



CROMARTY AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES
APPROVED
13th January 2014

Minutes of meeting held on Monday 28th October 2013 in the Hugh Miller Institute

Community Councillors: Ronald Young, Vivienne Plampton, Anne Short, Gabriele Pearson, Andrew Hulse

Highland Councillor: David Alston, Craig Fraser

Community Council Minute Secretary: Jeremy Price

Item	Details	Action
1	<p><u>Chairman's Welcome</u></p> <p>Ronald welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p> <p>Apologies were received from Diane Brawn, David Alston and Sgt Donald MacNeil</p> <p><i>Under this heading, Members recorded their sincere condolences to the family of the late Councillor Billy Barclay who had died suddenly on 23rd October. Many members expressed sadness at the loss of their colleague and friend.</i></p>	
2	<p><u>Approval of previous minutes</u></p> <p>2.1 The minutes of the meeting on 30th September were approved</p> <p>Proposed: Anne Short Seconded: Vivienne Plampton</p>	
3	<p><u>Youth issues</u></p> <p>3.1 Paige gave this report to Members:</p> <p>3.2 <u>Cromarty Youth Café</u></p> <p>Our most important news has to be about Estere Vitola who last month won Young Volunteer of the year award with Highland Council at the Tenants Association.</p> <p>Estere then this month went on to win Young Volunteer of 2013 with the Highland 3rd Sector for the first time ever.</p>	

Juniors and Seniors continue to enjoy a full range of activities.

Tuck shop took on board comments about the range of foods available and although fruit was always provided on Mondays we now have a range of fresh fruit juices, spring water, bottled water, all health bars 5 flavours more fresh fruit and a selection of baked crisps and dried fruit like sultanas in boxes that last each week. Healthy baking and cooking takes place most weeks.

Youth Café enjoyed working with the Homes and Heritage and enjoyed very much the fantastic exhibition.

Young volunteers enjoyed helping the Cromarty Youth Opera group with Clare and Edward Caswell.

We are now very proud of both Celtic Mosaics now sited on the bus shelter. The Sailing Project with Simon Sims - 34 teenagers (mostly not Youth Café members) boys and girls from Cromarty have all loved the sailing . Simon kindly offered free sessions to our Invergordon group that camped with us in the summer so another 16 young people took part in sailing, kayaking and having great fun in the Ringo.

Boxfresh Dance Firm music media project has 15 young girls turning up every week, working in partnership with Eden Court. A performance will be put on for the Community on Mon Dec 9th 2013. You are all invited so please come along to the Victoria Hall 6.30pm for tea and cakes and the first show begins 7pm.

Skilling up our volunteers and staff

2 more adults through Public Protection course with Police Scotland and HC, NHS and KCS.

Finlay Matheson successfully passed his 2 day First Responder training course last week – end with the Scottish Ambulance – well done Finlay some more help on the way for Ronald and Marigold at long last

Hockey classes are now being run with Aileigh and Niamh Maccan supported by Fraser in partnership with our Active Schools co-ordinator

Fusion events happening once a month in Fortrose at the Leisure Centre Sat Oct 26th all Saltire young people from Cromarty will be working at this.

<p>4</p> <p>4.1</p> <p>4.2</p>	<p><u>Police Report</u></p> <p>There was no police representative present. Gabriele said that she had received a written report from Sgt MacNeil, copied below:</p> <p>In the period since the last meeting on the 30/09/13 to 27/09/13 there have been a total of 30 Incidents which were of a routine nature with no significant matters of note.</p> <p>Ward and Local Policing Plan Priorities.</p> <p>Activities conducted over the reporting period to support those priorities.</p> <p>1. Road Safety -</p> <p>This has been identified as a Police Scotland priority and will continue to be a National focus. A number of Police operations have been run, Preparing for Winter (ensuring vehicles suitably equipped and basic safety checks carried out), Operation Route (Speed checks), Operation Get Ready for Winter (emphasis on Construction & Use Offences)</p> <p>2. Alcohol Abuse - No issues of note in the Cromarty area</p> <p>3. Anti-social behaviour - 2 males were warned in relation to the driving of their vehicles in an anti social behaviour</p> <p>Other Matters</p> <p>Rural crime is on the increase in particular theft of tools/house breakings. These are mainly located around the west coast area but the public are requested to remain vigilant and take reasonable security measures to protect their property.</p>	
<p>5</p> <p>5.1</p> <p>5.2</p> <p>5.3</p> <p>5.4</p> <p>5.5</p> <p>5.6</p> <p>5.7</p> <p>5.8</p>	<p><u>Matters arising from previous minutes</u></p> <p>(15.12 – Sandilands House) Anne said she'd spoken to Lynne Sproull but no further information was available. Jeremy said he'd emailed the Highland Small Communities Housing Trust but no reply had been received. <i>[Sec's note: followed up again a response promised shortly]</i></p> <p>(7.4 – Dog bin at Burnside) Vivienne said she would follow this up with Alan Shaw.</p> <p>(10.1 – fuel-buying co-operatives) In the absence of David, this will be remitted to the next meeting.</p> <p>(10.9 – Benches) This has been placed on the Cromarty Live website and Vivienne has produced a poster in draft form to circulate.</p> <p>(12.1 – Global Highland/Nigg meeting) Vivienne said the complaints form to record issues is in progress. It was pointed out that, despite promises, Carole Grove had not yet passed the 24hr reporting number to us.</p> <p>(13.2 – shrubs at Links park/Braehead) Anne said she'd spoken with Sam Lowe who would look at the area.</p> <p>(13.4 – post in Shore Street) The bollard has now been painted white and reflective tape stuck to it.</p> <p>(13.2 – designated disabled place, Towlands) Still awaiting response from David.</p>	<p>JP</p> <p>VP</p> <p>DA</p>

6	<u>Gaelic Chapel</u>	
6.1	David and Craig are meeting with HC solicitors to agree terms of lease and then to set up Trust based on this. The lease will need to reflect the unspecific ownership of the property and ground.	
7	<u>Review and update on Councillors' portfolios</u>	
7.1	Gabriele reported that Diane had met with the Black Isle Community Councils forum at their last meeting and will report back next time. A further forum will take place at the end of November.	
8	<u>Victoria Hall report</u>	
8.1	Vivienne had circulated her report (Appendix A).	
9	<u>Treasurer's report</u>	
9.1	Vivienne had circulated her report and there were no questions raised about it. (Appendix B)	
9.2	Under this matter, Ronald said he'd been approached by the school with an application for funding for a grant to cover the transport for a school trip. The costs would be in the region of £350. Anne suggested the Common Good fund and Vivienne agreed to submit an application report.	VP
10	<u>Highland Councillor's report</u>	
10.1	Craig reported that he'd been upset by the cleanliness of the town since the July walk-around. What had been promised by HC had not happened and he said the burial ground was symptomatic of the general malaise. He had offered to take some bin bags and do some clearing himself. Ronald said quite forcibly that this should not happen as it's totally Highland Council's contractor's responsibility and they are paid to ensure this happens. If we start doing it, it will set a precedent and they will expect us to do things in the future. The fact is that they are failing to deliver and HC should be telling them what is expected.	
10.2	Ronald commented again on the lack of Bobby's hours to Cromarty, through no fault of his own. We had been promised 2-3 days a week and this has never happened. His worksheet was also promised to us and this still has not been seen. He is seen in Avoch a great deal, but hardly ever here.	
10.3	Ronald wanted to recap that we provided and paid for a tractor/snow-plough from Dr Forth's bequest and Bobby is hardly here to use it for clearing the town. Ronald felt the time has come for the council to put pressure on HC to tell them their lack of support to community councils, especially Cromarty's, is shocking.	
10.4	Vivienne suggested a petition might be appropriate to show the town's anger over these issues but we needed to collect hard evidence first.	
10.5	Anne suggested we demand a special meeting with Ricky McNab with TEC Services and Refuse Services and ask for someone in charge to answer the points as the community and particularly the community council is deeply unhappy with the situation, feelings are running high and we require answers.	
10.6	Craig will arrange a meeting.	CF

10.7	Craig said he was meeting Chief Inspector Ross McKillop about policing and a number of related matters and asked if anyone had any specific questions. Anne asked where the nearest police station would be if the Fortrose office closed?	
10.8	Craig said that the lead up to work on the Fairy Glen road was progressing. Officials from HC were meeting with consultants shortly to formulate a repair plan.	
10.9	He reported on the land around the Links car park and said a local resident had a plan to deal with it by removing the shrubs and grassing part of it over. Anne said this area was being dealt with in discussions with HC at the next meeting.	
11	<u>Management of action points</u>	
11.1	This subject had been raised at the last meeting as it was thought that actions could be 'buried' in the minutes and some missed over the course of a few months.	
11.2	After a brief discussion it was agreed that Jeremy would include a summary of action points with each set of minutes to remind Members what was against their names.	JP
12	<u>Community fuel-buying co-operatives</u>	
12.1	As per 5.3 above, to take forward to next meeting.	
13	<u>Global Highland Nigg site / Nigg Liaison Group</u>	
13.1	Jeremy said that some emails were beginning to be exchanged inviting Highland Council representation on this group, but nothing yet received about local councils.	
13.2	This matter will be kept on the agenda.	
13.3	Under this subject the issue of noise emanating from rigs in the firth was tabled. After a brief discussion it was agreed that Jeremy would invite a representative of Cromarty Firth Port Authority to attend one of the next two meetings to discuss concerns with Members. <i>[Sec's note: done]</i>	JP
14	<u>Correspondence</u>	
14.1	Ronald had received details of the Forestry Commission Design Plan for the Black Isle for comment.	
14.2	Jeremy said he'd forwarded details to Members about community council training on 25 th and 26 th November. Andrew said he'd be interested in attending.	
14.3	Gabriele said she'd received details of the Moray Firth Development Plan event to be held in Fortrose on 21 st November between 4-8pm.	
14.4	A letter had been received by Ronald from Carsten Fleiger clarifying his points from the last meeting and confirming he'd been working on the application for funding for Resolis play equipment, hence the need for someone to take on the work for Cromarty.	

<p>15</p> <p>15.1</p> <p>15.2</p> <p>15.3</p> <p>15.4</p>	<p><u>Any other business</u></p> <p>Ronald said he had passed the insurance and registration documents for the snow plough / Bobby's tractor to Vivienne for retention.</p> <p>The Seaplane project would be kept on the agenda and the cleanliness of Cromarty was dealt with under 10.1 above.</p> <p>Anne reminded the meeting that the Christmas tree needed ordering. Vivienne will speak to Lynne.</p> <p>Anne said she would speak to Wanda about getting some youth representation at the Remembrance Sunday service at the War Memorial.</p>	<p>VP</p>
<p>16</p>	<p><u>Date of next meeting</u></p> <p>This was agreed as Monday 2nd December 2013.</p>	
<p>17</p> <p>17.1</p>	<p><u>Planning</u></p> <p><i>Please note: the Highland Councillor did not participate in any planning related discussions and left the meeting for this agenda item</i></p> <p>Gabriel reported on the following:</p> <p>New Planning Applications 13/03791/FUL Erection of replacement outbuilding and erection of fence 11 Bayview Crescent Cromarty IV11 8YP</p> <p>Update on Planning Applications 3/03261/FUL Erection of replacement extension to house Jalidor Bayview Crescent Cromarty IV11 8YP - Pending Consideration</p>	
	<p>The meeting concluded at 20.58 hrs. Ronald thanked everyone for their attendance.</p>	

Summary of Action Points from meeting

Reference	To whom allocated	Notes
5.1	JP	Chase up Highland Small Communities Housing Trust
5.2	VP	Speak to Alan Shaw re Burnside dog bin
5.8	DA	Designated disabled space, Townlands, to be removed
9.2	VP	Application to Common Good for funding for school transport
10.6	CF	Arrange meeting about state of cleanliness of Cromarty
11.2	JP	Summary of action points
13.3	JP	Invite CPFA to next meeting
15.3	VP	Speak to Lynne about Christmas tree

**Cromarty & District Community Council
Committee Meeting 27th October 2013
Agenda Item 8 – Victoria Hall Report**

1. Victoria Hall finances remain stable. Bookings remain strong but an electrical work invoice re PEL renewal is yet to be received and it may be necessary to seek external funding to subsidise this cost.

ACTION – Information only, no action required.

2. Repairs to the exterior artwork panels still need replacing due to an error in printing – Printer making site visit to assess action required. Repairs to vandalised phone sockets in the meeting room have been completed. The Hall has received the Fire Inspection Report for the PEL renewal purposes. PEL renewal has now been submitted and the required Public Notice displayed at the Hall.

ACTION – Information only, no action required.

3. A meeting of interested parties is being arranged to discuss the refurbishment and re-hanging of the artwork panels. After various positive comments it has been decided to leave the bunting up permanently.

ACTION – Information only, no action required.

4. Youth Cafe Report – Nothing new to report. Meetings and projects proceeding as previously reported.

ACTION – Information only, no action required.

Vivienne Plampton

Finance Report – Cromarty & District Community Council

Agenda Item No 9 - Treasurer’s Report

Period: 30th September to 27th October 2013

General Income

Guide Book and Leaflet Sales - Emporium	£5.00
	£-

Less:

General Expenditure

Secretarial Services - September meeting	£50.00
Minute Secretary Printer Ink	£21.00
Snow Plough Insurance	£392.66
	£-

Increase/(Decrease) in Accumulated Fund	£(458.66)
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Fund Income

	£-
Bonfire Night Fund - Quiz Night Proceeds	£150.00
Monday Club Fund - Grants	£1,179.00

Less:

Fund Expenditure

Bonfire Night Fund - Fireworks	£1,360.00
Homes & Heritage Project Fund - Various Costs	£2,397.01

Increase/(Decrease) in Other Funds	£(2,428.01)
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Net Assets

Accounts Receivable @ 27.10.2013	£-
Accounts Payable @ 27.10.2013	£-
Bank & Cash in hand balances as @ 27.10.2013	£9,045.80

Total Net Assets at 27th October 2013	£9,045.80
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Comprising:

Community Council Accumulated Fund	£1,710.07
Provision for Guide Book reprinting	£667.50
Seaplane Plinth Fund	£820.13
Bonfire Night Fund	£58.84
Splash & Dash (formerly Cromarty 2007) Fund	£1,312.55
Monday Club Fund	£1,402.30
Lonna's Lights Fund	£73.49
Gala Day Fund	£2,552.56
Homes & Heritage Project Fund	£448.36

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Vivienne Plampton 27.10.2013