; **Balmeanach Brae potholes**: have been filled in; **Poor sight lines at junctions /overgrown verges**: following a resident pointing out poor sight lines at the junction in Easter Kinkell of the B9169 with the Alcaig road, use email list to seek residents' views on the most hazardous junctions that need maintenance; **Sign down** at Highfield Park.

ACTIVE PROJECTS:

Inner Moray Firth Local Development Plan (IMFLDP): Core Paths submission has been put in.

Community Liaison Group for Glascairn Development: No activity this month.

Glascairn Development: THC has responded to Cllr Adam explaining that community councils are able to present to planners at any time their ideas for the use of developers' contributions. When planners put conditions on individual developments, they will take into account community requests, statutory and strategic requirements. In the case of Glascairn, the response was that support of public transport was the priority.

Buses/Community Transport: Culbokie Action Group has decided to withdraw from regular meetings with Stagecoach because of withdrawal from previous commitments. FCC will continue to keep the link with Stagecoach through quarterly meetings. FCC and Culbokie Action Group have produced A5 flyers to promote the commuter service with thanks for the sponsorship of Highland Office Equipment. These leaflets will be distributed through all Culbokie doors in the next couple of weeks to follow up the Noticeboard article. FCC thanked the resident who has prepared and posted at bus stops the timetables with both outward and inward journeys.

Broadband: No update.

Crask Junction: The junction is now open to the delight of the local residents and the project is now in its final landscaping phase. Crask residents are considering a semi-formal 'opening' of the junction to observe the successful collaboration between the community and the community council and have requested FCC support (which was duly given).

Undergrounding of electricity cables in Culbokie: Iain will be preparing the case towards the end of September.

B9169/Mulbuie Speed Limit: Colin reported that THC is now out to consultation (in the newspapers and service points, closing date 04/10/2019) for the implementation of a 40 mph zone (The Highland Council (Mulbuie) (40 mph Speed Limit) Order 2019). THC Roads Team is hopeful to have the implementation completed by the end of March 2020.

Cromarty Firth Port Authority: Becky /Eilidh are attending the AGM on 26 September.

Culbokie Community Trust Update: Nothing significant to report.

Findon Hall: Becky attended the AGM. The focus for the Hall is to raise sufficient funds to repair the roof. The meeting also raised the more general concern of litter with residents regularly and quietly clearing up roadside litter.

Dog Waste: In collaboration with CCT and Forestry & Land and volunteers, a new bin has been installed at the Dun car park.

Email list: Numbers increased by 6 names to 645. Eilidh will draw up a report to research and consider approaches to improve FCC's connection with younger residents.

Community Links: Bruce circulated a description of the Community Links project together with a risk assessment seeking FCC approval to go ahead. The objective of the project is to reduce loneliness and isolation through increased social contact. The project is a collaboration between Dingwall Health Group and FCC. FCC previously agreed to support the project in principle and now, following presentation of a detailed risk assessment together with mitigation measures, FCC's approval for the detail is being sought. Colin explained the need for a Safeguarding Policy in order to obtain insurance cover and would produce a draft. FCC agreed to go ahead on 1st October provided insurance cover is approved. FCC thanked Bruce for this project's development.

Community Council Elections: Following FCC's Noticeboard article promoting these elections and postings to the Facebook page, further promotion was discussed with the objective of providing residents with choice through a contested election. A5 leaflets will be produced for distribution through school bags and letterboxes. Becky will distribute posters at the Culbokie Market. Other activity will include posters on public noticeboards, an email to the FCC list and phone and face to face conversations. Cllr Adam pointed out that there is a strong determination by THC to involve community councils in more decision making thus providing community councillors with greater influence.

Noticeboard: 6 pager was put out successfully by the team so proving that the current system of volunteers and resources can cope with a planned permanent enhancement next year. Roger Piercy has indicated that he wishes to step down from his leadership of this volunteer team after many many years and that will be addressed by the new community council. The current FCC would like to record its thanks and appreciation for all Roger's work.

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: Under consideration, will go to NPAC.

19/03052/FUL: New house, 35m SE of Elder, Cruachan, Eight Acres, Renewal of consent: No comment put in although objection minuted. FCC is still waiting for a response to its request to a meeting with the planners to understand how road safety conditions are going to be met.

Comments lodged:

18/05537/PIP: 3 house plots, 70m SE of Elder, Cruachan, Eight Acres, Culbokie: Comments lodged on road safety grounds. THC Roads team has objected on basis of road safety issues.

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

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

New Application:

19/03644/PNO: Agricultural building, 11 Corntown: Granted

19/03655/FUL: Erection of garage, oil tanks, Bali High, 2 Balloan Foreshore: No comment

19/03766/FUL: New house, 2 Fowlers Croft, Culbokie: Comment about materials not meeting the design brief. FCC rejected a proposal to show concern about fence height.

19/03928/FUL: Extension and decking, Braeview, Cocked Hat Wood, Culbokie: No comment

19/03908/S75D: Removal of planning condition, AIG FOIS, 13 Newton of Kinkell: No comment

Previous Applications/Issues being monitored:

19/03596/FUL: Restoration of derelict building, Logie Farm, Mulbuie: Granted, with condition to install a 1.2m pathway.

16/00595/FUL & 16/02591/PNO: New House and chicken shed, Mount Eagle: THC cannot enforce occupancy conditions according to Scottish Government guidance. 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: Resident raised concern about the adverse camber at the Knock na Fanaig bend on the B9169 following a recent accident. Additionally, inadequate traffic control at the time of the accident led to dangerous bus manoeuvres.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday 21 October, 7pm, Culbokie Primary School

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

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