



# CROMARTY AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**MINUTES APPROVED**  
**27<sup>th</sup> May 2013**

## Minutes of meeting held on Monday 29th April 2013 in the Hugh Miller Institute

**Community Councillors** Ronald Young, Anne Short, Gabriele Pearson, Andrew Hulse, Diane Brawn

**Highland Councillors:** Craig Fraser, David Alston

**Community Council Minute Secretary:** Jeremy Price

One member of the public was also present

Item	Details	Action
1	<p><b><u>Chairman's Welcome</u></b></p> <p>Ronald welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p> <p><b>Apologies</b> were received from Vivienne Plampton, Paige Shepherd</p> <p>On behalf of members, Anne offered congratulations to Ronald on his recent wedding to Louise and wished them every happiness for the future.</p>	
2	<p><b><u>Approval of previous minutes</u></b></p>	
2.1	<p>The minutes were approved          Proposed: Anne Short    Seconded: Gabriele Pearson</p>	
3	<p><b><u>Youth issues</u></b></p>	
3.1	<p>Jeremy read the report from Wanda MacKay:</p>	
3.2	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. All activities and clubs are running as normal and doing well</li> <li>2. Two Cromarty Girls attended a weekend away with Youth Highland on a Youth Participation Project</li> <li>3. Many young Cromarty people are now taking part in volunteering and are working towards their Saltire Award</li> <li>4. Juniors and seniors enjoyed some Easter activities in Cromarty as well as a hunt and competition</li> <li>5. Fraser supported Eco Day in Cromarty Primary School. The whole school took part in this exciting day</li> </ol>	

<b>4</b>	<b><u>Police Report</u></b>	
<b>4.1</b>	There was no police representative present and no report had been received.	
<b>4.2</b>	Gabriele said she had spoken to Sergeant McNeil and asked that if he did not attend the meeting to send some statistics for members' information but nothing has been forthcoming.	
<b>5</b>	<b><u>Matters arising from previous minutes</u></b>	
<b>5.1</b>	(5.2 – Lights on multi-court) – no action as yet	<b>PS</b>
<b>5.2</b>	(5.3 – catch on gates on Links) Ronald had still to complete the work.	<b>RY</b>
<b>5.3</b>	(5.10 – dog bin for Burnside) There are three broken at present. Still awaiting the installation of the new bin at Burnside.	
<b>5.4</b>	(5.11 – Seaplane Plinth Fund) Vivienne has received a response from John Nightingale which says he is happy to see this sum held in abeyance for another project. Alternatively, he will consider the overhaul of Kirkie Brae once there is a clearer indication of costs. David added that this year was the 100 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Seaplane Base and the first round Britain seaplane flight. He said there would be an event in the Cromarty Firth on 22 <sup>nd</sup> August to commemorate these and perhaps a plaque or similar could be commissioned. He asked if this could be kept in the mix as there was possibly something this money <u>could</u> fund in relation to the seaplanes. This will be kept on the agenda.	
<b>5.5</b>	(5.13 – meeting with dog warden) Craig is meeting Nell this Friday. Ronald reiterated that we'd reported some owners, including one actually caught on video not clearing up the dog mess but no action had yet been taken. Braehead corner and the Links were still bad. David said that Grantown had used the spraypaint option possibly funded through the Green Dog Walking scheme.	
<b>5.6</b>	(5.17 – Bobby's tractor) Craig has yet to speak with David about options under the Communities Scheme. David said there was still an option to bid to the Challenge Fund if there was work that could be taken from the council and undertaken locally.	
<b>5.7</b>	(7.1 – potholes in roads in town) Some had been done but after further approaches, Ian Hay had said he'd look again at those apparently missed.	
<b>6</b>	<b><u>Gaelic Chapel</u></b>	
<b>6.1</b>	Craig said there was nothing to report from the update at the last meeting.	

<b>7</b>	<b><u>Review and update on Councillors' portfolios</u></b>	
<b>7.1</b>	Anne said she'd met with Ricky McNabb, Ewan Marsh and one other. She was greatly encouraged by the enthusiasm they showed at the meeting and had supplied her with a complete list of information about service level agreements for ground maintenance, street cleaning, public conveniences and schools ground maintenance. It was exactly the information members had been after and there was a comprehensive pack including very detailed maps available for all to see. These will be circulated to members.	
<b>7.2</b>	There was a meeting at the football field to discuss the maintenance there.	
<b>7.3</b>	Anne said that we now know precisely what should be done and can monitor the activity and efficiency of the contractors.	
<b>8</b>	<b><u>Victoria Hall report</u></b>	
<b>8.1</b>	There was no Victoria Hall report on this occasion.	
<b>9</b>	<b><u>Treasurer's report</u></b>	
<b>9.1</b>	Vivienne had circulated, prior to the meeting, a draft report for the AGM which all members were happy with.	
<b>10</b>	<b><u>Highland Councillors' reports</u></b>	
<b>10.1</b>	Craig reported that the trees at the viewpoint were still obstructing the view and he'd speak with Gail Pocock to see if they could be trimmed.	
<b>10.2</b>	Craig was after some duck warning signs for the top of Denny Road.	
<b>10.3</b>	The Smithy had offered to supply a grating to replace the slab at the end of the Ladies' Walk.	
<b>10.4</b>	He said two benches near the lighthouse needed replacing and was following that up.	
<b>10.5</b>	Craig also reported on an awareness-raising campaign he was supporting in relation to the dangers of fishing litter (for example, balls of fishing line) which could injure and kill animals.	
<b>10.6</b>	Craig also said the beach clean was about to take place and gave details of the day.	
<b>10.7</b>	Craig said he'd sent a reminder about the fence around Victoria Park.	
<b>10.8</b>	David said that the District Partnership would take place on Friday and the subject was Health and Social Care.	
<b>11</b>	<b><u>Correspondence</u></b>	
<b>11.1</b>	The letter about the Seaplane Fund was dealt with under Treasurer's report.	

<b>12</b>	<b><u>Davidston wind turbines appeal</u></b>	
<b>12.1</b>	Gabriele said that she wanted to minute the decision to resubmit the results of the questionnaire in Cromarty to the appeal that was taking place in relation to the planning application.	
<b>12.2</b>	The site visit by the inspector will be on Tuesday the 21 of May, 9.30am at Canon Street Davidston.	
<b>13</b>	<b><u>Any other business</u></b>	
<b>13.1</b>	Anne raised the subject of untaxed vehicles, apparently abandoned vehicles and another caravan that had appeared on the shore front. She said some parts of the town looked like a dumping ground for boats and vehicles of all sorts.	
<b>13.2</b>	Ronald said that there were two broken windows on 'Nancy's Shelter' and asked if the £70-80 to repair them could come from the Ward budget. He would ask Di Agnew if this could be done.	<b>RY</b>
<b>13.3</b>	He also asked if the Common Good Fund money issues had been bottomed out. David said this was still no further forward.	
<b>13.4</b>	The member of public present asked about the trees around the workshop west of White Dykes and the fact they were causing dampness. She asked if they could be cut down or some branches removed. Ronald said to contact the land owner and David said to write to Housing and Property at HC to say what the issue was. It was agreed that she would contact Bill Campbell, the owner, in the first instance to see if it could be resolved straight away.	
<b>13.5</b>	Gabriele said the Cromarty Firth Stakeholders meeting agenda had been received and Ronald asked for details to be emailed to him.	
<b>14</b>	<b><u>Date of next meeting</u></b>	
<b>14.1</b>	The date of the next meeting (which will commence with the AGM) was agreed as Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May 2013 at <b><u>7.00pm for the AGM</u></b> , followed by the regular meeting.	

<p><b>15</b></p> <p><b>15.1</b></p>	<p><b><u>Planning</u></b></p> <p><i>Please note: the Highland Councillors did not participate in any planning related discussions and left the meeting for this agenda item.</i></p> <p>Gabriele had circulated a report of local planning issues to members which were:</p> <p><b><u>Erection of garden shed and fence</u></b></p> <p>Old Schoolhouse Braehead Cromarty IV11 8XR</p> <p>Ref. No: 13/00373/FUL   Received: Tue 05 Feb 2013   Validated: Tue 05 Feb 2013   Status: Permission Granted</p> <p><b><u>Installation of gate (Planning Permission and Listed Building Consent)</u></b></p> <p>Clunes Cottage Miller Road Cromarty IV11 8XH</p> <p>Ref. No: 13/00768/FUL   Received: Wed 27 Feb 2013   Validated: Wed 27 Feb 2013   Status: Permission Granted</p> <p><b><u>Installation of replacement timber windows and doors (Listed Building Consent and planning Permission)</u></b></p> <p>2 &amp; 4 Allan Square Cromarty IV11 8YF</p> <p>Ref. No: 13/00925/LBC   Received: Thu 07 Mar 2013   Validated: Tue 19 Mar 2013   Status: Application Withdrawn</p>	
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<p>15.2</p>	<p><b><u>New Applications</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Erection of extension to house</u></b></p> <p>Craighead Farmhouse Craighead Cromarty IV11 8XY</p> <p>Ref. No: 13/01106/FUL   Received: Fri 22 Mar 2013   Validated: Fri 22 Mar 2013</p> <p><b>Erection of house and integral garage (Amended house type – Planning Permission)</b></p> <p>6 Sutor Court Cromarty Mains Cromarty IV11 8WW</p> <p>Ref. No: 13/01253/FUL   Received: Thu 04 Apr 2013   Validated: Fri 05 Apr 2013   Status: Pending Consideration</p> <p><b>Installation of replacement double glazed timber sash and case windows and timber doors (Listed Building Consent and Planning Permission)</b></p> <p>&amp; 4 Allan Square Cromarty IV11 8YF</p> <p>Ref. No: 13/01505/LBC   Received: Mon 22 Apr 2013   Validated: Mon 22 Apr 2013   Status: Pending Consideration</p> <p><b><u>Appeal</u></b></p> <p>Davidston Wind turbines</p> <p>PPA-270-2087 (Planning Permission Appeal)</p> <p>Ready for allocation to reporter- DPEA target date 14/06/2013</p> <p>Anne said she would like to see the planning application for 35 High Street looked at again to check that the work was in accordance with the the consent. [Sec's note: Plans have been checked and it appears that everything is being built in accordance to the plan]</p>	
	<p>The meeting concluded at 20.12 hrs. Ronald thanked everyone for their attendance.</p>	