

FERINTOSH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 21 MAY 2018 IN FERINTOSH HALL

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

ALSO PRESENT: Cllr Gordon Adam, Cllr Craig Fraser, Cllr Alister Mackinnon, 7 residents

APOLOGIES: Roslind MacNaughton, PC Mark Chappell, 4 residents

POLICE MATTERS: PC Chappell sent in a report which included an incident at the mast, speed checking and fires. On 10th May, a male, well known to the police, broke into the Mount Eagle service station, claimed to have climbed the mast and has been arrested and charged. Speed checking at Mulbuie and Ferintosh Schools has resulted in two drivers receiving fixed penalties for speeding, four were reported to the Procurator Fiscal for speeding and one for careless driving. On three successive days recently, several suspicious fires have been reported in Culbokie Woods. Whilst ongoing investigation continues to establish whether crimes have been committed, several youths have been spoken to with one recommended to attend a fire related course. PC Chappell is liaising with the Fire and Rescue Service to visit schools before the summer holidays to inform students of fire risk. This police initiative will be put on to FCC's Facebook page. Colin observed that there seems to be a higher proportion of drivers (who are being stopped for speeding) being prosecuted.

Police Scotland is focusing on door step crime, particularly affecting the vulnerable and elderly, over the next two weeks.

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

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

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

FINANCIAL REPORT: Colin reported on a positive balance of £5977. There is a substantial reduction in THC's grant from over £1300 to £613. Fortunately, FCC has a healthy balance from prudent management but supporting projects will become more difficult in the future. FCC agreed to continue to ring fence £500 for each of the projects previously discussed with Ferintosh and Findon Halls. FCC agreed that Colin could confirm with THC the previous address details for community councillors, delete Margaret as a signatory whilst adding Becky as a signatory. There would then be four cheque signatories (Colin, Bruce, Iain, Becky).

Colin noted that insurance is now under the control of FCC and not THC with one advantage of readily being able to add the Noticeboard volunteers into the policy (with no premium increase).

CORRESPONDENCE and REQUESTS: Garden Waste Collection Service: THC has written to residents in the most densely populated areas of Culbokie to offer the brown bin collection service from early July. The paid service (£35 p.a.) has been running for two years along the most populated routes in the Highlands. The uptake has been roughly 50% of residents and the resulting spare capacity is being offered to Culbokie and Kirkhill.

Energy Saving Trust (www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/scotland): Home Energy Scotland Loan 2018 has been launched on a first-come, first-served basis to encourage energy efficiency improvements. To be publicised on Facebook/website; **Fortrose Academy** – Wellbeing in the Black Isle, 6pm to 8pm, Thursday

7 June, being run jointly with Choose Life, Police Scotland and Highland Council, Becky attending; **Kinlochbervie CC** – looking for support in its campaign to avoid public toilet closures and residents can support through <https://you.38degrees.org.uk/p/hcdontcloseourloos> ; **Calico** – has publicised the availability of the .scot domain names but FCC declined to apply; **Scottish Cycling** – a training event to become a Breeze Champion (to support women into cycling) is running on Saturday 16 June; **Improvement Service**: is promoting an event, A Nation's Tribute to be held on 11 November 2018, to commemorate 100 years since the end of WW1; **THC, Wayfinding Strategy for Inverness City Centre**: a consultation is now underway and can be found at www.consult.highland.gov.uk ; **A9/ A82 Longman Junction Improvement**: public exhibitions available on Tuesday 29 May (Inverness Town House) and Wednesday 30 May (ICT Football Stadium), 12pm to 7pm both days; **Pothole on Munloch -Culbokie road**: there is a possible cable exposure in this pothole which has been reported to SSE.

Service Requests: Becky reported on the flood prevention measures where no THC response is forthcoming and Cllr Adam has agreed to take up the issue.

Becky and Bruce met with residents concerned about speeding vehicles at the SW entry to Culbokie. Actions include a possible Police talk at the Parents Council; reviewing again in June once more speed monitoring data is available; and to look again at the possibility of Speedwatch.

ACTIVE PROJECTS:

Health and Social Care Alliance Scotland: <https://www.alliance-scotland.org.uk/blog/news/your-gp-and-you-ensuring-access-to-the-right-person-in-the-right-place-at-the-right-time/>. The report from the nationwide consultation about the new GP contract can be found at this address. The report is a well presented, accessible account of the objectives for the changes and the concerns raised around Scotland. There is a commitment to continuous engagement over the three year implementation period and this report will provide a sound framework to assess whether concerns are being addressed. There is strong support recommended for community engagement and for the enhancement of the Link Worker scheme that recognises local groups as an important part of wellbeing support. **FCC is holding a Local Health Forum** at its next meeting in June (Monday 18 June, Culbokie, 7pm to 8pm) including Dr Miles Mack, Dingwall Medical Practice, as a contributor.

Meals on Wheels – no volunteers have come forward so will promote on Noticeboard and website /Facebook. FCC would like to support the extension into our area as we are hearing about residents who would welcome the service. Ros has spoken with Black Isle Cares and they confirmed again their offer of trial runs for potential volunteers to see what is involved.

Buses /Community Transport: Bruce was present at Culbokie Action Group's initiative to hold a partnership meeting that Stagecoach hosted at its Inverness HQ. Cllrs Gordon Adam and Craig Fraser were present as well as David Summers (THC). Minutes have not yet been received but actions were agreed on THC and Stagecoach to look at the use of the bus for the Gaelic School; to look at the very short interchange time for the morning commuters; to look again at the morning diversion through Culbokie of the A9 Bus and for THC to move on with partnership working with Stagecoach so that best value can incorporate wider benefits of a rural bus service and not just on a route by route basis. The bus shelter has now been installed for the A9 south bound stop at Duncanston.

CAG is pursuing a possible partnership of organisations in the FCC area to assemble a case for purchasing and running a minibus for the community.

Broadband: Nothing to report.

Crask Junction: Bruce has been contacted by phone on a number of occasions since the last meeting by Cllr Mackinnon to explain that a meeting with the Black Isle Ward Members was being organised with himself and Colin Howell to explore diverting the funding from Newhall Bridge to Crask. He also confirmed that failing that proposal, the plan B of seeking funding for this small project if major projects slip is still possible.

Cllrs Mckinnon, Fraser and Adam all provided feedback from the meeting that decided the available capital should remain prioritised for the Newhall Bridge. They informed the meeting that structural weaknesses made the condition of the bridge perilous whilst the absence of a land acquisition deal at Crask introduced further delays. Bruce questioned the need for delay when tendering can continue in parallel with land acquisition.

Cllr Mackinnon gave an unqualified commitment to doing everything he could to bring the Crask project to fruition under Plan B i.e. if slippage in a major capital project occurs, then a minor project such as Crask can be funded. All councillors provided a commitment to a detailed update at every monthly meeting of FCC.

Given that the project may not be completed for many months or years, Bruce presented the case for a Crask Summit and some activity that will raise awareness of the dangers to all users of the B9169. Cllrs Fraser and Adam agreed to report back at the next meeting on what a PR campaign might look like.

Cllr Adam will look again at what possible technological solutions may be available.

Crask residents present thanked everyone for their efforts to solve this issue and suggested double white lining (Cllr Adam to progress) and speed checks (Bruce to progress).

Bruce thanked Cllr Mackinnon for his efforts to inject momentum into this project.

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 attended a meeting in April with the following headlines: first decommissioning project in the summer; new phase of Beatrice Field so more jobs; Global have contract for turbines; Russian cruise ships being encouraged; already 100 cruise ships for next year booked; Nigg oil line disconnected so potential job losses; nothing on ship-to-ship oil transfer;

Letter of Support for CCT Community Hub – Draft letter was agreed and will be sent to CCT (Bruce took no part in this discussion - previous declaration of interest).

Email List Development: Net increase of three this month to 423 (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 (appeal has been lodged because of lack of timeous decision)

New house west of Eight Acres (17/05345/FUL: Approved. Iain to write to Stuart Black, Director of Planning, on how the implementation of the safety works is to be enforced.

New Applications:

18/01628 /FUL: New House, 1 The Cairns, Culbokie (reapplication for expired consent but foundations have been laid): 4 objections; FCC lodged comments about surface water and requirement not to increase outside dimensions from original application.

18/01659 /FUL: Extension to Roalma, Braes of Dunvornie: No comment

18/01726 /PNO: Agricultural building, 75m SE of Mulbuie School House: No comment

18/01992/MSC: New house, 30m SE of 11 The Cairns, Culbokie: Comment about the need for an overall surface water drainage assessment for the whole of The Cairns development

18/01745/FUL: New house, opposite Mulbuie School: comments back to Iain by Wednesday (Action: All)

AOCB: GDPR arrangements for FCC. Bruce /Colin explained that, following advice from THC, a Privacy Statement had been drawn up (approved by FCC) to be sent to all residents for whom we hold email addresses and other contact details. From 25 May, all permissions to hold contact data will be retained. The three organisers of Noticeboard who have access to FCC's contact details will be asked to confirm these contact details and their acceptance of the Privacy Statement.

INTERACTION WITH RESIDENTS: No issues raised.

Closing Meeting: In closing her first meeting as Chair, Becky thanked Colin and Bruce and other CCs for their support in preparation.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday 18 June, 8pm, Culbokie Primary School (Local Health Forum at 7pm to 8pm)

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