

FERINTOSH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 20 AUGUST 2018 IN FERINTOSH HALL

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

ALSO PRESENT: Cllr Gordon Adam (part of meeting), Cllr Craig Fraser (part of meeting), 6 residents

APOLOGIES: PC Mark Chappell, 8 residents

POLICE MATTERS: No report

Resident reported the hazard of entering B9169 from Newmore road when high speed traffic is hard to spot through protective barriers.

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

50mph on the Black Isle: Becky attended meeting at Kinbeachie assembled out of concern by horse riders for safety on the B9169 and other rural roads. Present were Kate Forbes MSP, Cllr Craig Fraser, representatives from British Horse Society (BHS) but not from THC or Police Scotland. Whilst present at roadside, the hazards of high speeds of vehicles were obvious and wearing hi viz jackets only slowed traffic a bit. Kate Forbes' opinion was that whilst reducing speed limits to 50mph would be a useful long term goal, short term action in the form of awareness-raising was necessary. Local residents would look to awareness raising activities for all road users including improving off road access for horses whilst Kate Forbes would try to persuade the Mounted Police Division of Police Scotland to visit the area. Becky to approach Black Isle Community Councils to see if a Black Isle approach was possible.

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

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Becky declared an interest as a close neighbour to the item under planning ('East of Dunbreck') and not take part in the discussion.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Colin reported no transactions. Invoices waiting to be received from both Findon and Ferintosh Halls now that their work has been completed.

CCT's History Group has approached FCC for funding help to replace gate at the Henge. FCC has requested more cost and ownership details.

Winter resilience payments -no update.

MAIN DISCUSSION: LOCAL DEMOCRACY MATTERS

Nationally and regionally, there is considerable political momentum to devolve decision-making powers to communities following the enactment of the Community Empowerment Act. Scottish Government is consulting through Democracy Matters (<https://www.gov.scot/Publications/2018/05/6780/downloads>) and THC is running a Community Councils Scheme Review having sent FCC a briefing paper and questionnaire.

Becky took the meeting through the key questions in both consultations and would collate all the constructive comments and discussion. Drop-in sessions for CCs are also being organised by THC and Becky will try to attend one of those.

CORRESPONDENCE and REQUESTS:

Noticeboard: Carol Elliot, the newsletter's editor over many years, is going to stand down and an advert for a replacement will appear in the latest edition. Carol has been warmly thanked by FCC for all her efforts and guidance.

Broadband Petition: Request to join petition to improve rural broadband will be turned down as unnecessary extra lobbying; **HTSI:** AGM 2ND November; **HSCHT:** FCC to remain as member; **Gambling Act Statement, 2019 to 2022:** Consultation not considered sufficiently relevant; **Highland Licensing Board:** Colin collated views of FCC and will now submit; **Scottish Ambulance Service:** Consultation seeking views on how to help SAS to improve healthcare: Bruce to put out to residents on email list for their specific input.

Service Requests: Becky to put in new requests for sign for Mulbuie junction, faulty sign into Easter Kinkell and white-lining the remainder of the B9169.

ACTIVE PROJECTS:

Buses /Community Transport: No update on the timing of the Invergordon bus for November. D&E change of timing is now not to take place until October. Request was made by residents for a hard surface to be installed for the walk at Duncanston round to the bus stop (Cllr Adam has kindly agreed to follow up).

Broadband: No update this month

Crask Junction: The EDI committee of THC has approved £250K of funding to re-route the junction of Crask. Tendering starts this week in parallel with the process of finalising the land conveyancing. Bruce thanked the residents for their articulate, constructive and persistent presentation of the dangers of this junction. Bruce also thanked the Ward Team of Members and Ward Manager for their support right from the beginning. FCC agreed to also write and thank the special efforts of Cllr Alister Mackinnon and Ian McGillivray (THC Design Engineering). Residents have been assured that they will be informed in advance of any works starting.

A letter from a Crask resident was read out containing generous thanks to Bruce /FCC for their support and leading to a good example of the value of a community council. Becky added FCC's thanks to Bruce.

LEADER: End of September decision on final three projects.

Port of Cromarty Authority: Becky attended a recent meeting. The Port wishes to institute a trail of information boards around the area including local interest information which FCC is happy to support. Nothing on ship-to-ship oil transfer proposals.

Resident raised an issue of overcrowding on some buses from Inverness giving rise to conflict between cruise ship passengers and local residents. Becky has written to the Port to ask them to approach Stagecoach for a joint resolution.

Speedwatch: No response back from residents.

Email List Development: No change at 423.

Black Isle Cares, Meals on Wheels: Ros reported that 5 volunteers from the FCC area are now fully trained and PR has been put out looking for more people who would like to receive these meals as well as for more volunteer drivers throughout the FCC area.

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 (application for planning review dismissed; no appeal).

New Applications:

18/02879/FUL: Extension to house at 6 Balnatua, Culbokie: THC has granted

18/03128/PNO: Extension to agricultural shed, Braes of Duncanston: No approval required

18/03252/FUL: House extension and garage at 4 The Cairns, Culbokie: No comment

18/03431/FUL: New house and heat pump at Serviced Site, 145m NW of Victoria Cottage, Culbokie: No comment

18/03468/FUL: Retrospective application for existing works (re-siting and re-design) at Bogbuie House, Upper Braefindon: No comment

18/03486/FUL: Erect chalet in garden at Tigh-Gael, Braefindon: No comment

18/03681/FUL: Alterations and extension at Drummondreach, Alcaig: No comment

Previous Applications:

16/00595 /FUL: New House, East of Dunbreck, Culbokie: A possible breach of a planning condition is to be reported to the Planning Department, THC. House foundations are being laid in advance of completion of the agricultural shed for the poultry farm business. FCC to put in formal complaint.

Builders yard, Braefindon: Enforcement notice now expired. THC will now have to decide on next stage. Iain to contact enforcement officer and then resident.

Builders rubble at Mount Eagle Court phase 2 site: Developer has permission from SEPA to deposit. Enforcement officer to be contacted again (Action: Iain) for report on portacabins and then feedback to resident (Action: Bruce).

Letter has been submitted by Becky on behalf of FCC to the planners to better understand how the necessary safety measures are to be implemented for the Eight Acres development. No response yet.

AOCB: None

INTERACTION WITH RESIDENTS: None

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday 17 September, 7pm, Culbokie Primary School

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

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