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New Year - new volunteering opportunity

Ferintosh Community Council is *urgently* looking for a **NEW Chair**

The Role: Community Councillors commit to attending monthly meetings, responding to emails and other communications, reading preparatory paperwork and engaging with others. The Chair will lead the existing experienced team that is committed to its current work load all the way through to the next election in November 2019.

The type of work that the FCC is involved with includes:

- A statutory voice on planning applications/development plans and public service consultations.
- Consultation with the community through a highly representative e-mail list.
- Seeking improvements e.g. to reduce risk from road and flooding hazards.
- Additional effort in projects such as Noticeboard, Speedwatch, Ferintosh Bus Link, Culbokie Gathering

The Rewards: Individuals have many different reasons for volunteering within the community, including:

- Interacting and developing relationships with fellow residents.
- Being able to influence the development of our community.

- Giving back to our community.
- Supporting and learning about the nation's democratic system.
- Developing and deploying a wide range of skills.

Chairing the FCC would readily satisfy all of the above and provide many intrinsic rewards.

Without a new Chair coming in time for the AGM in May 2017, the FCC **may have to dissolve**. This would put community consultation in jeopardy and also put existing projects at risk due to loss of insurance cover and support. We know there's an abundance of skills and talent in our community of about 1500 adults and we would be delighted to hear from anyone who thinks they may be able to help.

For further details and informal discussions please contact Bruce Morrison (01349 877127 or ferintoshcc30@gmail.com) or any Community Councillor.

*Your Community Councillors are:
Evelyn Campbell, Sally Falconer,
Margaret Kinsman, Colin Lawrence
(Treasurer), Iain McCallum (Vice-
Chair), Roslind MacNaughton,
Bruce Morrison (Chair/Secretary).*

The next newsletter is due out mid April 2017 - The final **deadline for news is Friday 17 March 2017** 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

For **distribution** queries or to **volunteer** to deliver in your area contact Roger Piercy on roger.piercy167@btinternet.com

To be added to the Community Council e-mail update contact Bruce Morrison on ferintoshcc30@gmail.com (NEW E-MAIL ADDRESS) and keep up to date with all CC news and give your opinion on local matters.

Culbokie Church Centre activities

As many of you may already know, Rev. Willis Jones passed away on 17 December after a short time in hospital.

He was our locum minister for 6 years, and oversaw the move to and dedication of the Church Centre in Culbokie and the establishment of many of the activities that take place here. He will be a big miss to the church and community. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife Pat and the rest of his family.

Church services 10am on Sunday (including Sunday School and crèche).

Church Café is held on Tuesday afternoons, 1.30-3.45pm. Thanks to the Community Council/The Highland Council, there are half a dozen packets of XL ice grippers available at the café for any older folk at risk of falls in icy weather.

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, 12noon to 1.30pm. Contact Carol on 864993 or Helen 862546.

Soup Lunches will be on Saturdays 28 January, 25 February and 25 March, 12-2pm in Findon Hall.

The **Senior Citizen's Friendship Group** resumes on Monday 3 March, 2-4pm, with a slide show by Elizabeth Fraser on Namibia.

And the **Women's Fellowship** meets on Thursday 16 February and 16 March, 7.30pm. Elizabeth will be showing slides at the February meeting, this time about a visit to Auschwitz. Contact: Maureen Rose (877435)

The **Man Friday** group meet on the last Friday of the month at 7.30pm. On 24 February, there will be a talk from the Police on hazard awareness and safe driving. Contact: Roger Piercy (877401)

See www.culbokiechurchcentre.org for more details. New faces are warmly welcomed to any of these activities.

"Walk Culbokie" - for fun and fitness

The Culbokie community walking group made a healthy start to 2017 with its inaugural outing on 7th January to Glascairn woods and Carn Mor Dun. This is the first of a series of regular events which aims to encourage people to start or get back into walking.

Through regular moderate walks of about an hour, walkers will soon enjoy better health plus the added bonus of visiting some of our local points of interest. Incorporating local historical and natural features into the walks generates interest in and commitment to our local area, which not only makes the walks more interesting, it's positive for the community too.

Community Health Walks are advertised on the Culbokie Community Trust Facebook page, the Community Trust website and on the noticeboard at the village shop. If you would like more information, have suggestions for walks or would like to be a walk leader, please contact Beverley Hooper on 07876 380184, email beverleyhooper@hotmail.co.uk or send a message through the CCT Facebook page.

mary's meals
Soup Lunch
a simple solution to world hunger

Ferintosh Hall
Lunch
Admission £3

Saturday 11th
March 2017
12noon - 2pm



Culbokie Community Trust membership

Membership of the Culbokie Community Trust has been gradually increasing and now stands at 156 full members which equates to 15% of the eligible population of the CCT area. Membership is completely free and members are kept informed of all of our activities and events through a regular news bulletin.



CCT's current projects include:

- The development of a new community café and hub at Glascairn (in the field near the Spar shop).
- Running the monthly Culbokie Community Market.
- Supporting the Culbokie History Group.
- Supporting the Culbokie Woods group.
- Supporting volunteers and groups involved in the maintenance and cleanliness of the village.

- Promoting Health Walking.
- CCT is a charity and a company limited by guarantee with a Board of nine elected Directors representing the membership. More information is available at www.culbokiect.org.

New members are always welcome. There are lots of volunteering opportunities available although there is

no obligation on members to have an active involvement. Just registering your support, by joining CCT, is enough.

If you would like to join you can download a membership form from the website (go to the membership tab). Alternatively contact the membership secretary, Gill Garland at gill.garland36@btopenworld.com.

Penny Edwards, Chair, info@culbokiect.org

Potato Day 2017

This popular event will again be held in North Kessock Hall on Saturday 4th March from 11.30am -3pm.

There will be about 60 varieties of seed potatoes for sale at 15p per tuber – buy as many or as few as you need. Soup, teas and coffees will be available.

£1 entrance, free for TBI members. Please bring your own bags for your potatoes.

For further information about the varieties available go to the TBI website:

www.transitionblackisle.org

Panto thanks

Many thanks to everyone who supported the Panto, all three shows were a sell out! Although this years rehearsals don't start until August new people are welcome to join. Call Sheila on 01349 800153 to find out more before then.

History Group

The History Group continues to make progress and would be delighted to hear from anyone who has any old photographs and memorabilia of the local area. Perhaps you would be prepared to share them with us and become part of the Group?

We meet again on Tuesday 27th February, 7pm at Cnocmisan. Further details can be found on the History tab of www.culbokiect.org and contact can be made through info@culbokiect.org. Roger Piercy.

Culbokie Community Market

The next market is on 18 February 2017 - from 10am to 12:30pm in the Findon Hall, Culbokie.

Lots of great local products, from fresh bread, vegetables, beef, cakes, chocolates, to local crafts, hand made jewellery, bags, paintings, cards. Freshly handmade pizzas available in Findon Hall car park.

Teas, coffee, cakes and soup providing by Sofia Cola fundraising for Fortrose Academy Malawi 2018 trip.

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Speedwatch

It is two years now since the launch of Speedwatch. All the information that we have from the speed monitoring by The Highland Council indicates remarkable reductions in drivers' speeds. That information has been vital to motivating the dedicated team of volunteers who have been active throughout those two years and, impressively, are willing to keep going. New blood is always welcome, of course, and the team would really appreciate community support from more volunteers. The time commitment is only 80 minutes per month.

Although the volunteers are 'only' standing beside the road, we think the activity simply reminds drivers to notice the speed limit and gradually, over time, new habits of driving more slowly spread to all of us. Certainly the figures are impressive. Of those driving at over 40mph, there has been a 90% reduction. Of those over 35mph, there has been a 50% reduction. Given that the key concern of all of us was the faster vehicle, this initiative has hit hard at the core problem.

On behalf of FCC, I'd like to pass on a huge thanks to the persistent volunteers and also to all drivers for making Culbokie just a bit safer.

Broadband

FCC continues its lobbying efforts to achieve superfast broadband throughout our area and further discussions with two of our MSPs have taken place recently. The MSPs have made us aware that amongst those residents who are fortunate enough to have access to BT's

Superfast broadband, the take up rate is important in encouraging further investment for those who are less fortunate. So if you are a resident in the Culbokie area, do please look again at the value to you of upgrading your broadband to superfast.

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 Feb - 7pm Culbokie Primary School
- Monday 20 March (7pm Mulbuie Hall)
- Monday 17 April (7pm Ferintosh Hall)

Findon Hall 100 Club

Latest winners for the 100 for are:

November 2016

- 1) S MacIntyre, 2) W Gunn,
- 3) J McCulloch

December 2016

- 1) M Shearing, 2) M Richards,
- 3) R Turner

There are four tickets left, please contact Sheila on 800153 if you would like to buy one and support your local community hall.