

# THE NOTICEBOARD

THE NEWSLETTER FOR ALL THE COMMUNITIES IN THE FERINTOSH AREA- [www.ferintoshcc.co.uk](http://www.ferintoshcc.co.uk)

**A personal perspective of the history of Noticeboard  
Submitted by Roger Piercy, former Editor and Chairman. - article 1/3**

## The Noticeboard

The feeling had existed for some time for the need of a method of communicating regularly with the community and it was decided to create a newsletter. As I was developing my Desktop Publishing skills in my role as PT Computing Studies at Dingwall Academy it fell to me to be editor and publisher using the primary school photocopier made available by the head teacher Stuart Greaves.

Unfortunately there is very little physical and digital information available of the early days of the *The Noticeboard* which was the name selected for the newsletter.

The first evidence we have is issue 13 which is dated February 1991 and based on the assumption that we have invariably worked on a 2 month cycle we can extrapolate back to Issue 1 being sometime in

1989. If anyone has original early Noticeboards then we would like to see them.

The next physical evidence in the life of the *Noticeboard* is issue 60 in December 1997, a paper copy of which exists (I, as editor, had stirred up the community with a remark regarding a new housing development that had made it into the local press – hence the interest of retaining the issue). Confusingly this suggests a printing frequency of one issue everyone and half months which seems excessive, which is further supported by the existence of issue 90 published in April 2002. Obviously we must have had plenty of material to communicate and this is now confirmed by a series of diary entries starting in January 1999. In each of February, April and May I produced an issue with 7 sessions required to prepare the masters, 2 sessions to photocopy and 3 sessions of delivering.

Distributed free to electors within the Ferintosh Community Council area.

25p deadline towards publishing costs would be welcome.



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### Misleading headlines

My headline in the last issue, I implied that the housing development at Finsda Hall was being sited on half the allocated site and that we could therefore expect an application for another 36 houses. I got it wrong and for that I offer my apologies. Whilst the site is shown as having two parts it has always been the intention of the Highland Council that the part currently under consideration was the only part specifically zoned for housing. As I understand the situation, less than 10 people wrote to the Planning Officer and only one phoned the Social Councillor, Bryan Beattie, which sent the message that this development was not arousing any passions. In our discussion with the architect he used the argument that for the 36 houses designed there is a total of, about, 75 bedrooms which gives the same density of bedrooms for the site with 25 houses being built with at least 3 bedrooms.

My other objection about the proposals was the inclusion of a two storey design of house. The architect has now changed the design to a 'one and three-quarter' house which means that it is more in keeping with what we are used to seeing around the Black Isle and gives a lower profile.

On the subject of misleading headlines you will have realised that I was guilty of misleading you with

**Letters to Santa**

The deadline for sending your letters to Santa is fast approaching. Post Offices have a collecting box for your letters WHICH WILL RECEIVE A PERSONAL REPLY FROM SANTA!



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**DEADLINE!!**

The deadline for the next issue is **Friday 30th January** and copies will be with the schools and distributors by **Monday 9th February**.

To help with your planning of contributions:

Future deadlines will be **3rd April** (last day of term) and **12th June** with publication for the last week of term.

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### WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Do you ever wonder at the strange variety of place names in this district, part of the old administrative parish of Urquhart? That name itself, we are told, goes back to Pictish times meaning the head of the wood and strangely enough, we have a classic name with the same meaning - Kirkell, the head of the wood. Balnabeen is said to mean the place of judgement, and the nearby Cochar, the place of execution, while Culbokio is the secret haunt of hobgoblins - the haunted moor. Our old parish stretches from Highland, near Muir of Ord, to a mile or two to the east of Culbokio, and in its past had three very influential families - the Mackenzies of Culbokio, Forbes of Culbokio, based on Ryfield, and Mackenzie of Finsda and Scatwell. When it

came to providing funds for the Church, they were the main contributors, not always too willing! Thus the Longbarrow Church was built in the central area known as Ferintosh, the area given to the Forbes in the fifteenth century. The crofters paid their rent to the 'Craichie', a post similar to a factor. For an 'Toshaig' - means the men who paid this agent - hence the name Ferintosh which was an area from about Cornton to Dunvois.

When local government produced Community Councils in 1974, a meeting was held in Canon Bridge with view to creating a Community Council, which was almost entirely made up of trustees of the Finsda Hall, then newly rebuilt. Closes had already a very active village association and saw no need for the innovation.

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## Carlton Rocke

All of us who were colleagues with Carlton on the FCC, would like to pass on our sincere condolences to Carlton's family. Carlton sadly passed away in December. Carlton served on FCC for 10 years and in addition to his work as a community councillor, Carlton also carried the responsibility as Treasurer for four years. When he resigned in 2016 through ill health we all very much missed his loyalty and commitment.

## Potholes

Potholes. If you are a resident and use the roads in the Ferintosh Community Council area, you will be very familiar with them. In fact, if you live on the Black Isle you will be familiar with Potholes all over the Black Isle. I should also include the sides of the roads, where the edge has disintegrated into a large cavern waiting for you as you avoid the pothole further out in the road.

Whether you drive a 4x4, a saloon car, motorcycle or pedal cycle, you need to be wary of these nasty imperfections to our road system. Driving through them will, if not immediately, cause undue wear and tear to your vehicle. Damaged tyres, damaged rims, broken springs and damaged suspension are likely outcomes, not forgetting the long-term effect of rattling along on poorly repaired areas which resemble rumble strips. For the two wheeled road user, not only is there a danger of damage to your mode of transport, but, more worryingly, there is a serious risk of getting a wheel caught in one of these numerous potholes and ruts and having a serious accident.

What to do? Well the Council will only repair them if you report them; as far as I am aware, they do not look for them. If they do, then they are not very observant.

So, each of us must report them. The link I have provided here should take you into the Highland Council's road faults information and reporting guide.

[https://www.highland.gov.uk/info/20005/roads\\_and\\_pavements/96/road\\_faults](https://www.highland.gov.uk/info/20005/roads_and_pavements/96/road_faults)

I should warn you that if you wish to report more than one pothole the 'REPORT A FAULT' button on the website leads to a map which has a red marker that only allows you to report one pothole at a time.

I have myself reported more than one pothole by phoning **01349 886601**

If it's an **emergency**, phone **01349 886690**

If the pothole or road damage is on the A9, which passes across the Black Isle from the Cromarty Bridge to the Kessock Bridge, then you will need to **contact BEAR Scotland, Inverness Office, Bridge Point Depot, 23a Longman Drive, Inverness IV1 1SU. Telephone:-0330 080520 or email:**

[enquiries@bearsotland.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@bearsotland.co.uk)

I would encourage everyone to report road faults as I understand that unless the fault has been previously reported, you will have little chance of compensation for the damage to your vehicle. The Highland Council requires an opportunity to repair the fault.



## Culbokie Community Market

The spring markets are at Findon Hall, Culbokie on **Saturday 15th February** and **Saturday 21st March** from 10am - 12.30pm. Lots of local produce and craft items plus new stalls. Local groups and charities provide a café with delicious goodies at all the markets so come along, enjoy a cuppa and a chat and support them.

Culbokie Market continues throughout the year on the 3rd Saturday of each month with some special events as the year progresses. The dates for all Black Isle Markets are included in the leaflet enclosed with Noticeboard. Please support your local producers whenever you can.

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](mailto:market@culbokie.org) or telephone **07926 044 064**.

SHOP LOCAL  
EAT LOCAL  
SPEND LOCAL  
ENJOY LOCAL

## Package Free Food Shopping in Culbokie!



Let's Go Lentil are a small local business who bring Plastic Free Organic Wholefoods and Ready to Go Food to the Black Isle via the Community Markets every month. We have a wide range of dried products to cater for all: from pasta and rice to lentils (or course!) and chickpeas; nuts and dried fruits to seeds and spices right down to your oats and muesli. Bring your own jar/ Tupperware/ produce bag etc. and purchase as much or as little as you need.

Why not bring your own container and pick up a ready to eat wholefood salad for a tasty, healthy and easy lunch. A jar of our houmous will go nicely with that and one of our famous Black Bean Brownies for a sweet treat. Our Energy Bites (made from a base of nuts and dates) come in a range of flavour combinations and are popular as a healthy snack whether you're up a hill, on the golf course, in the garden, on a break at work or just in need of an attack of sweetness to get you through the day.

No single use plastic. No pre-determined package sizes. No waste.  
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Find out a bit more about us on our website which has a full product list, recipes and blog - [www.letsgolentil.co.uk](http://www.letsgolentil.co.uk) or follow us on Social Media (FB/IG).



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## **POTATO DAY**

**Saturday 7th March**

11am– 3pm

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Café with soup, tea/coffee, homemade cakes

**Admission £1**

Don't forget to bring your own bags !  
For more information go to  
[www.transitionblackisle.org](http://www.transitionblackisle.org)

## Whisky Raffle

The whisky Raffle for Findon Hall Roof raised nearly £300 and was won by Eleanor Rose. Thank you very much to everyone who bought tickets.

## History

We've continued to improve the history section of the web site with more photos and information about the community's involvement in Culbokie Woods and the history of Findon Quarry.

A history of the Ferintosh Community Council newsletter "The Noticeboard" has been added to the Social History section.

Following the discovery of a map showing the residents of Culbokie we have narrowed down the date of its creation to 1976/77. The background to this map and how it led to the recording of the building of the Schoolcroft housing development can be found from the final paragraph in the "Village Centre" under the "Social History" section of the History pages.



### **Background to the creation of the Ferintosh Community Council (FCC) and its place within the, now, Highland Council -Article 2/3**

Community Councils were first established in Scotland following the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973. Subsequently in 1975, the area was created as a two-tier region, under the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, with an elected council for the whole region and, in addition, elected councils for each of eight districts, Badenoch and Strathspey, Caithness, Inverness, Lochaber, Nairn, Ross and Cromarty, Skye and Lochalsh and Sutherland. The act also abolished county and burgh councils.

In 1996, under the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994, the Highland Regional Council and the district councils were wound up and their functions were transferred to a new Highland Council. The Highland Council adopted the districts as management areas and created area committees to represent them. However, the boundaries of committee areas ceased to be aligned exactly with those of management areas as a result of changes to ward boundaries in 1999. Ward boundaries changed again in 2007, and the management areas and related committees have now been abolished in favour of three new corporate management areas: Caithness, Sutherland and Easter Ross; Inverness, Nairn and Badenoch and Strathspey; and Ross, Skye and Lochaber. The names of these areas are also names of constituencies, but the boundaries are different. (*Wikipedia*)

In 1974 the three local communities of Mulbuie, Easter Kinkell and Culbokie were approached and invited to form a steering committee to prepare a constitution for a Community Council and I was chosen to be one of the representatives for Easter Kinkell. The name "Ferintosh" was chosen as being significantly historical and neatly embracing the 3 communities. At one stage there was the possibility that Conon Bridge was to be included but eventually there was sufficient interest there to form a council. Nominations were sought for the first election and as all but one of the steering committee put themselves forward and there were no other nominations the first and all subsequent councils have been formed without an election. However, this changed in 2019 when there were more nominations than places. The first Chairman of the Ferintosh Community Council (FCC) was Jack Sinclair, Culbokie. **-Continues on page 7**

## Culbokie Panto

Thanks to everyone who supported the Pantomime again. Dick McWhitavyadun was great fun putting together and we had excellent feedback. The writing team will be starting all over again around February for this year's extravaganza.



## FERINTOSH AND RESOLIS FREE CHURCH - SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

You are very welcome to join us at any of our services or other activities. Please check out our website - [www.ferintosh.org.uk](http://www.ferintosh.org.uk) - and Facebook page.

**Christianity Explored - One Life - What's it all about?** We are now running this course at Resolis Free Church. If you are interested in thinking about the big questions of life, and exploring the life of the person at the heart of the Christian faith, Jesus Christ, please do join us for any or all of these informal sessions, followed by refreshments. Thursdays, 7.30-8.45pm from 16th January until 27th February (7 sessions) at Resolis Free Church.

**Sunday Services:** Resolis Free Church at 10.30am and Ferintosh Free Church at 12 noon & 6.00pm (Creche and Sunday School at the morning services and Youth Fellowship fortnightly after the evening service) Minister: Rev Calum Iain Macleod, **01349 866067**

**Evergreen Soup Lunch**, first Monday of each month, 12.00 to 1.30pm, (October to May), at Ferintosh Free Church. Next dates: 3rd February and 2nd March.

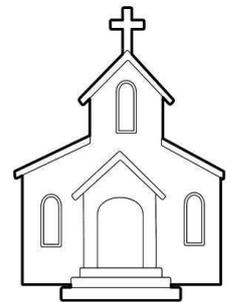
Come along for friendly conversation, a bowl of soup and a generous selection of cakes! Open to all! (Contact: Helen Macdonald **01349 862546**)

**Women for Mission** - All ladies are warmly invited.

Monday 24th February, 7.30pm, Ferintosh Free Church: Dina Macleod - testimony and insights

Saturday 14th March, Resolis Free Church: Fundraising soup lunch

Monday 23rd March, 7.30pm, Ferintosh Free Church: Janet Logue - CrossReach



## Culbokie Church Centre activities

**Church services** 10am on Sunday, including Sunday School and crèche. Prayer and Praise evenings on the third Sunday of the month.

**Contact: Rev. Terry Burns 01349 877452**

**3Cs Café** is held every Tuesday afternoon from 1.30 to 3.45pm.

**Senior Citizen's Friendship Group** resumes on Monday 2nd March at 2-4pm for an activity, tea and blether. **Contact: Maureen Rose 01349 877435**

**Women's Fellowship** meets on the third Thursday of the month at 7.30pm. On Thursday 20th February there'll be a talk by Rod Mackay on Mission Aviation Fellowship, and on Thursday 19th March a talk by Anne-Marie Foote on Scottish Mountains. **Contact: Maureen Rose 01349 877435**

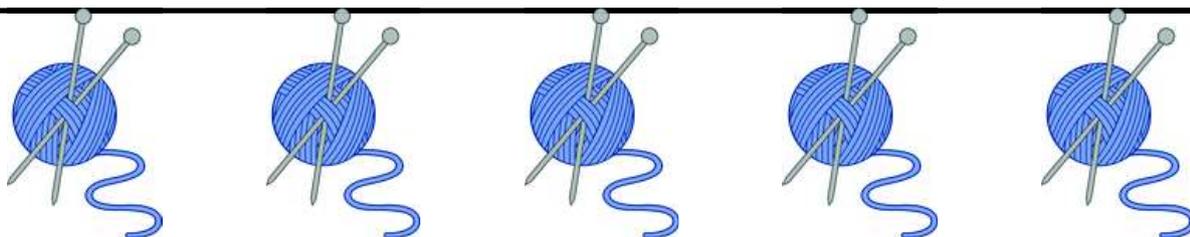
**Man Friday** meets on the last Friday of the month at 7.30pm. On Friday 28th February we'll be watching a DVD "Once an addict" by Barry Woodward. *After being dependent on heroin for fifteen years and spending a number of terms in prison, Barry Woodward had a religious experience, which resulted in his life being totally transformed. This led to him becoming a national public speaker and the author of 'Once an Addict'.* On 27th March there will be a talk from Drew Anderson, Seamen's Mission at Invergordon. **Contact: Graeme Rose 01349 877343**

**The Walking Group** meets, weather permitting, at 10am on Thursdays outside the church for a sociable stroll nearby. Contact: **May Stevenson 01349 877213**

**Soup Lunches** will be held on Saturdays 29th February and 28th March, 12-2pm in Findon Hall. Come along for a warming bowl of soup on these cold winter months!

New faces are warmly welcomed to any of these activities. See [www.culbokiechurchcentre.org](http://www.culbokiechurchcentre.org) website and facebook for more details.





## KNITTING WOOL WANTED

**Any Quantity, Any Quality, Any Colour. All will be welcome and all will be used.**

**A local knitting club converts all your donations into items for the Blythwood Christmas Shoebox Appeal**

**We also accept, Buttons, ribbons, lace and spare fabric/material which is also converted into items for the boxes**

**Please help us if you can.**

**Contact : Patricia Houghton on 01349 877214**

**(OR)**

**drop off your donations to Stoneacres, Culbokie, IV7 8JP**

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### Dingwall & District U3A

#### General Interest Meetings 2020-21

All meetings begin at 2pm in Dingwall Baptist Church, Tulloch Street, IV15 9JZ Prospective members may attend two General Meetings before joining U3A.

#### 2020

**20 February-** "Change Your Thinking to Change Your Life" – discover little changes that you can make to become the best version of yourself.-Anne Wyatt Solution Focused Clinical Hypnotherapist

**19 March-** Annual General Meeting Night Sky/Aurora- Pauline Macrae

**16 April-** "Primroses to Peaches" – an inspiring taster on how to make the most of every microclimate in your garden- Alison Munro-White

**21 May-** *The Culture of Northern Thailand*- Anne Marie Foot

**17 September-** "The Ups and Downs of a Writing Life" - the most enjoyable aspects, and some of the difficulties, of work as a historical novelist over the past 12 years- Shona Maclean

**15 October-** "A Very Royal Peculiar" – behind the scenes at St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle- The Reverend Canon Laurence Gunner

**19 November-** *My Visit to Uzbekistan*- Ann Nicol

**17 December-** *The Work of the Samaritans*- Judith Jardine

#### 2021

**21 January-** *The inspiration behind my books which have a Highland setting*- Liz MacRae Shaw

## FERINTOSH Scottish Women's Institute

Ladies, get your pinnies on and baking bowls out; check the flower pots out and bulbs planted! We are fast approaching the annual Bulb and Baking Show held in Dingwall Academy each year. However, before that we have several interesting meetings coming up and we would be pleased to welcome new faces.

Meetings are held in the Ferintosh Hall in Easter Kinkell at 7.30pm on the first Wednesday of each month

**Wed 5th February:** Getting the best from your Photos. A talk by Ian Rhind

**Wed 4th March :** A presentation covering all aspects of the work of the Red Cross by Sarah Summerfield

**Sat 7th March:** Bulb and Baking Show. Dingwall Academy

**Wed 1st April:** Wind Farms. A talk by Erin Hunter and Hannah Brown of Falck Renewables

### Community support and Handing Over -Article 3/3

Apart from all those already mentioned there have been other ways in which the FCC has been supported. Over the years there have been several occasions where we had received donations from the community and the most significant was when AGRIL in Culbokie kept us supplied with paper until they closed down their Culbokie premises. The primary school did its best to help with absorbing the cost of photocopying but eventually it became too much of a drain on its budget. FCC also received support from the Ward Discretionary Fund and Morgan Sindall who sponsored several issues. Now we are grateful to the Church for housing the printer and allowing us the use of the Church for the production afternoon. Expenses could have been defrayed by encouraging the submission of commercial adverts but a decision early in the life of the *Noticeboard* was against this. Whilst it has never been a burden it is with some relief that I have handed over the baton to Becky and can enjoy those moments on lovely sunny warm afternoons when the team is busy with printer and I'm enjoying the garden. Whilst it has never been a burden it is with some relief that I have handed over the baton to Becky and can enjoy those moments on lovely sunny warm afternoons when the team is busy with printer and I'm enjoying the garden.

**The next newsletter is due out the first Friday in April** with the final deadline for any articles being **Sunday 22nd March 2020**.

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](mailto:eilidh@brachla.co.uk) or call **01349 877882**

### **Distribution**

For distribution queries or to volunteer to deliver in your area please contact Becky Richmond on [becky@blackislestud.co.uk](mailto:becky@blackislestud.co.uk)

### **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](mailto:ferintoshcc30@gmail.com)

### **FCC MEETINGS**

- ✦ Monday 17th February in Culbokie School, 7pm
- ✦ Monday 16th March in Mulbuie Hall, 7pm
- ✦ Monday 20th April in Ferintosh Hall, 7:30pm
- ✦ Monday 18th May in Culbokie School, 7pm
- ✦ Monday 15th June in Mulbuie Hall, 7pm
- ✦ Monday 20th July in Ferintosh Hall, 7:30pm
- ✦ Monday 17th August in Culbokie School, 7pm

## **HAPPY NEW YEAR AND WELCOME TO A NEW DECADE WITH A NEW AND REFRESHED COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

I would like to start with a vote of thanks to those of you who used your democratic vote and participated in the Community Council elections. The result is that 4 new councillors have joined the existing 5, and Adam Fletcher is staying closely involved as an Associate Member.

At our January meeting we looked at the various roles and linkages that FCC have in place and we each now have various portfolios that we are responsible for. These have been minuted and we will put a list on the Website. We also agreed that we would consult residents through the email list on 2 matters of importance.

The first email was to gauge people's views on the Munloch Junction. I have been so impressed with the response and I would like to thank all of you who took the time to give us your considered opinions.

Our second email has just gone out and is seeking your views on what you would like to see FCC prioritise over the next four years. The list has been put together based on projects FCC are already involved with or that we consider may be of importance in the future, and also from comments that residents have passed on to us.

We would like to consult as widely as possible on this, so even if you're not on the email list you can still let us know your thoughts by emailing [ferintoshcc30@gmail.com](mailto:ferintoshcc30@gmail.com) or by talking to one of us. We are hoping to have a presence at the Culbokie Community Market on Saturday 15th February.

The projects we're asking you to consider are as follows:

**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 (Inner Moray Firth Local Development Plan)**

**Devolving power to communities – a continuing national discussion about greater devolution to community councils**

**Road Safety to include: 50mph limits on our roads, junctions, potholes, verge cutting, flooding**

**An upgrade of the Play Park at Culbokie Football Pitch**

**Implementation of Core paths and improved cycle routes**

**Transport provision to improve access to services**

**Flooding Risks**

**Annual Gathering for the Ferintosh CC area**

It's really important that we hear from as many people as possible, so please let us know your thoughts.

Following on from the elections, we became acutely aware that not many of you knew who your councillors were and we hope to encourage The Highland Council to improve the information that goes onto the ballot paper for future elections. In the meantime, we would like to invite residents to join us at our next 3 meetings in Culbokie (17th Feb), Mulbuie (16th March) and Ferintosh (20th April), where we will be providing tea and coffee at the start of the meeting and we will use the first 15 minutes of the meeting as an opportunity for you to meet us and have a chat, pass on any issues or concerns you may have. If this is well supported, we will look at carrying this out at various times in the year.

There are a lot of issues coming up over the next four years that are likely to be of importance for Ferintosh and the Black Isle as a whole. We are looking forward to engaging with you and working on behalf of all Ferintosh residents.

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