

FERINTOSH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ONLINE ON MONDAY 26 OCTOBER 2020

MEMBERS: Karen Harcus, Alison Lowe, Iain McCallum, Gordon Morris, Bruce Morrison (Secretary), Becky Richmond (Chair),

ALSO PRESENT: 4 residents.

APOLOGIES: Sally Falconer, Adam Fletcher (Associate), Alastair Macintyre, Eilidh Richmond (Treasurer), PC John MacPherson.

POLICE MATTERS: Report received with three incidents mentioned. Driver was arrested for drink driving (A9, Duncanston). Vandalism at Mulbuie Primary School was reported and restorative warning was issued. Driver was reported for careless driving (B9197, Leanaig).

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

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

Becky will go ahead later with a resident consultation (too many currently) about possible road safety tactics; No sign yet of 40 mph signs at Mulbuie School but temporary lights working.

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

FINANCIAL REPORT: Becky, in Eilidh's absence, reported a cash position of £6889.17 and available funds of £4,799.17. Online banking is proving difficult to set up because of bank's procedures so the outstanding payments under the BTSG scheme will be paid by cheque in agreement with the recipients.

A cheque of £200 is to be raised in payment for grass cutting in Culbokie to cover fuel and insurance. The sincere thanks of FCC to the volunteer for this persistent perennial effort was expressed.

DD payment has been made for the data protection policy.

Eilidh has announced her intention to stand down as a community councillor due to extra work commitments, especially in the evenings. However, Eilidh has offered to delay her departure until the 2019/2020 accounts have been certified and the online banking has been set up. Becky requested community councillors to consider taking up the Treasurer's position.

CORRESPONDENCE and REQUESTS: Cllr Craig Fraser /Grit Bins: offered to notify THC should any need replacing. A resident subsequently got in touch who contacted THC last winter requesting a new bin and is still awaiting a response. Cllr Craig Fraser has followed this up on behalf of the resident and there has been a positive THC response to be completed soon; **Resident objection** to use of wording in an FCC response to planning that inferred 'all locals were against a development' and requested that FCC withdraw the statement made. Iain has clarified his point that the term 'local' is understood to refer to those who are in the immediate vicinity of a proposed development. FCC agreed to acknowledge the resident's complaint and Iain will clarify the point with THC. FCC agreed to make the general point that FCC can only reflect the views of those residents who contact either FCC or planning within the period of consultation, including those that are in support of a development. Becky to respond to the resident; **HTSI:** Notified our halls about this HTSI notification of a 'halls opening' event; **THC consultation 'Growing our Future':** closes on 30/11/20; **THC:** Information on being prepared for winter including support for local pavement clearing etc. (on to Facebook page and forwarded to Ferintosh Volunteers); **THC Information Leaflet:** comprehensive information on THC support, grants and link to daily update information from Public Health Scotland (link on to FCC website); **THC:** Guidance for Remembrance Day; **Scottish Government:** Invitation to community councils to become involved

in the Scottish Climate Assembly; **BIP (Black Isle Partnership)**: Draft letter received supporting Cllr Gordon Adam's proposal to extend the 50mph speed limit on the A9 to beyond the Artafallie junction with the same on the south bound lane, in order to slow the speed of traffic down for those entering and exiting the Munlochy junction. FCC agreed to put its name to this letter as it supports views that were expressed by our residents during a consultation we held at the beginning of the year; **CCT**: requested use of email list to promote the Sharing Shed but FCC declined. After considerable discussion, FCC agreed to continue its policy of using the email list primarily for consultation and not for promotion of activities of organisations other than FCC; **THC**: Launch of Covid-19 Business Hardship Fund; **Residents**: Several emails expressing their thanks to Eilidh for this month's edition of The Noticeboard and remarking on the quality of content; **Scottish Rural Action**: October Newsletter: consultation on Scotland's Road Safety Framework to 2030 (send to Active Travel project); **Cllr Angela MacLean** has stimulated an offer from Julie Ferguson (Planning) to meet with FCC to discuss planning concerns and queries. It was agreed through email that the Planning Committee and Bruce would attend the meeting. Becky has emailed Julie to arrange a meeting. Many thanks to Cllr MacLean for all her efforts in assisting FCC; **Community Resilience Plans**: some groups had these in place in the past. THC may be considering a general template for CC's to use in the future; **Resident** thanked Gordon for his efforts on seeking clarification on weight restrictions /signage etc. Resident had included some potentially useful links so our thanks to the resident for those; **CCT**: Sent an invite to the opening of the Sharing Shed on Saturday and Becky will attend on behalf of FCC; **Black Isle Partnership (BIP)**: Invitation to FCC to become a member. Serious issues were raised and discussed about the conflict of both representing FCC and being part of a decision-making body. Becky /Bruce to draft a reply; **Findon Hall**: Becky, as Trustee (Chair of FCC), attended the AGM where accounts were approved and news of the hall opening now for use by the cubs.

Service Requests: Gordon has sent an email to Cllr Gordon Adam, copied to Iain Moncrieff, with grave concerns about the near zero progress this year on the submitted list of work required. Cllr Adam acknowledged the letter and sentiment but no other constructive response has been received. FCC agreed to use a Participation Request to attempt stronger partnership working in resolving the long list of outstanding issues. Bruce to draft for Gordon /Becky to consider.

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

Ferintosh Community Bus: Bruce reported a delay (one month so far) in THC /Stagecoach coming forward with the detailed timetabling for the initial phase of the trial. Once received and discussed, the proposals will go out to consultation to our residents. A draft FAQ document is being developed initially from our residents' queries and using the responses from the project's partners. A draft has been sent out to the 40 or so residents who provided comments and queries in the initial consultation for further comments.

Scottish Rural Action: Bruce, on behalf of FCC, is to be interviewed in the next two weeks by the Rural Reference Group which is exploring community response to the pandemic and issues of community resilience and decision making in the future. Bruce's draft comments were agreed by FCC and would be put out to residents in advance of the interview.

Ferintosh Volunteers: Having completed the litter pick, the group is meeting again to consider a number of future projects.

Email list: Down one at 654.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS (only new information included):

Objections Lodged:

20/01084 /FUL: House and camping pods, 150m NE Grianan, Braes of Dunvournie (inappropriate scale and use of crofting land; road safety concerns).

20/02232/FUL: Erection of two houses, 46m SW Drummondreach Steading, Alcaig (not brownfield).
20/02674/PIP: House, 30m South of Dalshian, Alcaig: Object (sight lines)
20/02989/FUL: Two agricultural buildings, 105m NE of Northwood, Urquhart, Alcaig: Object
20/02676/FUL: Permanent residential caravan, 105m NE of Northwood, Urquhart, Alcaig: Object
20/02677/FUL: Farmhouse, Urquhart Farm, Alcaig: Object

Comments lodged:

20/01453 /FUL: Retrospective application for woodworking business, Old Grain Store, Culbokie (restrict noise to working hours on Monday to Saturday).

New Applications:

20/03125/FUL: Erection of garage extension for workshop (retrospective), 1 Schoolcroft, Culbokie: Granted
20/03421/FUL: Erection of House, north of Rose Cottage, Braes of Balnabeen: To consider hinterland and crofting policies before reply.
20/03992/FUL: House extension, Kinkell Lodge, Easter Kinkell: No comment

AOCB: Time of year to thank all our generous volunteers but how to do that (ideas to Becky); Consider different nights for these meetings to suit all community councillors (Becky to action).

INTERACTION WITH RESIDENTS: None

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Thursday 26 November online at 7pm.

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

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