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## New Community Transport Service

### Support for those who need Support

As you may well have gathered by now, the Ferintosh Community Council's 'Support' project is its main focus for the next four years. One of the biggest gaps in support in our area is poor public transport provision. So FCC is about start a new service for you to trial over the summer months, June to the end of August—the **Ferintosh Community Bus Link**.

**How to use it?** By phoning Jamie McJimpsey, Black Isle Community Car Scheme (BICCS) on 01349 862431 or 07443 111008, he and his staff will enrol you as a member of the scheme. Following your enrolment, you will then be able to use the same phone numbers to request a car/volunteer driver (with a minimum of 1 day's notice) to collect you at your house and take you to a bus stop to catch the bus of your choice on the A9 or A835.

**How much will it cost?** Each car journey will be £1 and therefore £2 if you also request to be



collected from a bus (again at a bus stop on the A9 or A835) back to your house. The cost is only £1 for the car journey because both

Stagecoach and BICCS are subsidising the trial and are partners with FCC in this trial project.

**When will this begin?** This service will be available from Monday 6 June until Friday 26 August, when the trial will be reviewed.

**What could go wrong?** We are fortunate to be able to use the existing Black Isle Community Car Scheme (BICCS) system to test the idea, and they have nearly three years' experience and nearly 1000 journeys under their belt. However, because they have not linked with bus journeys before, and because the demand cannot be predicted in advance, we would ask residents to be supportive and flexible as we work through this trial. If the demand by you as residents is substantial, as we hope it will be, then BICCS will certainly require more residents to become volunteer drivers.

**The next newsletter** is due out mid September 2016 - The final **deadline for news is Friday 19 August** but the sooner the better!

Please send **items for inclusion** in the newsletter or on the Facebook Page to Carol Elliot on [elliotcarnmor@btinternet.com](mailto:elliotcarnmor@btinternet.com)

For **distribution** queries or to **volunteer** to deliver in your area contact Roger Piercy on [roger.piercy167@btinternet.com](mailto:roger.piercy167@btinternet.com)

**To be added to the Community Council e-mail update** contact Bruce Morrison on [ferintoshcc@hotmail.com](mailto:ferintoshcc@hotmail.com) and keep up to date with all CC news and give your opinion on local matters.

## Culbokie Church Centre activities

**Church service** 10am on Sundays (including Sunday School and crèche). Contact: Rev. Willis Jones (877452)

The **Walking Group** meets outside the Church Centre at 10am on Thursdays for a sociable stroll (weather permitting).  
Contact: May Stevenson (877213).

**Soup Lunch** will be held on Saturday 25 June, 12-2pm in Findon Hall. Please note there's no soup lunch in July; resuming again on the last Saturday in August.

The **Senior Citizen's Friendship Group** meets on Monday 6 June,

2-4pm in the Church Centre. Then there is a break over the summer, resuming again in the autumn. Contact: Maureen Rose (877435).

The **Man Friday** group will be having an evening of Outdoor Bowls in Conon Bridge on Friday 24 June. In July they are planning a repeat of the BBQ held at Upper Braefindon. Contact Roger Piercy (877401).

**Church Café** is held on Tuesday afternoons, 1.30-3.45pm.

New faces are warmly welcomed to any of these activities.

See [www.culbokiechurchcentre.org](http://www.culbokiechurchcentre.org) for more details.

### Evergreen Lunch Club

The first Monday of each month: soup and home baking,



for those who are retired. All are very welcome.

At Ferintosh Free Church, 12 Noon to 1.30pm. Contact Carol on 864993 or Helen 862546.

### Findon Hall 100 Club results

#### March -

43 Alf Kilby; 10 Eric Gilroy; 90 Eunice Richmond.

#### April -

45 David Wompra; 12 Margaret MacKenzie; 44 Hilary Sinclair.

#### May -

38 Nicky Winnock; 72 Louise McLarty; 9 R & D Fraser.

### Culbokie Panto Group

This year the Panto group is planning to perform Robin Hood. They are always looking for new members to come along and help on and off stage. If you are interested please contact Sheila on 877059 or Louise on 877419.



## Ferintosh Community Market - longer hours for June

The next Ferintosh Community Market, taking place on Saturday 18th June, will be open from 10am to **1pm** with a soup and bread lunch at the café and a mini Car Boot Sale in the car park outside Findon Hall.

Our Stallholder of the month will be Bogallan Highland Beef, Munloch, supplied by Bob and Jill Tilford.



### Future market dates:

Saturdays - 16 July;  
20th August;  
17th September.

If you wish to take part in a market, contact Sylvie on [market@culbokiect.org](mailto:market@culbokiect.org) or telephone 07926 044 064.

See you there!

## Culbokie Community Trust - History Group

The History Group continues to make good progress. The "Culbokie Treasures" talk by Cait McCullagh was extremely interesting and was well attended, especially as it was a glorious evening, weather-wise.

In April we held a very useful progress meeting when Roland Spencer-Jones gave us a talk on henges and helped us to start making plans for the improvement of access and visibility to the Teanagairn henge.

In Roland's opinion it is one of the finest examples in this area and deserves to be better known. A small group will make an inspection to assess the way forward.

The opportunity was taken to inspect some of the latest metal-detecting

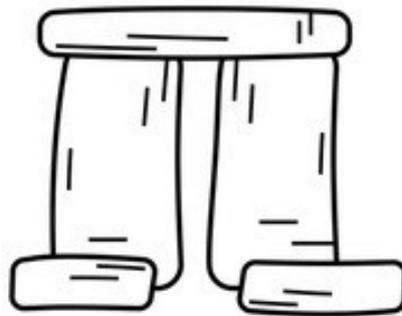
finds and to get an update on the preparation of history chapters.

A very interesting web site has been drawn to our attention which features many photographs of interest to our project. It is the site of the Ross and Cromarty Heritage Society which has its headquarters in Maryburgh and can be accessed through:

[www.rossandcromartyheritage.org](http://www.rossandcromartyheritage.org).

You have to select the community of "Ferintosh" and work your way through to the photographs. It is well worth a visit.

Roger Piercy



# Ferintosh Community Council News

## High Speeds on our Roads – Important Consultation

FCC met with the other Black Isle Community Councils last month and put a proposal for a 50mph speed limit on all the Black Isle rural roads for a trial period. The six community councils present agreed to the proposal and to consult their residents before making any moves to persuade the authorities to implement such a trial. All CCs agreed to use the same wording to all Black Isle residents for feedback.

So to start this consultation, I would welcome your reaction to the following proposal:  
*"One of the top concerns of Black Isle residents is feeling unsafe on our roads. The Black Isle Community Councils are seeking resident views on their proposal that restricting all vehicles to a 50mph limit on the Black Isle (excluding trunk roads) should be tried for a trial period.  
**Would you support or reject such a trial?**"*

Could you please reply to me, Bruce Morrison, by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June by phone (01349 877127) or email (ferintoshcc@hotmail.com) or by letter (16 Balnatua, Culbokie, IV7 8JQ). For those of you who have already responded to the email consultation, then there is no need to reply again.

## FCC's Surplus Funds – Available for Community Projects

In recent years, there has been an accumulation of surplus funds on the books of FCC, which would be better utilised for community projects. Through this newsletter we'd like to make you aware that we have funds available and that we've reduced some of the previous constraints.

The main changes from previously are that we will now consider applications from individuals as well as groups and you will not have to seek additional funding from elsewhere, although that would still be desirable. We will still not support recurring costs, but a project may return for a further cash injection.

The priority facilities or services that we would prefer to support would include those that are

not currently available locally; are of specific benefit to vulnerable or disadvantaged people; are addressing the needs of an ageing population; are of benefit to younger people.

## Chair of FCC

I happily agreed to continue in the Chair/Secretary position at the recent AGM but only if there is a firm end date of May 2017. I will be taking a break from being Chair in May 2017 but am willing to be put forward then for Secretary or Treasurer. No other Community Councillors are able and willing to take on the Chair role. We will all, therefore, use the 12 months to find someone just for the narrower role of Chair in the knowledge that all the rest of the tasks will be taken up by the rest of the team. Do please come forward to help us help the community.

## Culbokie Gathering

The date for your diaries this year is Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> August.

## Road Faults

There is no shortage of road defects these days unfortunately so your help in reporting them would be much appreciated. Please contact either 01349 886606 or Road Faults on The Highland Council website at [http://www.highland.gov.uk/info/20005/roads\\_and\\_pavements/96/road\\_faults](http://www.highland.gov.uk/info/20005/roads_and_pavements/96/road_faults)

## Minutes of FCC Meetings.

If you don't have email, copies of the monthly minutes are available in the Culbokie Shop, and are displayed on noticeboards at Mulbuie Hall and School, Ferintosh Hall and School, Findon Hall, Culbokie Church Centre and the Culbokie Inn.

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## Next Community Council meetings:

- Monday 20 June - 7pm Culbokie School
- Monday 18 July - 7pm Culbokie Primary School