

FERINTOSH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 16 APRIL 2018 IN MULBUIE HALL

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

ALSO PRESENT: Cllr Gordon Adam, PC James Winter, 4 residents

APOLOGIES: Margaret Kinsman (Treasurer), PC Mark Chappell

POLICE MATTERS: PC Chappell sent in a report, delivered by PC Winter, with the comment that very few incidents had occurred. However, there was a theft from a Culbokie property of 800l of fuel from a fuel tank at the rear of the property. With thefts in mind, the police are encouraging residents to ensure all outbuildings, vehicles etc are kept locked and oil tanks alarmed. The Rural Watch scheme was again raised with more details to be found at www.ruralwatchscotland.co.uk. Speed checks at Mulbuie School resulted in two drivers receiving fixed penalty notices and one driver reported for speeding within the 20mph zone. There's still a desire by FCC to introduce a 40mph zone around Mulbuie School. More Dingwall officers are undergoing training to use speed detection devices.

MATTERS ARISING: (excluding actions carried out, carried forward and those considered later in the agenda): **Meals on Wheels:** The request for volunteers was publicised in the Minutes, through email and leaflets at the shop. Follow up with Black Isle Cares. **Action: Ros**

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

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Bruce declared an interest as a CCT Board member in discussion about CCT seeking support for the Culbokie Community Hub and would not take part in the discussion.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Colin reported on a surplus of £5977 balance (also end of year balance).

CORRESPONDENCE and REQUESTS: Scottish Fire & Rescue Service Consultation: FCC (Colin) submitted its comments emphasising the continuing need for a quick response to emergencies whilst supporting preventative work /fire awareness training for vulnerable residents. Comments included support for terrorism and dealing with higher rainfall but requested that local consultation take place about any plans to close local stations; **Mid Ross Community Partnership Meeting:** Bruce attended its latest meeting as it works on developing a LOIP (local outcomes improvement plan) for Dingwall with the Contin LOIP already underway. The main objective is to reduce inequality and by engaging with residents and using local statistical information, appropriate actions are being targeted. This meeting /workshop focused on overcoming the difficulties of engaging with the very residents who are facing unequal outcomes. Chris Arnold (NHS, Area Manager) has offered to engage with our community as part of the Community Partnership activity. Dr Miles Mack (Dingwall Health Practice) has also offered to engage with our community in the light of the new GP contract. FCC agreed to invite both to the June meeting and invite CCT and other groups and residents for a community consultation.

Review of Polling Places: Colin reviewed the impact of FCC's comments that were submitted. The welcome feedback is the action now to revert to using the local halls in Culbokie and Muir of Ord rather than using the schools.

CCT has invited FCC and all residents to the 10 year anniversary of the Culbokie Community Market on Saturday 19 May at 10am; a special occasion with a special feel.

Service Requests: Becky reported on the flood prevention measures but there continues to be no response from THC over now a six month period. Cllr Adam agreed to take up the issue of complete lack

of communication and action from THC. Becky is requesting more information about the SSE fund for flood prevention.

ACTIVE PROJECTS:

Buses /Community Transport: Culbokie Action Group has received a positive response from Stagecoach and others to convene a partnership meeting to explore possible sustainable solutions. The group has also been active in seeking help to find funding for community transport and will look for support from other parties e.g. school, FCC etc. Installation of the bus shelter on the A9 is delayed until May /June.

Broadband: Nothing to report.

Crask Junction: Bruce has again pursued the senior Members and Officers of THC and, on this occasion, received both a very quick response and a sincere apology for lack of previous responses. Cllr Alister Mackinnon (Budget Leader) met with Bruce at the Crask junction and the subsequent meeting explored all the options agreed at the FCC meeting last month. Cllr Mackinnon explained that a new budget group of senior Members was convening for the first time on Tuesday 17 April and he would meet Bruce again after that meeting where Crask would be introduced. Cllr Adam reported back on discussions about a technological solution with THC and after an unhelpful response, Cllr Adam will follow up with a meeting.

LEADER: No meeting this month. Four applications to be considered in July and, if approved, will essentially use up the fund.

Port of Cromarty Firth Authority: Becky will attend a meeting in April.

Email List Development: Net increase of four this month to 420 (approx. 42% of voters).

Culbokie Community Hub: Becky explained that CCT has approached FCC to become a project supporter of the Culbokie Community Hub project. Becky proposed agreement to this and would circulate a draft letter for approval from FCC; meeting agreed. **Action: Becky**

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 (to go to NPAC; added after the meeting as follows: determination out of time so following a developer's appeal, application is to go to the Planning Review Board).

New house west of Eight Acres (17/05345/FUL: Approved. Iain to explore with Cllr Adam how FCC can make the case for the implementation of the full safety works for the development.

New Applications:

18/01052 /MSC: New house, 75m SE of 11 The Cairns (plot 12b), Culbokie: No comment

18/01132/FUL: Extensions to Braefindon Cottage, Culbo Road: No comment

18/01240/PNO: Agricultural building, Rootfieldwest Farm: No comment

AOCB: FCC agreed to raise the possibility of undergrounding electric cables as and when a planning application comes forward for the Glascairn development.

INTERACTION WITH RESIDENTS: No issues raised.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING (including AGM): Monday 21 May, 7pm, Ferintosh Hall

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