

FERINTOSH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

APPROVED MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ONLINE ON WEDNESDAY 10 JANUARY 2024

MEMBERS: Paul Cottis, Emilia Leese (Joint Vice-Chair), Alison Lowe (Treasurer), Iain McCallum, Peter Moffatt, Bruce Morrison (Secretary), Becky Richmond (Chair), Aileen Wilson (Joint Vice-Chair).

ALSO PRESENT: Cllr Lyndsey Johnston (Ex-officio member), no residents.

APOLOGIES: PC Robert Smith, 1 resident.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (to take no part in relevant discussions): None.

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES: (excluding actions carried out, carried forward and those considered later in the agenda. Split into 'Report' and 'Discussion'. 'Reports' are circulated to Community Councillors before the meeting (and to residents at the meeting) and not presented orally at the meeting).

Reports: **Associate membership** of local organisations and individuals: Becky to submit some proposals for February.

Community Planning Partnership: Following her attendance at the December meeting, Becky is meeting up with Laura Fisher, seconded from Police Scotland, to discuss the specific Culbokie issue.

Grass Cutting: Paul is meeting with other interested parties next Wednesday.

A835 Junctions: BEAR Scotland have not yet replied about the use of Accident Black Spot signs.

Baluachrach, no pavements internally: Cllr Johnston to follow up with planners. Discussion: No issues.

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

FINANCIAL REPORT: Alison reported a £20 donation to Ferintosh Volunteers for materials for the Xmas Tree Trail. £219.45 was banked from the Wee Bus Cash with £888.92 now ring-fenced for use on the Wee Bus Project (small adjustment necessary next month). £4373.92 now remains available for running costs and community projects.

PLANNING /LICENSING MATTERS (only new information included):

Objections Lodged:

21/04324/PIP: New House, 165m S of Foxlea House, Highfield Park (Hinterland, flooding, contamination). No information.

23/00446/PIP: Residential Development, access, landscaping, drainage and associated works, land at Mount Eagle, Culbokie (i.e. Mount Eagle estate in Culbokie): Objection submitted. No information.

23/02754/S36: Abhainn Dubh Wind Farm (major, 13 turbines), Heights of Dochcarty: THC has been given an extension until 5 July 2024 to make decision (targeting the June NPAC). FCC will reconsider in February 2024.

Comments lodged:

21/05575, 6 and 7/PIP: THC is going to review the planning gain calculation and who processes it (ref. Wee Bus). Iain has written to Malcolm MacLeod (MM) to try and understand why the existing recommendation was not followed through. MM has replied to Iain's prompt saying that other funds can be made available via the Community Transport Team.

ECU00004851 Carn Fearna Scoping: comments lodged following consultation. Iain to set out indicative timetable.

Fairburn Wind Farm extension: Iain has asked to be kept up to date with future proposals.

23/03030/FUL: Single storey extension (amendment 22/00156/FUL), Culbokie Inn, Culbokie, Dingwall, IV7 8JH: Comments were submitted about mitigating potential issues around car parking and noise. GRANTED.

23/05437/PIP: Erection of two houses (renewal of 20/04566/PIP), Land 90M NE of Suil Beinne, Muir of Ord: FCC registered as consultee. Iain has written to Dafydd Jones (no response as yet) about this (and other relevant local applications here) requesting THC's view of where the line is to be drawn between acceptable and over development on this road (plan

submitted). Guidance will also be sought on the need for Enforcement Notices to ensure the safety of pedestrians by providing a 1.2m footpath with resident back up information provided.

23/05543/MSC: Erection of house, Land 25M East of Tyree, Muir of Allangrange, Muir of Ord: FCC registered as consultee. As 23/05437/PIP above.

23/05539/FUL: Erection of extension to dwelling and access point altered, Logie Farmhouse, Muir of Allangrange, Muir of Ord, IV6 7RB: FCC registered as consultee. As 23/05437/PIP above.

Alleged Breaches of Conditions:

23/02254/FUL (renewal of 20/01531/FUL): Plot 1, 45m SE of Mulbuie Hall: No 1.2m pathway. THC replied stating that indeed the pathway should have been constructed and THC will pursue. As 23/05437/PIP above.

Planning Enforcement Charter: Report lodged for alleged breach in the grounds of the former Church of Scotland site at Urquhart (22/00103/ENF). Development activity is now ongoing and will be removed on completion.

New Applications:

23/05741/MSC: Erection of dwelling and associated works (20/02674/PIP), Land 30M South of Dalshian, Alcaig, Conon Bridge: Iain to clarify with planners the existence of both an access to a road and to a field before making comment.

ACTIVE PROJECTS (split into 'Report' and 'Discussion'. Some 'Reports' are now circulated to Community Councillors before the meeting (and to residents at the meeting) and therefore not presented orally at the meeting).

Community Services: Report: Bruce reported bus stop sign concern. Discussion: No issues.

Community Link Project: Report: Nothing to report. Discussion: No issues.

BICC: Report: Alison reported that Cromarty & District CC has obtained Ward funding for using Teams by all BI Community Councils. Discussion: FCC has free access using Zoom. Cllr Johnston and colleagues have responded that Zoom may be a more appropriate community platform.

Ferintosh Volunteers: Report: Aileen /Paul reported that 50 maps and 150 downloads took place with considerable positive feedback, particularly about using a different part of the woods. Discussion: No issues.

Flooding: Cllr Johnston reported no feedback from Iain Moncrieff. Discussion: Cllr Johnston reported wider Black Isle issues recently with offers from the farming community to work with THC on very local solutions.

Pothole Hunters: Report: Bruce sent a report to FCC following a December review meeting with Iain Moncrieff and Laura McAllister. If weather allows, patching will be prioritised at the recycling area, various Culbokie estates and Mossend junction in Easter Kinkell. The Mount Eagle Road was prioritised for the 2024 capital resurfacing programme (yet to be approved). Pothole Hunters will conduct a detailed annual review of roads in March/April in time for a late April review meeting. Cllr Johnston submitted an explanation request of THC's Community Engagement Team for the absence of reporting the Participation Request report. Cllr Johnston reported no feedback and will chase. Discussion: FCC agreed to consider further action in February should there continue to be no THC feedback.

Ferintosh Community Bus (FCB): Report: Supporting our students attend After School Study has started. THC acknowledged FCC's submission concerning a future contract but simply to postpone the January meeting until February and to say that they had also received comments from CSIR. THC is providing an updated draft contract in advance of a February meeting. David Summers, THC, has not acknowledged /responded to FCC's letter that expressed concern about THC's inability to maintain a reasonable rate of progress.

Discussion: Becky, Bruce, Alison suggested that they now research the issues around setting up a Community Transport Organisation and would return to FCC with firm proposals later in the year. FCC agreed. Cllr Johnston suggested contacting Jamie McJimpsey as part of the research (Bruce to follow up).

Noticeboard: Report: Becky reported that the flyers will be ready in the next couple of days and Bruce will begin the distribution this weekend. Becky will come back with timing and actions for next Noticeboard. Discussion: No issues.

Email list: Report: Up 4 to 824 to over 46% (46% estimated as 818 voting residents). Discussion: No issues.

Primary Care Issues: Report: Dingwall Medical Group's next liaison meeting is 15 January (Bruce to attend). Discussion: No issues.

Corntown Junction: Report: No report. Discussion: No issues.

REPORTS (from public bodies and local organisations):

Police Scotland (PS): Report: From PS's report, four incidents had been recorded, namely: on A835 a driver was issued with a fixed penalty for careless driving; on A835 Leanaig, a driver was arrested for drug driving, enquiries ongoing; on A835 Leanaig, a driver was arrested for drug driving, enquiries ongoing; by Alcaig, Conon Bridge, a member of public reported a bag left on public bus and has since been taken by unknown persons, enquiries ongoing. Discussion: Peter asked about FCC expectations about PS (attendance at meetings, what to report, what actions to take) and FCC provided some thoughts for Peter /Becky's meeting to progress.

CORRESPONDENCE and REQUESTS (split into 'Report' and 'Discussion'. 'Reports' are now circulated to Community at do weCouncillors before the meeting (and to residents at the meeting) and not presented orally at the meeting).

Organisations: Report: **Newsletters** from CCT/SCC/SRA/POCF; **Scottish Water:** consultation; **Technology Enabled Care, NHS:** daily posts for a week of examples of technology support; **Lothian & Highland Broadband:** promoting ultrafast broadband to the Black Isle; **THC:** promoting video demonstrating how to use grit bin contents efficiently and safely (https://www.highland.gov.uk/info/20005/roads_and_pavements/107/winter_road_maintenance/3).
Discussion: FCC agreed not to progress broadband enquiry.

Residents: Report: more legal details behind **pavement parking legislation**; concern about **lack of footpath to Mulbuie** for school student to meet up with school bus; **request for grit bin** (provided THC link); a re-request to **consider extending the 40mph zone** around Easter Kinkell in both east and west directions (Paul to send in a re-request). Discussion: Paul raised concerns about lower levels of **pavement gritting** but Cllr Johnston confirmed that the same policies/priorities were in place this winter cf. previous winters.

INTERACTION WITH RESIDENTS: None.

AOCB: Cllr Johnston submitted apologies for next meeting.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: **Wednesday 14 February online at 7.15pm.**

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

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