

FERINTOSH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2018 IN FERINTOSH HALL

MEMBERS: Sally Falconer, Colin Lawrence (Chair), Iain McCallum, Bruce Morrison (Secretary), Becky Richmond (Vice Chair)

ALSO PRESENT: Cllr Craig Fraser, PC Mark Chappell, 4 residents

APOLOGIES: Margaret Kinsman (Treasurer), Roslind MacNaughton, Cllr Gordon Adam, 3 residents

POLICE MATTERS: PC Mark Chappell reported that by directing their patrols at Mulbuie School on three separate occasions, 6 drivers were charged with speeding (4 reported, 2 fixed penalties) and 1 reported for dangerous driving. Ferintosh and Culbokie Schools are also listed for attention. Residents are being asked (please call 101 and quote NE1284/18) for any information about a theft of tools and fuel at the Freyssinet site near Findon Farm, Culbokie. An unknown vehicle was seen at 01.30 hr on 27 January.

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

Black Isle Community Councils (BICCS) /Community Empowerment: Colin had established a common interest amongst the other Community Councils in the Community Empowerment Act and, in particular, using Participation Requests to improve consultation processes. FCC will raise specific proposals for discussion around planning (**Action: Iain**); **Electoral Reform in Scotland:** Has been circulated to the email address list and noted the high quality of the consultation form; **Noticeboard:** Colin has explored the possibility of both electronic and physical delivery but complexity is too great to be reliable. Report back to those offering pilots (**Action: Colin**); **Rural Wellbeing Conference:** Bruce didn't attend due to illness; **Unauthorised Sign:** Becky has requested new sign to prevent lorry access at Braes of Dunvornie; **BT Cabinet at Dunvornie:** is Open Reach fibre box to upgrade broadband service to Balnabeen and further cabinet to be put into Balnabeen.

MINUTES: January's minutes were approved (proposed by Iain, seconded by Sally) and duly adopted.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

FINANCIAL REPORT: Margaret has tendered her resignation to take place from May's AGM due to work changes and extra responsibilities. Colin presented Margaret's report: £21 to Mulbuie Hall and £77 for Bruce's administration expenses. Balance of £5,777 with outstanding commitments of £1K. Contribution of £70 to Ferintosh senior citizen's annual event was agreed.

THC Budget decisions last week will result in 50% reductions in both the Ward Discretionary Fund and the Community Council grant. Cllr Fraser argued against the reductions last week on the basis that a small amount of Ward funding leverages in many multiples of other funding for community projects.

A proposal for this year's £200 support of volunteer ground maintenance has been put to the Ward Discretionary Fund whilst we establish the position of the Winter Resilience Fund.

Insurance: Zurich's policies have been received with no change in premium.

CORRESPONDENCE and REQUESTS:

Scottish Government Consultation on GP Contract: Bruce attended an Inverness event to hear about the new GP contract and to feedback the concerns of residents. The contract has been drawn up following considerable national consultation and focuses on delivering for patients: Contact (access to GP's), Comprehensiveness (range of services available), Continuity (lifelong relationships between doctor and patient) and Co-ordination (improved information about all services). The top concerns from

residents that have been passed on were the difficulties of providing the complete range of services in our rural practices, the weakening of the relationship with the GP, the poor co-ordination of care from different health professionals including those in secondary care and the considerable time waiting for an appointment. Although the basic contract has been agreed between SG and the BMA, it was explained that how the contract is implemented locally will evolve and a commitment was made for continuous engagement to take place over the years of implementation in order to address patients' concerns. FCC will ensure that it remains part of that engagement process. The report about this consultation, when received, will be circulated to residents and briefed through Noticeboard.

Fly tipping: Using the bin beside the shop for household waste is an offence and fines apply; **SNH Consultation on Ben Wyvis Management:** Iain reported back from the Garve consultation. The detailed management of the nature reserve was discussed at the consultation; **Scottish Government Consultation on Social Isolation:** FCC has circulated but unable to attend; **Stagecoach Consultation on Bus Timetable Changes:** No major changes or concerns reported; **Cromarty Bridge Works Licence Changes:** No comment required; **Mulbuie Summer Fair:** Mulbuie Hall is proposing to hold a Summer Fair on Saturday 19th May; **Noticeboard:** There's been a request for copies of the original series (60 issues) of Noticeboards (not of the current batch of 51) in order to inform a history project; **Orienteering Course** in Culbokie Woods: In part helped by FCC, CCT has developed this resource for all, including all schools in the FCC area.

Service Requests: Potholes: Becky compiling a list in the area; **Iain Moncrieff:** seeking a meeting to survey the FCC area; Cllr Fraser is seeking meetings to resolve the large backlogs in the system of **road repairs**; flood risks and gorse cutting still outstanding.

ACTIVE PROJECTS:

Buses /Community Transport: Bruce met with the Culbokie Action Group (which is continuing its lobbying activities) to become better informed about the continuing difficulties of commuter travelling. Following a meeting with Sheila Fletcher about community transport in general, it's difficult to see a strong business case for the community buying its own vehicle. However, Culbokie School has recently applied to a P&J competition for a minibus and depending on that outcome, FCC would consider facilitating a collaboration of many community groups to explore the business case again.

Broadband: See above. Easter Kinkell Fibre Partnership has submitted an application to Open Reach.

Support Project: Dr Miles Mack invited FCC to the Dingwall practice to explain GP's views about the GP contract (see above). Bruce and Ros learned about the possibilities for Links Workers and Social Prescribing as two areas for potential collaboration between Primary Care and the community. Ros has invited a representative from Black Isle Cares (BIC) to join FCC's monthly meeting on March 19, Culbokie School, to explore the expansion of BIC's 'meals on wheels' service to the FCC area.

Crask Junction: Bruce, with the help of a retired resident professional, has submitted to THC a view of which criteria could be used in prioritising smaller roads projects. A recent decision by THC to maintain loan finance levels in its revenue budget is likely to lead to the removal of any capital for smaller roads projects, such as Crask. FCC has written to THC to argue the case that capital should be spent on the basis of value for money (including keeping residents safe) and not exclude smaller projects indiscriminately.

LEADER: The fund is undersubscribed.

Port of Cromarty Firth Authority: Becky attended the January meeting. 91 cruise ships are booked for this year. A public consultation is due about its Phase 4 quay extension (£25M investment). There's a fund available for community projects as well as applications welcome for time/resources in-kind

support to carry out community work provided there is a letter of support from the local community council.

Email List Development: There has been a net increase of 10 (now 416) this month.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS (only new information included):

Update on Objections lodged: New house SW of Feoran, Culbokie (17/03599/PIP: no update); New house west of Eight Acres (17/05345/FUL: reassurances have been obtained by FCC and permission has been granted; FCC to request clarity on the implementation of pavements in relation to the future development (**Action: Iain**)).

New Applications:

18/00117 /PNO: New food store, land S of Foxlea House, Highfield: No comment

18/00493/PIP: New house, 80m NE of Beechfield, Newton of Kinkell: Object

17/05843/FUL: Demolish sheds, new house, 70m SW of Shoretown Farm, Alcaig: Comment on size of the plot with potential for residential over-development.

18/00291/PIP: House plot, Meiklefindon Steading, Culbokie (previously granted 2015): No comment

18/00359/PNO: Agricultural building, 90m SW of Feorvan, Crask: Comment on increased agricultural traffic in to a dangerous junction.

18/00558/FUL: Extension to house and garage, Cambuslochy, Easter Kinkell: No comment

18/00566/PIP: New house, Site 2 west of Milford, Alcaig (previously granted 2015): No comment

Renewed application for a meteorological mast for the Clare Wind Farm: Noted

Final Inner Moray Firth Development Plan has been published with comments that were put by FCC. However, there are changes to potential wind farm development areas and FCC will look in more detail at the possible consequences.

Consultation on Developers Contributions: Iain explained that this is an attempt to construct a formula. As a highly technical process, FCC will not make a contribution but, at a later stage, will request involvement in the application of any development gains.

AOCB: None

INTERACTION WITH RESIDENTS: None

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday 19 March, 7pm, Culbokie Primary School

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

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