

FERINTOSH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 19 MARCH 2018 IN CULBOKIE PRIMARY SCHOOL

MEMBERS: Sally Falconer, Colin Lawrence (Chair), Roslind MacNaughton, Iain McCallum, Bruce Morrison (Secretary),

ALSO PRESENT: Cllr Gordon Adam, Lesley Bowman & Brian Devlin (Back Isle Cares), 6 residents

APOLOGIES: Margaret Kinsman (Treasurer), Becky Richmond (Vice Chair), Cllr Craig Fraser, 4 residents

POLICE MATTERS: No report received.

MAIN DISCUSSION: MEALS ON WHEELS (Lesley Bowman, Brian Devlin; Black Isle Cares):

Brian explained that in Black Isle Cares' (BIC) early days, a public consultation revealed the need for Home Carers and Meals on Wheels (M o W) as the top two residents' requirements. M o W has developed successfully to now having 33 volunteers delivering meals. From a Munloch base, the service has now expanded to the north side of the Black Isle (3 clients) and given the obvious demand in the FCC area, local volunteers are now being looked for to expand here as well.

Lesley explained that the service provides 2 nutritious courses for £5 as well as the befriending support to counter loneliness with normally 2 volunteers making each visit. The current requirement of a volunteer in the FCC area would be 60 to 90 minutes, 1 day per week. As the service expands, the maximum would be 3 days per week or less as controlled by the volunteer. All training, mentoring, registrations (PVG etc) and equipment will be provided by BIC and introductory experiences could be organised before agreeing to volunteer. Currently travelling expenses are not available but BIC is seeking a possible source of funding. Current volunteers are all ages from late teens to early 80's therefore providing scope for intergenerational experiences, developing friendships and a sense of community.

FCC is content to take this on as a project and to promote the scheme in order to seek a core group of volunteers.

Action: Colin /Ros /Bruce

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

Black Isle Community Councils (BICCS) /Community Empowerment: In relation to the current planning system, Iain sees no need for a change in the consultative arrangements with FCC and therefore no need currently for the use of a Participation Request. However, under discussion is a new Planning Scotland Act which creates the possibility of communities creating their own development plan within a new shorter 5 year cycle. Training and funding would be provided for this pretty onerous task. Iain also explained the proposal being discussed for Equal Rights of Appeal (ERA). Currently only the developer (applicant) is able to appeal a decision and not a community but providing equal appeal rights is being considered. Within the new proposed act remains a phrase that, if necessary, public good can trump community need.

Noticeboard: A proposal to try and move all residents towards electronic delivery was turned down as too complex but those offering to try were thanked for their interest.

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

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

FINANCIAL REPORT: Colin presented Margaret's report: Balance remains at approx. £5.7K. Grass cutting provision - £200 approved from the Ward Discretionary Fund for this year's village maintenance.

CORRESPONDENCE and REQUESTS:

Consultation from THC: Inverness East Development Brief & Developer Contributions Guidance: Iain looked at the guidance and considered that there was no need to comment.

Scottish Government Consultation on GP Contract: FCC has now received the feedback from the Inverness event and has been circulated to those interested residents and FCC. A brief summary of issues raised will appear in Noticeboard. Feedback report from the full Scottish consultation is awaited.

Management of Schools Phase 2 Proposals: Nationally, there are proposals to cluster as many as up to seven schools to be run by non-teaching managers which would save 30 to 40 Headship positions. Nationally the idea of clustering seems to work well in pilots in urban areas with high density of schools and with very small rural schools e.g. Ferintosh /Mulbuie. However, there is considerable concern for all other situations and, in particular, Culbokie Parents Council is strongly opposed to clustering with Resolis. FCC agreed to support the view of its parents' residents in opposing the clustering of Culbokie Primary.

Scottish Water Consultation: Shaping the Future: survey to be sent out on the email list; **Co-op Funding for Local Causes:** Noted; **Cromarty Bridge Works Licence Variation:** new final date is 31st August 2018; **North of Scotland SSE's Resilient Communities Fund:** Noted; **Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Consultation:** Colin will complete and circulate to FCC; **Grass Cutting Provision:** Received from THC the new in-house arrangements for grass cutting in 2018 and FCC agreed to monitor the impact; **Community Partnership Meeting:** Bruce will attend; **Fortrose Medical Practice Developments:** FCC has been asked to become a stakeholder in developing the future expansion plans of this medical practice. Since some FCC residents are registered in Fortrose, FCC will become a stakeholder using Bruce /FCC email address as contact; **Bank Closures:** Consultation by Scottish Parliament's Economy, Jobs and Fair Work Committee and also from HIE: FCC has received these consultations and should any resident wish to comment then FCC can provide the necessary links.

Service Requests: No report

ACTIVE PROJECTS:

Buses /Community Transport: Culbokie Parents Council put in a bid for a mini bus but another school was successful. Bruce has asked whether the Parents Council would be looking for their own future funding or whether they would consider a village collaboration. **Action: Bruce**

Bus shelter – Cllr Adam will follow up.

Broadband: Nothing to report

Crask Junction: THC has now approved a five year capital plan with no allocation for the Crask junction and no mechanism to seek approval within that five year period. The risk to all road users remains, of course, and Bruce made three proposals to FCC for future action. The first is that THC be requested to carry out an independent risk assessment comparing the value for money of investing in either Crask or the Newhall Bridge. The sums of capital required between the two schemes are similar and FCC could make the case for current planned spending to be diverted to Crask which may deliver greater risk reduction to residents. The second is to organise a Crask Summit involving residents, THC, Police Scotland with attendant publicity in order to raise awareness to all drivers of the risk and seek alternative solutions. The third is to seek a response from THC to FCC's previous suggestions on the

value of small capital projects which so far has been ignored. LEADER will not fund Crask. FCC agreed with these proposals and Cllr Adam agreed to follow up. **Action: Bruce**

LEADER: No applications have been received.

Port of Cromarty Firth Authority: Nothing to report.

Email List Development: No net increase, remains at 416 (approx. 42% of voters).

PLANNING APPLICATIONS (only new information included):

Update on Objections lodged: New house SW of Feoran, Culbokie (17/03599/PIP: no update); 18/00493/PIP: New house, 80m NE of Beechfield, Newton of Kinkell (14 objections).

New house west of Eight Acres (17/05345/FUL: Approved. FCC to request clarity of implementation of pavements in relation to future development (**Action: Iain**).

New Applications:

18/00507 /MSC: New house, 90mNE of Suil Beinne, Muir of Ord (submission of conditions from previous PIP): No comment

18/00675/FUL: New house, 45m west of Tornapress, Kinkell: No comment

18/01028/FUL: House alterations, Inchbroom, Highfield Park: No comment

AOCB: None

INTERACTION WITH RESIDENTS: None

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday 16 April, 7pm, Mulbuie Hall

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