



CROMARTY AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES APPROVED
25th February 2013

Minutes of additional meeting held on Wednesday 13th February 2013 in the Hugh Miller Institute

Community Councillors Ronald Young (Chair), Vivienne Plampton, Anne Short, Gabriele Pearson, Diane Brawn
Highland Councillors: David Alston
Community Council Minute Secretary: Jeremy Price

| Item | Details | Action |
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| 1 | <p><u>Chairman's Welcome</u></p> <p>Ronald welcomed everyone present to the meeting. He said that this was a meeting called to discuss issues arising from the resignation of Julie Penwright from the Council.</p> <p>Apologies were received from Andrew Hulse</p> | |
| 2 | <p><u>Constitutional issues</u></p> <p>2.1 The meeting discussed the constitutional implications of councillor numbers being down to 4 elected and 2 co-opted members and whether Di Agnew, the Ward Manager, needed approaching to see if permission was needed for the council to continue in its present form.</p> <p>2.2 David said that Di was aware of the situation and had initially said that Council could continue as it is. There may be issues about numbers not being to the minimum quota and an interim election may be necessary.</p> <p>2.3 It was agreed Gabrielle would query the situation with Di Agnew.</p> <p>2.4 <i>[Sec's note: This has been done and her response was in these terms:</i></p> <p>2.5 <i>The council will not have to hold an interim election unless the number dropped to three elected members. The CC can continue with four elected plus the two co-opted members.</i></p> <p>2.6 <i>She also stated it was likely that the next interim election would be in May if it became necessary.]</i></p> | GP |

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| 2.7 | A brief discussion continued about whether it was necessary to have the formal position of Secretary filled but it was decided that this could wait until the AGM which will be held in May. Gabriele has spoken with Di Agnew re the position of Secretary and she has asked for an e mail to confirm our position, ie that we are without a secretary until next AGM. This is not a problem in respect of the minutes as there is a separate minute secretary. | |
| 2.8 | David said he was comfortable with the position and felt the council could continue as it was now. | |
| 3 | <u>Portfolio issues</u> | |
| 3.1 | The items that Julie had on her portfolio were then debated and, where necessary, reallocated or distributed. | |
| 3.2 | A summary of those issues is below: | |
| 3.3 | Dog Fouling: Andy would take this over. Julie will, however, keep an interest in the matter during the next couple of weeks as she is in the middle of an ongoing campaign and would like to liaise with the dog warden. | |
| 3.4 | This item would subsume the other dog-related issues such as the dog bin rota and chasing up the 3 news bins that had been awaited since July 2012. Gordon Penwright will secure the rest of the bins when he receives the clips. | |
| 3.5 | Trees on Kirkie Brae: David will get the tree officer out to discuss any TPO issues. | DA |
| 3.6 | Damaged fence and broken equipment, Victoria Park: Vivienne will circulate the service point phone number so these can be reported and logged again. | VP |
| 3.7 | Community Council Evaluation document: All members to read and discuss at next regular meeting. | All |
| 3.8 | Grass cutting/maintenance/graveyard: Anne will take over this portfolio. | |
| 3.9 | Communications with TEC Services: Julie had organised a meeting with Cameron Kemp from TECS and another community council. This was cancelled and Gabriele contacted the other CC to inform them of Julie's resignation. He will keep in touch and we can then decide later if we want to work together. | |
| 3.10 | Daycare/CALA: Julie has said she would like to continue to be involved with this, and Anne will take on the lead. | |
| 3.11 | New dog bin delivered for Burnside: Vivienne will liaise with Alan Shaw or Dougie Shepherd to get it installed. | VP |
| 3.12 | Porfolio list will be amended accordingly. | JP |
| | The meeting ended at 20.15hrs | |