

NOTICEBOARD




The Newsletter for all the communities in the Ferintosh Community Council area - www.ferintoshcc.co.uk

Community Council Elections - Looking To The Future

The main purpose of this article is to encourage all of us, as residents of the Ferintosh CC area, to consider putting ourselves forward for election to your community council (FCC). Elections to Community Councils take place every four years, and the next election will be held between 23 September and 9 October this year (2019).

We are very fortunate to have co-opted 2 new Councillors this year and it is currently the intention of 6 Community Councillors to put themselves forward for election. However, experience tells us that we need the full complement of 9 active community councillors and other helpful volunteers to tackle fully all of the issues that you raise with us.

Outlined below are the many activities that FCC has been involved with over the past four years, followed by the key issues, highlighted by you the residents, that FCC feel should be the focus of the next four years. If there are projects here that you would like to see come to fruition, or if you feel that there are local issues that we have not addressed and should be, please consider putting yourself forward for election.

During the past four years, FCC has been involved in the following activities:

- Crask Junction
- Numerous planning applications
- Improving bus services
- Broadband
- Improving community services and interaction with residents
- Continuing to improve links with The Highland Council
- The future of Community Councils and their role within the community
- Reduction of speed limit on section of the B9169 at Mulbuie
- Supporting the group of Black Isle Community Councils
- Supporting Black Isle Cares Meals on Wheels and the Black Isle Community Car Scheme in their quests for volunteers to help provide these services
- Speedwatch, Noticeboard Newsletter and FB Page, providing funding for local projects, and the Culbokie Gathering

We believe that the key issues for the next four years should include:

- Care in the Community, in particular tackling the issues of loneliness and social inclusion
- Housing provision for young people wishing to stay in the area
- Stronger links to health services to improve local provision
- Input into the next phase of the IMFLDP
- Devolving power to communities – a continuing national discussion about greater devolution to community councils
- 50mph limits on our roads
- An upgrade of the Play Park at Culbokie Football Pitch
- To extend the Noticeboard newsletter
- Implementation of Core paths and improved cycle routes

There is a further opportunity in this election and that is to provide us all with more choice of who we would like to represent us. The vast majority of these elections are uncontested (i.e fewer candidates than places) which is depriving us all of the opportunity to provide a wider range of views, skills and resources to FCC. So the more of us that put ourselves forward, the stronger will be the democratic nature of FCC. FCC would also then have a bigger pool of interested residents to draw support from in addition to the elected community councillors.

Nomination forms will be available from Monday 23 September, and the closing date is Tuesday 8 October. You can obtain a form and more information about the election by visiting The Highland Council's website at http://highland.gov.uk/info/799/elections_and_voting/643/community_councils, or by contacting myself. At our next monthly meeting (7.30pm Monday 16th September, Ferintosh Hall), you would be able to find out how we operate and we would happily shorten the meeting in order to hold informal discussions afterwards.

The future of Ferintosh Community Council is in all our hands.

Becky Richmond
 Chair of Ferintosh Community Council
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CULBOKIE PANTO

ITS THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN! Panto rehearsals have started and we are always happy to see new faces coming along and joining the group on and behind the stage. Rehearsals take place in Findon Hall, every Tuesday at 7:30pm. If you fancy joining please call Sheila on 01349 800 153 or 01349 877 879 or feel free to just turn up.



Culbokie Panto Group would like to say a very big **THANK YOU** to everyone who supported our 'Culbokies Got Talent' evening in June. We raised £576 towards the halls new roof. It's was a fantastic evening filled with sketch's, songs and a little bit of Show Business! Anyone interested in getting involved in a future Talent night please contact Sheila on the above numbers.

History Group Photo Mystery

Culbokie Community Trust History Group has recently been supplied with a photo from Sally Falconer. The photo is of a group of pupils from Culbokie School and we need your help identifying the pupils in the photo. The photo can be found at <http://www.culbokiect.org/index.asp?pageid=694579>. The photo has been annotated with letters, so if you can identify any of the pupils please email history@culbokiect.org with the name of the pupil and the letter associated with them.



Dingwall and District U3A

After our summer break the U3A monthly meetings commence again in September.

Our next presentations are on Thursday 19 September at 2.00pm in the Dingwall Baptist Church when Susan Kruse will give a talk on "10,000 years of Highland Heritage in Dingwall & Easter Ross" and **Thursday 17th October at 2:00pm in the Dingwall Baptist Church** when Suzanne Barr will give a talk on 'The Children's Hearing System'. The presentations are an opportunity to listen to an interesting speaker, along with the chance to meet new friends and contacts, over the always welcome tea, coffee and biscuits. It is also an opportunity to learn about the U3A and the Interest Groups that we currently have running.

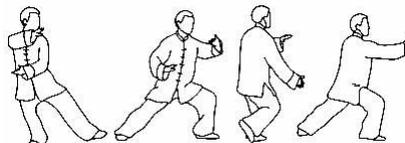


Tai Chi

THE ANCIENT WAY TO FINDING STRENGTH, PEACE AND HARMONY.

CHI KUNG

PLAY AN ACTIVE ROLE IN YOUR HEALTH AND WELLBEING. QIGONG



Tuesday 18:30 - 19:30 in Findon Hall

First class free then £7/class or £25 for block of 5 classes

Contact Iain on [07850 003424](tel:07850003424) or

email iain@brachla.co.uk

The next newsletter

The **next newsletter is due out the first Friday in November** with the final deadline for any articles being **Sunday 20th October 2019**. However, the sooner the better would be much appreciated.

If you have any items you would like included in the Noticeboard please send them to Eilidh Richmond on

eilidh@brachla.co.uk or call **01349 877882**

Distribution

For distribution queries or to volunteer to deliver in your area please contact Roger Piercy on

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Community Council

If you would like to be added to the Community Council email update so you can keep up to date with all CC news and give your opinion on local matters please contact Bruce Morrison on

ferintoshcc30@gmail.com

Ferintosh Community Hall

Ferintosh Community Hall is a delightful little Hall located on the Black Isle approximately mid way between the Duncanston and Leanaig junctions on the B9169, in the vicinity of Ferintosh Primary School. It's size of 13m x 10m lends itself to gatherings of no more than 100. It currently serves the Primary School, the local community, family functions and outside organisations. It has a stage with curtains at one end of the hall with a smaller room off to the side and adjoining cloakroom and toilets. Its kitchen is appointed with a cooker, fridge, micro-wave and range of utensils. It comes equipped with tablecloths, crockery and cutlery able to provide 65 place settings. Some 16 folding tables are available along with 4 fixed leg, and 90 chairs. Quartz heaters keep the hall to a comfortable temperature. There are ample electricity sockets around the hall. Parking is provided adjacent. It is a condition of our entertainment licence that activities are to finish prior to midnight. Sunday functions are by special arrangement. We do not accept bookings for sixth year school leaver functions or similar. **For bookings, further information or to visit, in the first instance contact Mrs Marjory Fraser, 01349 861304. Otherwise contact Rod Mackay, 07821 270 635.**

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DATES FOR THE DIARY

Annual Howard Russel Quiz scheduled for 27th September 2019 in Ferintosh Hall starting at 7:00pm and our **Stovies and Ceilidh night on 22nd November 2019 at 7:30pm, with music by the Inver Ross Ceilidh Band. For further information contact **Rod Mackay 07821 270 635**.**

CULBOKIE SOCIAL BADMINTON CLUB

Come and join us for badminton and table tennis

Time – 7.30-9.30pm Mondays

Place - Findon Hall, Culbokie

Cost - £20 for the term or £2 per session

Autumn Term starts September 3rd, 2019



Call Gordon on 01349 877224 or Martin on 01349 877822 if you are over 16 and are interested in coming along.

FERINTOSH WRI DATES 2019

- 4th September- Golden Eagle Talk
by Marcia Rae
Easter Ross CountrySide Ranger
- 2nd October - Planting Bulbs for Competitions
Talk by George Pirie
- 6th November- Goat Farm Soap
Talk By Kerry Hawthorne
Golden Goat Dairy
- 4th December- Christmas Lunch
venue to be confirmed

FERINTOSH WRI DATES 2020

- 8th January- Highland Suffragettes
Talk by Alison Fraser
Entry forms due for Bulb and Baking show
- 5th February- Getting the best from your photos
Talk by Ian Rhind
- 4th March- Open night
Presentation covering all
Aspects of the Red Cross
- 7th March- Windfarms
Talk by Erin Hunter
And
Hannah Brown
Flack Renewables
- 1st April- Bulb and Baking show
Dingwall Academy, Dingwall
- 3rd &
4th April- Handcraft Show
Dingwall Academy, Dingwall
- 6th May- AGM

FINDON HALL

Following the Findon Hall Committee AGM meeting on Thursday 29th August 2019 and a review of the annual accounts, the committee has had to look at increasing the price of rentals for use of the hall to cover the running costs, and also with the forthcoming essential repairs to the roof.

If you wish to donate to the Roof Appeal please go to our Facebook Page at Findon Hall Culbokie, or direct to the Golden Giving page at www.goldengiving.com/wall/findon-hall-culbokie, which has the additional benefit of allowing us to claim Gift Aid on any donations from UK tax payers. Any suggestions for fundraising will be welcomed by the committee.

OUROWN LOCAL BOWLS CHAMPION



A huge well done and congratulations goes to Alan Forsyth from Culbokie on his recent success at the Indoor Bowls Championships held at Waterloo Bowling Club, Inverness. Alan was awarded the 'Highland disability Sport' trophy and the 'Cordiner Inverness section C' shield. Well done Alan!!!

Next Community Council Meetings

***Monday 16th September in Ferintosh Hall at 7:30pm**

***Monday 21st October in Culbokie Primary School at 7pm**

*** Monday 18th November in Mulbuie Hall at 7pm**



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ROSS-SHIRE FEDERATION

FERINTOSH PROGRAMME

2019/2020

MEETINGS:

FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH

FERINTOSH PUBLIC HALL

7:30pm

Culbokie Church Centre activities

Church services 10am on Sunday including Sunday School and crèche
Prayer and Praise evenings on the 3rd Sunday of the month. Contact: Rev. Terry Burns 01349 877452

3Cs Café is held on Tuesday afternoons, 1.30-3.45pm. There will be a special **Macmillan Fundraiser** on Tuesday 24th September from the earlier time of 11.30am, with soup as well as delicious home bakes available. Donations welcome.

Walking Group meets at 10am on Thursdays for a sociable stroll. Contact: May Stevenson 01349 877213

Senior Citizen's Friendship Group meets on Monday 2nd September, and again on 7th October, at 2-4pm for an activity, tea and blether. Contact: Maureen Rose 01349 877435

Soup Lunch will be held on the last Saturday of the month, **28th September, 26th October, 30th November** 12-2pm in Findon Hall.

Women's Fellowship resumes on Thursday 19th September. The next meeting on 17th October, Ladies, how well do you know yourself? Come to a talk on breast awareness by Dr. Heather Rose (breast clinician) in support of breast cancer month. All ladies welcome. Contact: Maureen Rose 01349 877435

Man Friday meet at 7.30pm on the last Friday of the month. However, on Friday 20th September we will be having a black and white film night, open to the ladies, viewing the comedy "Laxdale Hall". On Friday 25th October we will be learning about the life of Sir Hector Macdonald "Fighting Mac" presented by Johnnie Black and an invitation is extended to the Community to join us. Contact: Roger Piercy 01349 877401

New faces are warmly welcome to any of the activities. See www.culbokiechurchcentre.org website and facebook for more details.



An Evening with Sir John Lister-Kaye

 The Culbokie Community Trust are delighted that Sir John Lister-Kaye will be coming to Culbokie on 5th October to entrance us with tales from his life as a Highland naturalist. Many of you will already be familiar with the fantastic work done at the Aigas Field Centre where Sir John is both founder and Director or been captivated by one of his many highly acclaimed books about encounters with wild creatures.

The event will take place at Findon Hall on Saturday 5th October beginning at 7pm for 7.30pm. Tickets are £10 (£5 for under 18s). BYOB, tea/coffee and homebaking will be for sale at interval. All proceeds will be in aid of the Culbokie Community Trust. **Tickets are available to buy at the Culbokie shop or to reserve by emailing event@culbokiect.org.**



QUIZ NIGHT

Culbokie Community Trust will be holding a Quiz Night on Saturday 9 November in Findon Hall, 7 for 7.30. Book your table at event@culbokiect.org - £20 for a team of four or ask to be matched up with others to form a team. An evening designed to include questions for everyone! BYOB; tea, coffee and baking on sale.'

Active Travel in and around Culbokie

At Culbokie Community Trust we're really excited to have been awarded funding to design a new footpath/ cycle route through the village and out to the bus stop on the A9 at Duncanston. The short distances between the football ground, play area, Findon Hall, church and school at one end, and the shop and inn at the other makes the village well suited for walking and cycling – but lots of people are put off by the traffic along the main road, and the lack of suitable crossings. It certainly doesn't help that the existing pavements don't reach as far as the ends of the village, the lack of dropped kerbs and poor sight-lines at junctions, make things particularly difficult for wheelchair users and parents with buggies. It's about another 2.5 km to Duncanston, again an easy journey by bike, so a cycle route along there will give access to more frequent buses to Inverness and Invergordon – and also make it easier for households along the B9169 to cycle into Culbokie. The grant, from Transport Scotland via Sustrans will pay for an option appraisal with lots of opportunities for residents to give their input, and then some early-stage design work. Assuming that all goes well, we should be eligible for another grant for technical designs and construction – although that won't be 100% funding, so we'll need to apply elsewhere for top-up money.

We also want to run some cycling-related events to encourage people to dust off their bikes, so keep an eye open for news of those. **If anyone can spare a bit of time to help with events, or with gathering baseline usage data please contact Martin Sherring on 01349 877822 or email martin@pennyandmartin.co.uk.**



Culbokie Community Market

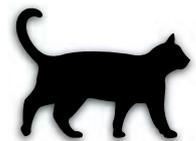
The next market is at Findon Hall, Culbokie on Saturday 21st September from 10am – 12.30pm. A great opportunity to browse an ever widening range of quality local food products, produce and crafts then enjoy a break with the usual goodies in the market café run by Girl Guiding Ross-shire.

The autumn markets will be on Saturday 19th October, when there will be a chance to press your apples as well as all the usual stalls, **and on Saturday 16th November** when there will be a chance to buy Christmas gifts, plus 2nd hand books for those long winter evenings. You can keep up-to-date with news and events on the Facebook Page – Culbokie Community Market. **If you wish to take part in a market please contact Sylvie on: market@culbokie.org or telephone 07926 044 064**

SHOP LOCAL
EAT LOCAL
SPEND LOCAL
ENJOY LOCAL

RATS TO RICHES

Culbokie Panto has started their rehearsals for this year's show, we have a full cast for Rats to Riches starring Dick McWhitavidone and his cat. This will be held in Findon Hall on the second weekend of December. Anyone willing to help us behind the scenes please contact Sheila on [01349 800153](tel:01349800153).



Our Invaluable Culbokie - Inverness Commuter Bus

BUT FOR HOW MUCH LONGER?

JUST THREE MORE REGULAR USERS WOULD SECURE THIS SERVICE

A reliable commuter service returned to Culbokie six months ago after much local campaigning. Currently, there is an average usage of four return journeys every weekday and we believe that raising this to just seven would secure the long term existence of this lifeline service.

Leaving Culbokie Schoolcroft at 07.50 (07.52 at the shop), the 22 arrives in Inverness at 08.14 in good time for onward journeys to the UHI and the Hospital. The 22 returns from Inverness at 17.35 and arrives in Culbokie at 18.15 (18.17, Schoolcroft). An adult return is £4.85 compared with a car journey cost, with parking (£4), of £15.40 (@ 45ppm). That's potential savings of over £2000 per year.

ARE YOU ABLE TO CONSIDER THIS CHANGE? Feel free to contact Alison Lowe, Culbokie Action Group on 07766 101852 or Bruce Morrison, Ferintosh Community Council on 01349 877127 for more information and background.