

# FERINTOSH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 16 MARCH 2020 IN MULBUIE HALL

**MEMBERS:** Sally Falconer, Alison Lowe, Gordon Morris, Alastair Macintyre, Becky Richmond (Chair), Eilidh Richmond (Treasurer).

**ALSO PRESENT:** Cllr Angela MacLean, 4 residents.

**APOLOGIES:** Adam Fletcher, Karen Marcus, Iain McCallum, Bruce Morrison, Cllr Craig Fraser, Cllr Gordon Adam, PC John MacPherson, 4 residents.

**POLICE MATTERS:** The monthly report received included two drivers reported for speeding on the A9 at Findon. Also, on the A835 at the B9169 junction, a driver was arrested for drink driving.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** Alastair Macintyre re: planning application for Agricultural Shed.

**MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:** (excluding actions carried out, carried forward and those considered later in the agenda): **No trailers at Recycling Centres:** Cllr Adam received confirmation from THC that multi axle trailers, and those over 8ft can no longer use the recycling centres in order to reduce congestion and hazard. THC is looking into ways of providing a low cost mechanism to permit householders dispose of large volumes of waste. Cllr Adam trying to get dispensation. THC has recently revised these regulations to allow larger trailers, there are however restrictions on what can be taken to the centres.

**Action: Becky** to check and put updated info on FCC website; **New T'S & C's for hiring THC's rooms:** Resident provided link; **Speed Bumps:** Cllr Adam initiated a string; **Connecting Carers** newsletter: Alison suggested looking at setting up a type of 'sitting service' to enable carers some respite. Becky to contact Culbokie Church with proposals to be discussed at their next Board Meeting. **Action: Becky**

**MINUTES:** Last month's minutes were approved (proposed by Eilidh Richmond, seconded by Gordon Morris).

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** There were no transactions this month with £171 of outstanding uncashed payments remaining leaving a net balance of £5060.

**CORRESPONDENCE and REQUESTS:** Two very complimentary emails from residents; **Highland Youth Convener position:** put out to email list; **Developer:** seeking a view on house development at the NE end of Culbokie opposite road junction up to Mount Eagle has accepted invitation to May meeting; **Scottish Government:** Inverness event on 27<sup>th</sup> March to explain EU Citizens Settlement Scheme; **National Planning Framework:** Resident informed us of this current consultation which was not notified to FCC so investigating; **Resident query** about Port of Cromarty Firth approach to **cruise ships** re. corona virus: Port of Cromarty Firth has informed us there will be no cruise ships coming into the port in April and they will continue to monitor the situation for the remainder of the season; **CCT Letter of support:** Request from CCT to supply supporting letter to accompany an application to the Port Authority fund. All members agreed. **Action: Becky to supply letter.**

**MAIN DISCUSSION: Community Resilience Group in light of Corona Virus**

The following points have been agreed:

- To identify volunteers who can help with shopping, the collection of medicines etc; IT skills to help residents who may wish to set up an email address, FB, learn how to use FaceTime etc in order to stop people feeling so isolated.

- To print off and make available the postcard to all residents giving details of who to contact for assistance. Cards to be delivered to shop, schools, email list and will also be included in the Noticeboard. In first instance FCC details will be on card as the main volunteer co-ordinator.
- Ideally, we need a volunteer from each street who can identify who is living on the street and make sure everyone is aware of where they can find help.
- It's vitally important that we identify those in outlying areas and make sure they have details of who can help should they need it.
- Posters to be made requesting volunteers: **Action Eilidh**
- Posters to be made signposting people to information: **Action Eilidh**
- Posters to go up in shops and schools: **Action Eilidh**
- Announcement in the Ross-Shire. Contact Hector Mackenzie at the Ross-shire.
- Register with the Red Cross: **Action Becky**
- Ask Heather Bannerman about contacting those on Senior Citizens list.
- Meals on Wheels is continuing. May need extra volunteers. **Ask Karen to follow this up**
- We agreed to coordinate with the Churches, schools, Hall Committees and CCT to have as many different avenues as possible to get the message out to people.
- All information to go on FCC Noticeboard, FB Page and other pages.
- We agreed people need to be careful of what they share in order to avoid scaremongering. Hopefully our resilience plan will provide reassurance.
- A closed book Messenger Group has been created in order to share information amongst those who are co ordinating efforts.
- Culbokie shop is considering offering a delivery service. **Action: Bruce to follow up**
- Discussion on The Noticeboard delivery and keeping our volunteers safe. It was agreed Becky would contact all volunteers and ask if they were still comfortable making deliveries. For those who would prefer not to or are having to self-isolate, we will be asking for volunteers from our younger people to come forward. **Action: Becky.** It was also agreed that Becky and Eilidh would do the printing and collating themselves.

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

**Homecare:** Bruce has had separate conversations now with NHS Highland, Highland Homecarers, Black Isle Cares and some local carers both to try and understand the current shortfall in care packages for our residents and to encourage solutions to be found. A number of possible solutions are now under discussion.

**Buses/Community Transport:** A proposal is being worked up by FCC /Stagecoach /HITRANS to set up an electric community vehicle. Alison to contact Stagecoach to ask them if they will put holders for timetable into the bus shelters along with a phone number that can be called if the bus is running. Alison to also raise the point that D&E would send out a taxi to collect people if one of their buses did not turn up. Could Stagecoach offer a similar service? **Action: Alison.** Cllr MacLean also asked that the THC transport dept. be notified when buses don't turn up or run to time.

**Email list:** Numbers increased by 2 names to 638.

**Community Services:** Resurfacing Work on the A835/B9163 has begun. Gordon raised the issue of an island being put in. Cllr MacLean said this had been discussed with Bear Scotland and they were unwilling to do so for safety reasons.

Gordon asked that residents don't only report pot holes etc to FCC but they also report to THC. If residents report to THC first would they let FCC know, quoting the reference number they will be given.

FCC raised issue with Cllr MacLean re: lack of response from Iain Moncrieff to emails and phone calls. Cllr MacLean explained that Iain's department is understaffed and THC is looking to provide additional staff in order to better support him. FCC was grateful for this explanation as it provided a clear understanding of the situation. Cllr MacLean also asked that Laura MacAllister be sent a copy of our Minutes.

**Mulbuie 40mph Project:** Cllr MacLean reported that works are due to start next month.

**Community Liaison Group:** Becky and Iain met with Tulloch's and CCT for an update on works due to start on the Glascairn site. Works are due to begin mid-April with the widening of the Glascairn road. Tulloch's will endeavour to keep the road open whilst this work takes place. A segregated pedestrian walkway will be put in. Tulloch's to provide a piece for the Noticeboard giving information on works to take place and contact details for site manager.

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

Iain reported on the following planning applications:

Comments lodged:

18/05853/FUL: New house, garage/house unit, large shed, Plot 15, The Cairns, Culbokie (oversize garage).

19/03052/FUL & 18/05537/PIP: Eight acres development (roads /pavement concerns). 19/03052/FUL has been granted with condition that road /pavement be constructed before occupation. FCC to request confirmation that THC has the resources to monitor this application. **Action: Iain**

New Application:

20/00672/FUL: Agricultural building, 165M SW of 1 Findon Cottages, Culbokie: No comment

**THC Planners:** New process to be tested when comments submitted. **Action: Iain**

**AOCB:** Cllr MacLean asked that all 4 Ward 8 councillors be added to the list for receiving Minutes. Becky floated the idea of FCC having to conduct future meetings via video conferencing.

**INTERACTION WITH RESIDENTS:** Pot hole near Duncanston reported. Resident reported road dropping away on B9169 near Dunvornie. Resident asked about process for raising profile of a road that is in need of proper repair. Cllr MacLean gave a thorough explanation of how the system works. Resident and Gordon Morris to lobby Ward 9 THC Councillors. **Action: Gordon**

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** To be confirmed.

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

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