

## FERINTOSH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 15 APRIL 2019 IN CULBOKE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Cllr Gordon Adam

**APOLOGIES:** Roslind MacNaughton, PC John Macpherson, Cllr Craig Fraser, 1 resident

**POLICE MATTERS:** PC John Macpherson reported two incidents. There has been a vehicle seizure (road traffic offence) reported to the Fiscal and a theft is being investigated.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** As a near neighbour, Becky will take no part in discussions about the development East of Dunbreck. As a CCT Director, Bruce will take no part in discussions about the development of the Glascairn site and the CCT proposal for improved active travel.

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

**Street Naming:** Following all the helpful feedback and ideas from residents, Becky proposed (seconded by Sally) that the name Fowler's Croft should be suggested to THC and all agreed. Residents were very strongly in favour of a name that had a strong local connection with a street name that suggested the rural nature of the village.

**Inner Moray Firth Local Development Plan (IMFLDP):** Becky to make contact with the other Black Isle community councils for a joint approach.

**Meeting with THC Chief Executive:** No new date yet.

**Democracy Matters:** FCC now to meet informally and bring some proposals to the May meeting.

**Newsletters** – yet to go up on website (better platform than Facebook for that sort of material).

**MINUTES:** March's minutes were approved (proposed by Iain, seconded by Sally) and duly adopted.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Colin reported no transactions in the past month. The end of year accounts have been certified by Allan Mackenzie and FCC would like to record its sincere thanks to Allan. The closing balance of £4,828 achieves a long standing objective to reduce reserves to this level through contributions to local projects. Colin felt that an appropriate future minimum balance should be £2,000.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE and REQUESTS:**

**Culbokie Community Trust:** CCT has put together an active travel proposal for the village and is looking for a letter of support from FCC. The objective is to reduce traffic, encourage walking and cycling, reduce carbon emissions and generally improve the experience of travel through a linear village. FCC agreed to send a letter of support.

**Ferintosh and Mulbuie School newsletter:** on to website; **Scottish Community Alliance:** on to web site; **CCT** update on the Glascairn development has been received; **Scottish Resilient Communities:** 11<sup>th</sup> September in Cambuslang; **Moray Firth Partnership:** notified of increased staffing; **Scotland's Older People Assembly newsletter:** on to website; **Skye & Lochalsh Airport Discussion Group:** seeking support for Skye airport: FCC felt unable to comment on behalf of residents; **Resident** concern about bags of dog faeces in Culbokie wood: FCC to put out a request for residents to use the bins provided, to inform CCT in support of their good efforts and to write back to the residents; **Forestry and Land Scotland** (formerly Forest Commission Scotland): annual review attended by Bruce; **Resident** concern about water running down Balmeanach Brae and will be raised

with THC; **Fly the Red Ensign** for Merchant Navy Day, 3 September: schools to be informed; **BI Tourism Strategy** launch in Culbokie Inn which Becky attended and a draft strategy is soon to be circulated for consultation with all residents; **CCT** has invited FCC to a discussion about its proposed housing development (Becky /Iain attending).

**Service Requests:** Drive through with THC officer planning to be in May. Mud on road at Crask has been cleared up. Bus panels missing at Schoolcroft bus stop (Action: Cllr Fraser).

**ACTIVE PROJECTS:**

**Buses/Community Transport:** Outstanding issues from Stagecoach remain to be chased up (Action: Bruce).

**Broadband:** No update.

**Crask Junction:** FCC will check that road works begin as planned on 23 April.

**Undergrounding Cables:** Iain is approaching SSE for funding.

**LEADER:** No update

**Cromarty Firth Port Authority:** No meeting this month.

**Reduced Speed Limits for Mulbuie/B9169 west of the A835:** Colin reported that a group of 9 residents is to meet up and report back in May. Cllr Adam reported (through Cllr Maclean's update) on progress by SRTS on assessing all speed data and now recommending a 40mph zone. Colin to contact SRTS.

**Email list:** Numbers increased by 6 this month to 449. Through those email addresses, 636 residents can be consulted which represents over 42% of FCC's total electorate (estimated at 1500). Bruce reiterated the value to FCC's representative role of being able to consult with 50% of the electorate, which remains the target. (Post meeting: Apologies from Bruce for reporting at the meeting that 45% of residents could be consulted. In future, Bruce will report on the actual resident numbers and not just the email addresses).

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS** (only new information included):

Update on Objections lodged (SW of Feorvan): None.

Update on Comments lodged (Glascairn; 8 Acres; SW of Marsden; Plot 15, the Cairns; Beaufort): 18/05808/FUL - 33 Houses, Glascairn: new designs have been submitted following concerns expressed by Transport Planning. One resident objection has been submitted following the new designs.

Update on Applications being Monitored (East of Dunbreck; W of Culbo Cottage; Mount Eagle Court): None.

New Applications:

19/00958/PIP: New house, 50m east of 'Fyrish': No comment.

**AOCB:** Adam raised ideas about bus stops which led to a more general discussion about buses and community transport. Becky /Bruce to bring forward some proposals at a future meeting.

**INTERACTION WITH RESIDENTS:** None.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING and AGM:** Monday 20 May, 7pm, Mulbuie Hall

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