

## FERINTOSH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 18 JUNE 2018 IN CULBOKIE PRIMARY SCHOOL

**MEMBERS:** Sally Falconer, Iain McCallum, Roslind MacNaughton, Becky Richmond (Chair)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Cllr Gordon Adam, 6 residents

**APOLOGIES:** Bruce Morrison (Secretary), Colin Lawrence (Treasurer), PC Mark Chappell, Cllr Craig Fraser, 1 resident

**POLICE MATTERS:** PC Chappell sent in a report. On 22nd May there was a 1 vehicle road traffic collision on the B9169 towards Duncanston causing extensive damage to the vehicle. The driver was subsequently charged for several road traffic offences.

Speed checks were carried out at Culbokie Primary School on morning of 31st May and, as a result, 2 drivers were given verbal warnings.

On 1st June on the A835 near Easter Kinkell, one motorist was issued a fixed penalty for the use of a mobile phone whilst driving.

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

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

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Becky reported on a positive balance of £5,790. FCC agreed to continue to ring fence £500 for each of the projects previously discussed with Ferintosh and Findon Halls. A resident informed us that work on the Findon Hall kitchen is due to begin on 23rd July. The 2017/2018 accounts and associated documents were submitted to Highland Council on 29th May and the insurance cover has been extended to include 49 Noticeboard volunteers with no increase in the £86.00 premium.

**CORRESPONDENCE and REQUESTS: FCC and Tulloch Homes:** We received an approach from Tulloch Homes Ltd (THL) asking how FCC would like to be kept informed on the progress of the proposed joint planning application between Culbokie Community Trust and THL for the proposed development at Glascairn Road. It was agreed that any involvement from FCC will come through the normal planning procedures and once the community have had an opportunity to look at the plans. THL will at some point be holding a public exhibition of the proposals which will give the local community an opportunity to comment. The approach from THL and the opportunity for dialogue was seen as a positive step.

**Clearing up plastic:** An approach from the Criminal Justice Services looking for areas where unpaid work teams could carry out a plastics clear up during a weekend in July. Becky trying to clarify exactly what this entails as there are areas within FCC that could do with a litter pick, but the rubbish is not only plastic. **Local Democracy Reporter Visit:** Following an approach from Suzy Macaulay to Community Councils, Suzy will be spending a day (Friday 6th July) in the FCC area meeting representatives from various groups / community initiatives. She will be producing podcasts that will showcase what is and isn't working in the FCC area. **Scottish Health Council Newsletter:** copy to go on FCC website, **action Becky.**

**Service Requests:** Service request to fix 2 bent warning signs on B9169 approaching the Crask Junction. In addition, a resident informed us of a bent giveway sign and a broken grit bin, both at the Crask Junction. Becky to follow up.

## **ACTIVE PROJECTS:**

**Health and Social Care Alliance Scotland:** Prior to our meeting we hosted a Local Health Forum where Dr. Miles Mack and Chris Arnold (NHS District Manager Mid and East Ross Districts) each gave a presentation. Dr. Mack began with some interesting historical background to the NHS. He spoke about the role of the Dingwall Practice and how it operates. He spoke of his concerns over other services coming in to provide things like immunisation programmes. He thought that the Workload Allocation Formula underestimates costs for rural services and highlighted throughout his talk that ideas from rural areas can be rolled out anywhere, but urban ideas don't work for rural areas. Continuity of care, co-ordination of all health care for the whole family and supporting people to stay in the community were key themes.

Chris Arnold explained the different aspects of his role which covers Health, Adult Social care and the Community Partnership in Mid Ross. He spoke of the challenge of balancing the operational work of community needs against the political climate. Finance is always a challenge. He echoed Dr. Mack's themes of community involvement, allowing communities to be reactive and noted that communities work best when self-motivated. Both Chris and Miles took some excellent questions from the floor and Becky thanked them for an honest and informative discussion.

**Meals on Wheels:** Ros reported the excellent news that, following our article in the Noticeboard, 4 volunteers have come forward for the FCC area and 2 of them have already begun shadowing. If anyone else is considering volunteering they would be able to shadow a volunteer and see if it's for them. Becky expressed thanks to those who have come forward.

**Buses /Community Transport:** There have been further issues of D&E being late and Stagecoach not waiting. There is a possibility that D&E may be able to come out earlier and do the run to the A9 before the school run. Councillor Adam is going to make contact with the new Stagecoach Manager.

**Broadband:** The Easter Kinkell Community Fibre Partnership (CFP) received a quote of £349k to provide a Fibre to the Premises (FTTP) service to approximately 70 premises in Easter Kinkell and west of the village as far as the A835. There appears to be no realistic possibility of raising this amount in grant funding and FTTP does not appear to be a viable option in the FCC area at present. Thanks go to Colin and in particular to Jack Murray and his team for seeing the project to its present stage.

**Crask Junction:** Cllr Adam reported that he has had no response to his requests for an electronic warning system at Crask. He had no information as to where things are with the land acquisition and has undertaken to find out and report back.

**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:** Nothing to report. Next meeting is Wednesday 18th July.

**Speedwatch:** Bruce and Becky attended a further meeting with residents on Wednesday to update them on data from the speed monitoring. As a result of the meeting it was agreed the group would pursue funding for a pavement through Safer Routes to School. Becky will put in a request to the Police for speed monitoring at the Cairns. Next meeting will be arranged for some time in September.

**Email List Development:** Net increase of two this month to 425.

**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. Programme to follow).

New Applications:

18/02142/S42: Vary access condition, Plot 3, NE of Woodholme Croft, Culbokie: variation of condition of consent 15/01265/FUL: No comment

18/02311/PNO: Agricultural Shed, 25m NE of Roalma, Braes of Dunvournie: No comment

**AOCB:** None

**INTERACTION WITH RESIDENTS:** No bus timetables at the Schoolcroft bus stop. Becky to follow up.

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

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

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