

FERINTOSH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2018 IN CULBOKIE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

ALSO PRESENT: Cllr Gordon Adam, PC Mark Chappell and colleague, 6 residents

APOLOGIES: Iain McCallum, Cllr Craig Fraser, 4 residents

POLICE MATTERS: PC Chappell reported the following for the past month: **Belladrum:** both a neighbour complaint and a potential fraud (selling tickets through social media) were both investigated but not considered criminal; **Child reported missing:** on 2 occasions, a child from the Culbokie area was reported missing but successful investigations led to the child being traced and returned home; **Driver needs to be identified:** Police mobile patrol took interest in a blue VW Golf SX53 DLV near Dunvournie Cottage on the B9169 on 10th August. The driver, on seeing the Police, sped off, abandoned the car at Cylon Cottage and fled the scene; **Mount Eagle Mast:** a male was arrested and reported for multiple offences after an incident involving damage to the service point and climbing the mast; **Braefindon Farm Fire:** a non-suspicious fire was reported here on the 12th September; **Road Traffic Collision:** on 2nd August, at the junction of the B9163 with the A9, a collision occurred between a car and motor cyclist with no criminal charges brought; **Speeding:** on 3rd August, on the A9 near Coulnagour, a motorist received a fixed penalty notice for speeding; **Speed Checks:** numerous speed checks have been carried out at Mulbuie School at the time of speed restrictions. 3 drivers have received fixed penalty notices and 3 drivers have been reported for speeding; **Road Safety:** a safety talk has been given at Culbokie Primary School.

PC Chappell was made aware of some stone throwing at cars occurring near the school in Culbokie but since no formal complaint was lodged, was unable to pursue. Since the road signs for Raven Croft are now missing and there's been possible vandalism of a bench at the Glascairn site, PC Chappell agreed to pursue for more intelligence and guidance for FCC and the community.

MATTERS ARISING: (excluding actions carried out, carried forward and those considered later in the agenda): **Consultations on Local Democracy:** FCC response is being assembled by Becky and after a drop-in session tomorrow and joining a Twitter discussion will complete; **Port of Cromarty Firth:** Detailed response has been received concerning the conflict between local residents and cruise passengers on limited local bus services provided by Stagecoach. After a meeting with Stagecoach, who admitted to having difficulties with their buses this year, there is to be heavy promotion of the 925 service set up for cruise passengers (multilingual guidance, new signs, onboard magazine). There is also commitment to try and resolve the difficulties of using double deckers through Kildary; **50 mph on the Black Isle:** Approach BICC once the current initiatives to raise speed awareness have run their course; **Noticeboard:** No response as yet in finding a new editor.

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

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Bruce declared an interest as a CCT Director in funding for CCT's History Group (no involvement in discussion).

FINANCIAL REPORT: Colin reported on four transactions this month. £500 has been donated to each of the projects at Ferintosh Hall (heating) and Findon Hall (kitchen). £36 for Ferintosh Hall hire and £19.75 for Noticeboard stationery has also been paid out leaving a balance of £5,262. Annual grant (net) at just over £500 so inevitably there will have to be fewer donations to local projects in the future.

CCT's History Group has requested £80 to support voluntary effort to install two gates in order to provide better access to the Teanagain Henge. One gate is into the Henge area and the other is in to the cottage

garden. FCC has agreed to contribute £40 for the one gate into the Henge area but felt it inappropriate to fund an improvement for the other gate essentially for the private property.

Winter resilience payments for grass cutting -no update.

CORRESPONDENCE and REQUESTS:

Ross and Cromarty Disabled Access Group is looking for volunteers to prevent it folding (contact Sheila Fletcher on 01349 830724); **Suggestion Box:** From the FCC box on the shop wall has come a suggestion for public toilets in Culbokie because of extra visitors (walkers, workmen). Cllr Adam mentioned a THC scheme to support local businesses to open up toilets for visitors (Becky to follow up). Bruce to pass on the suggestion to CCT to consider in its future plans; **Frog: National listing for community groups** but couldn't resource it; **CCT** seeking nomination for the FCC appointed Director and Bruce agreed to continue; **Community Council Review Steering Committee:** THC has asked Bruce to sit on this body to review the feedback from the current consultation. Bruce was content to join and FCC approved; **Parents Council** may be about to re-form at Mulbuie School; **Fire & Rescue Service** seeking volunteers to help in emergencies: to send out to the general email; **Mens' Shed Opening** – seeking an FCC representative to attend a grand opening on 27th October in Avoch; **Poor Access to Services:** this high priority Black Isle issue is the sole subject of the next Community Partnership meeting to be held in Munloch on Thursday evening, 27th September (Becky would be happy to provide a lift for up to three residents. Contact Becky on becky@blackislestud.co.uk and 877882); **THC Quality Awards** -request is out for nominations before next Monday.

Service Requests: Becky reported that white lining done but only on the newly dressed roads so not completed for the NE section of the B9169; Resident raised house damage concern due to holes in road; Balmeanach Brae: resident reported a double puncture on a pothole at the crumbling edge of the road; Removal of Braes of Dunvournie sign still to be done; Replace Raven Croft signs.

ACTIVE PROJECTS:

Buses /Community Transport: Cllr Adam has not received replies about the bus timings and the hard surface for the route to the bus; Bruce has an October meeting with Culbokie Action Group planned.

Broadband: Openreach is to install another cabinet near Balnabeen House this year.

Crask Junction: Cllr Fraser requested an update from THC but none received; Resident has site meeting planned with THC this week to discuss some details of the re-design; Electronic display: THC has replied to Cllr Adam saying the expense and time required would not be justified without the certainty of a sensible trial period which, given the imminent re-routing, would not be forthcoming; Cllr Adam believes that all the signs within THC are that this project is to be completed as speedily as possible.

LEADER: Next meeting is on 26th September.

Port of Cromarty Authority: See above

Speedwatch: No response back from residents so will drop as a project for now. Meanwhile the faulty speed sign had been repaired by THC (replacement transformer) but is not working again. THC will look at again and may have to consider a replacement.

Email List Development: Two less and down to 421.

Black Isle Cares, Meals on Wheels: No update

PLANNING APPLICATIONS (only new information included):

Update on Objections lodged: New house SW of Feoran, Culbokie (17/03599/PIP: no update)

New Applications:

18/03877/FUL: Extension to house at 16 Balvaird: No comment

18/03947/FUL: New porch and changes to Ashtree Cottage, Alcaig: No comment

18/03458/FUL: New shed to support small holding at Ashtree Cottage, Alcaig: No comment

Previous Applications:

16/00595 /FUL: New House, East of Dunbreck, Culbokie: Reply awaited from THC following FCC's letter about possible breach of a planning condition.

16/00248 /ENF: Builders yard, Braefindon: Yet to hear back from enforcement officer.

Builders rubble at Mount Eagle Court phase 2 site: Developer has permission from SEPA to deposit.

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: Xmas cards for volunteers (Ros to explore possible printed cards); Isobel McCallum: write to thank her for her assistance with Crask; Cllr Adam reported that Donna Manson is to be the new Chief Executive of THC (currently working in the Borders, with experience in Fife and Edinburgh)

INTERACTION WITH RESIDENTS: None

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday 15 October, 7pm, Mulbuie Hall

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

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