

FERINTOSH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 17 FEBRUARY 2020 IN CULBOKIE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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: Cllr Gordon Adam, PC John MacPherson, 9 residents.

APOLOGIES: 1 resident.

POLICE MATTERS: Alastair presented PC John MacPherson's report for the past month. A driver was arrested on the A9 at Duncanston in relation to drink driving (following station procedure, was released without charge). A driver on the B9163 was issued with a fixed penalty regarding a vehicle defect.

Munlochy Junction: In order to capture the views of PC John MacPherson, Becky reported back on a meeting of the Black Isle Community Councils (BICCS), hosted by Knockbain CC to find a joined up approach to improving safety at the Munlochy Junction. Following the meeting, a proposed letter had been drafted seeking support from all members of BICCS for measures that were agreed at the meeting. Some of the measures FCC could support knowing our residents' views from the consultation and this meeting's views (e.g. 50 mph zone on the A9 0.5 mile north and south of the junction and to link with the 50 mph on to the Kessock Bridge; ensure the Queues Likely sign works and directs overflow traffic to Tore; 50 mph zones on the feeder roads to the junction; improved lighting). Some proposals FCC could not support (change signage to encourage non-Munlochy traffic to use Tore; close off all feeder roads on to the A9 between the junction and Tore; block usage of the Dunsmittal Road). Letter to be drafted around FCC before sending to Knockbain CC. Cllr Adam to write to Kate Forbes to chase up proposed meeting with Transport Scotland. Becky / Gordon felt that, at some point, a Road Safety Summit for the Black Isle using the BICCS would be helpful.

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): None

ACTIONS OUTSTANDING:

WHO?	WHAT?	BY WHEN?
Becky	Script for Munlochy junction letter	1 week
Becky	Groups to be approached	March Meeting
Becky	Reply to Social Care consultation	1 week
Bruce	ME consultation to email list	1 week
Becky	Approach Church -respite service	March Meeting
Eilidh	Proposals for more youth engagement, email	March Meeting
Gordon	Speed bumps proposal	March Meeting
Cllr Adam	Mulbuie 40mph; explore reasons for delay	March Meeting
Iain	Explore new planning reporting system	March Meeting
Cllr Adam	Change for domestic trailer usage	March Meeting
Gordon	Dangerous road condition -Leanaig	March Meeting
Alison	Supply timetables	1 week
Cllr Adam	Contact Kate Forbes re. Transport Scotland meeting	March Meeting

MINUTES: Last month's minutes were approved (proposed by Alison, seconded by Eilidh).

FINANCIAL REPORT: Eilidh reported that the £28 refund from Zurich Insurance had been received. There is £171 of outstanding uncashed payments leaving a net balance of £5,060. New annual premium for Zurich Insurance due on 1 April of £86.

CORRESPONDENCE and REQUESTS: **HTSI:** Consultation on Social Care from Scottish Government – reply to be drafted; **Scottish Health Council:** consultation for those living with ME; link to survey is <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/MyalgicEncephalomyelitisSurvey/> and will be sent out to the email list; **Connecting Carers** newsletter: Alison suggested looking at setting up a type of 'sitting service' to enable carers some respite. Becky to approach the Church Centre; **Residents reporting potholes** at the A9 junction with the B9163: Gordon encouraged all residents to report in order to increase pressure to resolve; **Resident concerned about speeding** between Mulbuie and Balvaird: Gordon to look into speed bumps.

SERVICE REQUESTS: No new ones to report.

MAIN DISCUSSION: Associate membership for key community groups: FCC had difficulty buying into the idea that groups should send representatives if chosen by FCC. FCC decided to work in reverse with CCs to visit all key groups over the next 12 months to open up communications, exchange information and explore ways of maintaining a relationship including the option of Associate Membership of FCC. List of groups established and because of desired linkages with youth as well, Becky will speak with those in Cromarty for views.

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

Homecare: An article two weeks ago in the RSJ highlighted the loss of care packages for some residents in the Culbokie and Resolis area within a few weeks. Becky /Bruce have followed up a few lines of enquiries. Firstly, met with the CEO of Highland Homecarers (HHC) who accepted that they were having a retention and recruitment problem and were in active discussions with NHS Highland to resolve (FCC offered promotion activity to recruit). Secondly, there have been discussions with Black Isle Cares who are seeking a meeting with HHC and FCC etc, to explore the underlying reasons for the situation. Thirdly, Bruce is in discussions with local carers to hear their views and their ideas to resolve the situation.

Mulbuie 40 mph: Adam reported a delay until the end of April but concerns have been raised by parents because of work being done at the school and the extra hazard without a 40 mph zone. Cllr Adam will explore the exact timing of the works.

Prioritising Projects: Alison attended the Community Market for residents' views and was given the impression that road safety, housing provision and health provision (including care in the community?) were the top three priorities. All residents are being encouraged to continue to feed in their views on priorities before FCC discussions at the March meeting and would especially like to hear from groups meeting in the Ferintosh and Mulbuie areas (please invite along a community councillor).

Dingwall Medical Group: The liaison group with community councils has now met twice and agreed the purposes for the group. Four have been identified including Networking (sharing information), Community Resources (linking to improve health and wellbeing), Service Developments (updating communities), Initiatives (to improve health and wellbeing). Specifically, DMG and FCC are looking into providing annual vaccinations in the community. DMG is preparing two releases to explain two innovations i.e. direct appointments with a physiotherapist; a wider range of specialists available for first appointment. Updates included the development of a Links Worker service, linking community activities to social prescribing (commissioning in progress); an Anticipatory Health Plan is available to help plan the future following a diagnosis; DMG is implementing an environmental plan. Other: Norwegians, Noticeboards -history, Donation for equipment, raising awareness of the local community car schemes to enable those with access difficulties being transported to appointments.

Links Workers: Bruce attended part of the first workshop to update and consult on the implementation of the Links Worker (Social Prescribing) project. Procurement of this service for NHS Highland will probably take place during the summer with a start to the service by the end of the year. Bruce will attend a further workshop on 18th March to understand better how local community groups can best interact with this new service.

Buses/Community Transport: Quarterly meeting with Stagecoach. The recent usage data shows a 5% increase in bus journeys and Stagecoach continues to be comfortable running the commuter services without subsidy. Construction works at the bus station this year will cause disruption to the use of regular stances but there are now two employees on duty to assist passengers. Stagecoach will investigate the late arrival of a Saturday bus whose doors couldn't be opened. Stagecoach will also investigate an alternative parking-up site for the 3.15 pm bus other than the main road near the school and to limit the time of continuous engine running whilst stationary.

Email list: Numbers decreased by 6 names to 636. Becky highlighted the value of the email list during the recent consultations and the value therefore if everyone could help by requesting their friends' permission to have their email address added to the FCC list.

Port of Cromarty Firth: Becky /Eilidh attended with nothing specific of relevance to the FCC area. Cruise season of March to October with 103 ships will be busier than ever.

Noticeboard: Eilidh reported that the new 8 page version had gone out and appealed for stories etc from around the whole of the FCC area and not just Culbokie. There were useful ideas to enhance the newsletter including useful contacts list (once per year as an insert); promoting local services; stories of charitable work etc.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS (only new information included):

Iain reported on the following planning applications:

Update on Objections lodged:

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:

19/05563/FUL: Erect garage /stabling, 110m SE of The Paddocks, Greenleonachs: No comment

20/00152/SCOP: 78m Wind Turbine, Torranan Sleibh, Evanton (same position as Turbine 14 in previously rejected application for Clach Liath Wind Farm): No comment can be made at this Scoping stage

20/00194/FUL: Layby, 60m NW of Mulbuie Hall: No comment

20/00508/PNO: Agricultural shed, Urquhart Farm, Alcaig: No comment possible

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)

Land Commission: Having attended an information session, Iain explained that this non-statutory body is well funded to assist communities to acquire land.

AOCB: Becky proposed that meetings are advertised to finish at 9pm and all agreed.

INTERACTION WITH RESIDENTS: Trailers requiring forms to enter recycling centre: a resident pointed out that domestic use trailers are captured into this system (Cllr Adam to explore the possibility of change); **Resident wanted to warn** about the dangers down the old Leanaig Road of a sheer drop next to a poorly repaired part of the road beside cones (Gordon to investigate); **Resident requested new bus timetables** (Alison to supply); **Resident pointed** out the introduction of more onerous T's & C's for hiring council rooms which will be a barrier to use by informal community groups.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday 16 March, 7pm start, 9pm finish, Mulbuie Hall,

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

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