

FERINTOSH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 17 JUNE 2019 AT FERINTOSH HALL

The meeting started at 7:10pm.

MEMBERS: Sally Falconer, Adam Fletcher, Colin Lawrence (Treasurer), Iain McCallum, Roslind MacNaughton, Becky Richmond (Chair), Eilidh Richmond.

ALSO PRESENT: Cllr Gordon Adam, 3 residents.

APOLOGIES: Bruce Morrison (Secretary), 1 resident.

POLICE MATTERS: No update. (*post-meeting note: the monthly Police Report was received after the meeting and will be considered at FCC's July meeting*).

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 discussion thereon.

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

AbilityNet – FCC had received a number of email responses from residents and will contact AbilityNet summarising residents' views and offering FCC's assistance where appropriate.

MINUTES: May's minutes were approved (proposed by Iain, seconded by Colin) and duly adopted.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Colin reported that there had been no transactions since the May meeting and that FCC's balance remained at £4,828. The annual accounts that were approved at the May meeting had been submitted to Highland Council along with other required documents and FCC's annual grant is awaited. Confirmation had been received that FCC will receive free use of Culbokie Primary School for its monthly meetings this financial year.

CORRESPONDENCE and REQUESTS:

An email has been received from Highland Council on the law relating to non-native invasive species (e.g. Giant Hogweed, Japanese Hogweed, etc.). A link will be placed on FCC's website.

FCC has been informed by BEAR Scotland that resurfacing work is provisionally scheduled to take place on the A9 north of Tore between 7:00pm and 7:00am on weeknights between 24 June and 2 July. Some disruption to traffic flows is expected.

Newsletters have been received from Connecting Carers, Mulbuie and Ferintosh Primary Schools, Scottish Community Councils and Highland Senior Citizens Network.

Following the recently granted planning permission for 33 new houses in Culbokie (see Planning Applications below), Cairn Housing will be undertaking a community engagement exercise. Information will be circulated through FCC's email list.

Transport Scotland will be staging public exhibitions of the proposed A9/A82 Longman Junction improvements between 12:00 noon and 7:00pm on 25 June at the Caledonian Thistle Football Stadium and 26 June at Inverness Town House.

Information about the next stage of the Inner Moray Firth Local Development Plan 2 was received just before the meeting and will be discussed at FCC's July meeting.

The Scottish Women's Convention will be staging a roadshow event at the Mercure Hotel, Church Street, Inverness on Tuesday 9 July. Further information can be obtained by emailing lorna.kettles@scottishwomensconvention.org or by phoning 0141 339 4797.

Service Requests:

A resident is in regular contact with Scottish Water about water running down the road beside the Culbokie Inn.

A drive around the FCC area with a Highland Council roads officer is to be arranged.

FCC had received reports of bags containing dog excrement being suspended from trees in Culbokie Wood, and of used condoms being deposited on a driveway in Culbokie. The latter had previously been reported to Police Scotland. FCC requests the perpetrators to dispose of their arisings in a more appropriate manner.

MAIN DISCUSSION: BLACK ISLE TOURISM TEAM STRATEGY

Becky outlined the final draft of the strategy which had been circulated to residents through FCC's email consultation list. The main approach of the strategy is to develop "slow tourism" that is environmentally sustainable and would promote, among other activities, walking, cycling and reduced car use. The northern side of the Black Isle would be promoted as a tourist destination and the season would be extended to spread the impact of tourism across the year. The team hopes to obtain future funding for a development officer. There was a wide-ranging discussion of the proposals contained in the strategy, and Becky agreed to summarise the views of residents and FCC and convey them to the Tourism Team. Residents are reminded that it is not too late to submit their views to FCC for inclusion in its submission. A link to the draft strategy will be added to FCC's Facebook page.

The proposed Cromarty Firth Heritage Trail was discussed with a view to submitting comments to the Highland Historic Buildings Trust to be included in the content of a proposed leaflet. Information will be circulated to residents through FCC's email list and a further discussion will take place at the July meeting.

ACTIVE PROJECTS:

Buses/Community Transport: No update.

Broadband: No update.

Crask Junction: Works are ongoing.

LEADER: No update.

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

Meals on Wheels: Residents are advised that additional volunteers are needed to deliver this service.

B9169/Mulbuie Speed Limit: Colin stated that the report that was approved at FCC's May meeting had been submitted to Highland Council along with FCC's decisions. A progress report is awaited.

Cromarty Firth Port Authority: The next meeting between the CFPA and community councils is scheduled to take place towards the end of July.

Email list: Community councillors will renew their efforts to increase the number of residents on the email consultation list. This will include Becky attending the Culbokie Market in July.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS (only new information included):

Iain introduced the following planning applications: -

Update on Objections lodged:

17/03599/PIP: New house, NW of Feoran, Crask: Granted, subject to road works completion.

19/01714/PIP: New house, Urquhart Farm, Alcaig: Hinterland Policy and road safety issues.

19/01624-01628/PIP: 3 new houses and 1 "rebuild", Drummondreach Steading, Alcaig: Hinterland Policy issues.

Comments lodged:

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

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.

18/05572/PIP: 2 house plots, 70m SW of Marsden, Muir of Allangrange, Mulbuie: Withdrawn.

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

19/00119/FUL: 2 holiday letting units in garden, Beaufort, Culbokie: Granted; improved visibility achieved.

New Application:

19/02173/FUL: New house with temporary caravan, SW of Eaglestone, Duncanston: No comment.

Previous Applications/Issues being monitored:

16/00595/FUL & 16/02591/PNO: New House and chicken shed, Mount Eagle:

16/00248/ENF: Unauthorised use as builder's yard, W of Culbo Cottage, Culbo Road:

Builder's material on site, Mount Eagle Court, Culbokie:

Cllr Adam offered to apprise himself of the current situation with the above items and report back to FCC.

AOCB: Becky expressed concern that the distribution of the developer contribution arising from building 33 new houses in Culbokie had been decided by Highland Council without consulting FCC. Cllr Adam stated that it is possible for the decision to be changed with regard to how the developer contribution is to be spent in Culbokie, and he agreed to look into the matter and report back to FCC.

INTERACTION WITH RESIDENTS: In response to a question from a resident, Eilidh stated that the copy deadline for the next issue of Noticeboard is 18 August.

Because of a prior booking, the September meeting of FCC at Ferintosh Hall will start at 7:30pm.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday 15 July, 7:00pm, Culbokie Primary School

The meeting ended at 8:55pm.

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

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