

FERINTOSH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2017 IN CULBOKIE PRIMARY SCHOOL

MEMBERS: Evelyn Campbell, Sally Falconer, Colin Lawrence (Treasurer), Iain McCallum (Vice Chair), Bruce Morrison (Chair /Secretary)

ALSO PRESENT: 6 residents

APOLOGIES: Margaret Kinsman, Roslind MacNaughton, Cllr Craig Fraser, Cllr Isobel McCallum, PC Mike Howitt

POLICE MATTERS: PC Mike Howitt reported on his investigation of the damaged noticeboard outside the Culbokie shop. Rather than vandalism, his judgement was vehicle damage overnight on an icy surface and it's been confirmed that a salt bin is present for local use. One speed check at Mulbuie School resulted in one fixed penalty notice for speeding. Police also reporting spate of thefts from unlocked vehicles in the Black Isle area.

MINUTES: January's minutes were approved (proposed by Sally, seconded by Evelyn).

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

MATTERS ARISING: (excluding actions carried out, carried forward and those considered later in the agenda): None

WRITTEN FINANCIAL REPORT: Colin explained just one transaction (payment for hall hire) in the month. £5,200 is available for community support with outstanding payments still to be made for replacing noticeboard glass and the defibrillator transfer. The Speedwatch team has decided to use the existing speed signs flexibly and so the request for funding to the Ward Discretionary Fund for a new sign is to be withdrawn. **Action: Colin**

CORRESPONDENCE and REQUESTS: Information on setting up **Community Cycle Clubs; Coalition of Community Councils** has been proposed to lobby against the **ship-to-ship oil transfer** licence. FCC has decided to wait for the new application and re-appraise its position before deciding on further lobbying activity; Resident concern about **non-resident parking** has been provided with advice from THC; **Tree Charter** – a UK -wide initiative to set this up has requested individual responses from community councillors to gain evidence of the value link of communities with trees; Consultation on the future of the **Scottish Planning System** is underway with a drop-in event in Inverness on 27 February (**Action: Bruce**); Consultation from **Stagecoach on Bus Timetable Changes** with event in Inverness on 23 February (**Action: Bruce**).

MAIN DISCUSSION: SEEKING A NEW CHAIR OF FERINTOSH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

FCC carried out its final publicity in its search for a Chair. No response or comment was received after articles appeared in Noticeboard, Ross-shire Journal, North Star and Inverness Courier. With no full time Chair possible, FCC has again had discussions both within itself and with THC on temporary ways of continuing to run FCC beyond May. From a number of models, a model with four Office Bearers, three of whom would each be Chair for four months out of twelve was agreed as the most likely. Who would be willing to come forward for these four positions in May remains unresolved and further discussions will be held to try and find a solution.

ACTIVE PROJECTS:

LEAD PROJECT - SUPPORT FOR THOSE WHO NEED SUPPORT

The 'Support' group (Bruce, Evelyn, Ros) met to review the knowledge already accumulated and decided that the provision of a signposting service for the community and for the health and social care services could fill a gap in current provision. The idea here is that activities and support in the community that already exist will not always be known either to residents or to the public services who are providing care packages for our residents. The action by FCC therefore could be to build a team of voluntary 'signposters' in the community who would make it their task to build their knowledge of relevant community activities. FCC would then promote that resource to the community and to the public services. The group has tested the idea with Chris Arnold, Area Manager for the NHS, who recognises this gap in provision and would support the creation of a signposting service. Chris was particularly keen on promoting community transport (e.g. Ferintosh Bus Link), offers of friendship, using the NHS networking contact list and his Integrated Care Team. Chris would be happy to meet with any groups in the future.

Ferintosh Bus Link -have been unable to obtain Stagecoach's support for some PR so will use Noticeboard.

Help for Resident – a further discussion took place to understand a shortfall in support and some guidance from NHS was relayed back.

Local Carers -information about all possible meeting venues in the area was provided to Black Isle Cares in order to encourage meetings of the care teams to meet in our community.

Crask Junction: FCC has sent in a letter of support for THC's planning application to re-route this junction. Further survey work has been carried out in the area.

Speed Issues Outstanding: Culbokie Speedwatch team has taken a break in its activities until April. THC has agreed to speed monitoring at the NE end of Culbokie in March; **Reducing speeds on approved cycleways** – have approached Sustrans for guidance.

Broadband: Kate Forbes MSP and her team have followed up discussions with FCC with an offer to request the presence of a BT representative for our March meeting. Her team has also persuaded BT to look into the particular circumstances and future planned provision for any resident requests. Her team has also stimulated an update from HIE informing us that 86% of residents in the H&I will be connected by the end of 2017 but with an admission that only 70% will have access to speeds greater than 24 mb/s. The target of the Scottish Government is 100% access by 2021 with a new contract for Scotland being rolled out from 2018.

Service Requests Outstanding: Have requested a six month review with THC on the outstanding issues of **Pedestrian crossing** at A835/B9163 junction; **Flood damage** to house; **Inadequate signage around Mulbuie School; Flooding down** road opposite shop; **White Lining; Bollards** hard to see. **Action: Bruce**

Bus Stop at Duncanston: Bear Scotland has agreed to help with repainting the lines once THC has been consulted. **Action: Sally**

Culbokie Gathering: All the main organisations in Culbokie met and agreed to go ahead with a much bigger, sports /activity-orientated event this year on September 16. The Resolis community has agreed

to help, with the idea that Resolis and Culbokie would support each other to run major events in alternate years. Meeting is planned at Fortrose Academy this week to engage with a team of teenagers.

Safer Routes to Schools: Received feedback that parental control of child cyclists will manage the careful use of the new facilities. Need to check that the build-outs have an internal channel for cyclists.

Representative and Appointed Positions:

Black Isle Community Councils – Met in February. The meeting felt that a community run Care Home was a non-starter. Also much discussion about accessing £2M of funding from a Landscaping Fund. A resident pointed out that CCT had been in touch with ideas towards projects concerned with archaeology, history, tourism etc.

Culbokie Community Trust – Discussions have now begun between CCT and potential developers of the neighbouring housing site at Glascairn.

LEADER – Short of quality applications.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS (only new information included):

Update on Objections lodged:

Beechfield, 2 Houses (24 objections; to be considered by NPAC); New house, NW of Feorvan (to be considered by NPAC); Eight Acres – Developer has gone to appeal; the Reporter has conducted a site visit and requested of THC its views on safety concerns.

Update on Comments lodged: New House, E of Dunionn, Bog of Findon (concern about Crask junction; decision awaited).

New Applications:

16/05756/FUL – Re-alignment of road; 70m N of High Birches (Crask Junction) – FCC sent letter of support

16/05668 /FUL – Agricultural building; Rootfield Farm – No comment

16/05714/FUL – New house; Plots 5/6 Findon – No comment

Past Applications: Previous approval had been given for chicken shed at Brackla with a house only to be built after completion of the chicken shed. The site is now up for sale.

Weekly list of planning applications : Apology was received from THC for poor implementation of new system but is now working smoothly. However, the quantity of material being sent may be difficult to access in areas of poor broadband provision.

AOCB: Defer decisions on providing material for the website.

INTERACTION WITH RESIDENTS: None

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday 20 March, 7pm, Mulbuie Hall

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

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