



CROMARTY AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on Monday 27th July 2015
in the Hugh Miller Institute

MINUTES
APPROVED
5.10 2015

Present

Community Councillors: Gabriele Pearson (GP) Secretary, Vivienne Plampton Chair (VP), Estelle Quick, Treasurer (EQ), Diane Brawn (DB), Andrew Hulse (AH)

Youth Representative:

Highland Councillors: Cllr David Alston(DA), Cllr Craig Fraser(CF)

Police Scotland:

Member(s) of the public: Dr Jill Stoner & Nigel Shapcott (representing Cromarty Care Project) & two others

Community Council Minute Secretary: Gillian McNaught

1	<u>Chairman's Welcome</u> VP took the chair as agreed and welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
1.1	<u>Apologies:</u> PC Calum Reid(CR), Police Scotland.	
2	<u>Approval of previous Minutes 29th June 2015</u> Approved by DB and seconded by GP.	
3	<u>Youth Issues</u>	
3.1	There was no Youth Report. Sativa Alexander, the new nominated Youth Representative will attend her first meeting in September.	
4	<u>Police Report</u>	
4.1	The Police Report was circulated prior the meeting. (Appendix A).	
4.2	GP has confirmation from PC CR that there was no reason <i>not</i> to publish the Denny Road speed data. Further discussion of this took place later in the meeting. (Item 10.1)	

5	<u>Matters Arising</u>	
5.1	(3.2 Ask Jeremy about stock of green spray & report back). VP had contacted Jeremy Price and the stock etc has now been passed to AH. Anyone interested in having a can of green spray to highlight dog mess around the town should contact AH. Discharged.	
5.2	(3.3 Contact Cromarty Primary about the goals in dog free area). Ongoing.	VP
5.3	(3.4 Contact John Nightingale regarding links toilets). CF had some discussion with John Nightingale about this and had also spoken to a hire company who provide such facilities. DA thought it unlikely however, that HC would fund additional toilets when there are public toilets already in Allan Square. After discussion it was agreed that better signage to the existing toilets would be helpful and this will be pursued. CF will do further investigations and report back. Ongoing.	CF
5.4	(3.5 Follow up on core paths overgrown). Fully strimmed and CF is making sure this is continued. Discharged.	
5.5	(4.2 Contact Kristina Dupar about Police info on CL website). GP will do this at the next appropriate time when new requests come in. Ongoing.	GP
5.6	(4.3 Contact PC CR about speed data information). Discharged.	
5.7	(8.3 V pass on G's contacts to Care Groups. G to take on in her portfolio). Discharged.	
5.8	(5.2 Make contact with the Natal Project committee). EQ met with Sandy Thomson. There is a meeting on the 20th August, which EQ cannot attend so DB will go instead. EQ will forward information to DB. Discharged.	
5.9	(5.3 Contact Pete Rochford ref replacement basketball hoop). PR does not have time at the moment, so VP will contact John MacFarlane for a quote. Ongoing.	VP
5.10	(5.4 Follow up with damaged bus timetable notice board. This is on the list of jobs requiring attention. Ongoing.	CF
5.11	(5.5 Report back on Farness Road). Reported by CF but will chase up. Ongoing.	CF
5.12	(5.6 Update meeting on replacement Hospital Road sign). Ongoing.	DA
5.13	(5.7 Browse Cromarty Booklet for suggested changes). VP will review soon and place an order for more copies. Ongoing.	VP & All
5.14	(5.9 Report back on traffic mirror for Braehead). Ongoing.	CF
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5.15	(13 Post Trading Standards information about bogus tradesmen on noticeboard and CL website). Done. Discharged.	
5.16	(13 Clarify information regarding walks on Cromarty Estate). GP had spoken again to the member of the public stopped while walking in a part of the estate that had been walked historically from the A832 at the Lodge. DA informed the members that the C&DCC had for many years recorded that this route was used and walked regularly by the public. However, about 20 years ago discussion took place and a compromise agreement was reached with Cromarty Estate that it would no longer be a right of way and a new public path was created further up (now signposted) to bypass the Lodge. GP will pass this on. Discharged.	
5.17	(13 Complete HC annual online feedback questionnaire). Done. Discharged.	
5.18	(14.2 Speak to David Alston about points raised ref demolished wall). DA has had further discussion with Denis Torley. Discharged.	
5.19	(14.3 Invite Sheila Currie to next meeting to discuss coastal erosion). VP will pick this up. Ongoing.	VP
5.20	(14.5 Pass on C&DCC agreement to use Victoria Hall as emergency centre to appropriate agencies). Done. Discharged.	
5.21	(14.6 Check paperwork ref co-opting new members). To be done. Ongoing.	VP
6	<u>Gaelic Chapel</u> CF reported that the group are looking to recruit two more active members and will progress matters from there.	CF
7	<u>Community Councillor's portfolios - review/update</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gabriele Pearson - Highland Council (HC) had responded to the concerns raised at the Black Isle Community Council Group meeting (Item 14.4, 29.6.2015) and confirmed there will be a review of CC constitutions in 2017. In the meantime HC is willing to meet with Community Councillors to discuss further and look at ways of highlighting the positive benefits of being part of a Community Council. • As a follow on from previous rural Community Broadband discussions, Tim Pearson has set up a company to provide high speed broadband to the Black Isle where otherwise it would not be provided. Information can be found at <u>www.blackislecommunitybroadband.co.uk</u>. 	
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(cont)	<p>CF informed the meeting that he had raised other Broadband issues with James Carsley at BT as residents had commented about the intermittent service. There is also still uncertainty about which route the fibre cable will take and despite promises that Superfast Broadband would be live by June, little or no progress appears to have been made.</p> <p>Following CF's request for assistance with technical aspects on these matters, GP offered that Tim Pearson would be happy to respond and/or advise on Broadband and BT related issues. This was agreed and welcomed by all.</p>	
8	<p><u>Victoria Hall Report</u></p> <p>Due to personal circumstances, there was no Victoria Hall or Treasurer's Report this month, but there will be full reports in September.</p>	
9	<p><u>Treasurer's Report</u></p> <p>VP reported it has been a very quiet month and that the handing over process to the new Treasurer EQ, was well underway.</p>	
10	<p><u>Highland Councillors' Reports</u></p> <p>10.1 <u>Craig Fraser</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Links Access - CF had spoken to John Nightingale about possible access to the Links for smaller vehicles. A height barrier to restrict camper vans, but allow day trippers and residents vehicle access to the beach area during the summer months, was discussed. CF is following this up. • Speed on the Denny Road - CF mentioned the press article reporting on the recent event held by Vicky Benjamin (13, 29.6.2015) and has made contact with Falkirk District about their efforts to cut down on speeding past schools. It was agreed that GP summarises the Denny speed data and that it be made public. DA also reminded members that Culbokie community had successfully reduced average speeds with their voluntary efforts and Cromarty would benefit from similar to maintain the momentum of work done to date. • Cromarty Ferry - CF and Ingrid Rochford had a positive meeting with Ivor Souter from the HC. (Report attached. Appendix B). • Flatworm Survey - Considering the concerns about flatworm in Cromarty, this survey link was brought to the attention of members www.opaexplorenature.org <p>10.2 <u>David Alston</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Common Good Fund - The Fund has for some time had expenditure exceeding income, but the capital currently stands at around £20,000 with an estimated £1000 per annum available to support local projects. 	<p>CF</p> <p>GP</p>
11	<p><u>Cromarty Residents' Association update</u></p> <p>No report following last minutes (item 12, 29.6.2015).</p>	

<p>11 (a)</p>	<p><u>Cromarty Care Project</u> <i>(Secretary's note: The request for this to be discussed arrived after publication of the meeting's agenda).</i></p> <p>Following the agreement that the Victoria Hall be used as the Emergency Centre for Cromarty (item 14.5, 29.6.2015), Nigel Shapcott (NS) from the Cromarty Care Project (CCP) had researched grants to meet the costs associated with this provision e.g. generator system, cooking appliances, installation etc.</p> <p>VP requested that due to the funding deadline, that the application be shared via email with C&DCC members and be passed before the other member of the VH management group for their consideration. VP also offered to meet NS at the Victoria hall to further discuss the practicalities.</p> <p>It was further agreed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to support in principle an application for these costs (deadline 31 July). • provide up to date C&DCC accounts • that the Cromarty Care Project can temporarily use the C&DCC as a 'mother' organisation. The C&DCC will hold funds/grant awards until the CCP has set up their own bank account at which time the C&DCC will cease to hold these funds • to the request of £400 towards the overall costs of the initiative (reimbursement to be sought from the Black Isle Ward discretionary Budget) • to offer further written C&DCC support if required <p>NS was thanked for his presentation and for all the work done on this to date. Dr Jill Stoner left the meeting.</p>	<p>EQ & VP</p>
<p>12</p>	<p><u>Correspondence</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Police Scotland sent a questionnaire regarding the impact of changes to police counter opening hours. GP will look at and respond. • An email received about flood risk assessment of the walled gardens, which were last known to have flooded in July 1947. • DB received phone calls from local papers regarding the recent incident involving the rescue of two young people at Eathie. No comment was given. • Mid Ross District Partnership are holding a celebratory event to showcase all that is great about services and opportunities within Health and Social Care across Mid Ross. Friday 28th August , 10am - 12 noon, Dingwall Academy. 	<p>GP</p>
<p>13</p> <p>13.1</p> <p>(cont)</p>	<p><u>AOCB</u></p> <p>Links Sculpture - VP was approached by Artist, Timothy Edmunds who has carved totems and has permission from John Nightingale to site the sculptures on the Links. He was seeking the opinions of the C&DCC. EQ agreed to liaise on this.</p>	<p>EQ</p>

(cont) 13.2	<p>C&DCC Role and Portfolios - GP raised the issue of managing the day to day C&DCC business and portfolios between now and the election, bearing in mind the Chair is a 'rotating' position until then and member numbers currently stand at five. It was agreed members should be clear in their portfolio roles and move issues to the relevant member.</p>	
	<p>The role of the Minute Secretary was discussed also in the light of the above (the 'job description' was circulated prior to the meeting) and it was agreed it would be helpful to re-visit. GP and GM will discuss and report back.</p>	GP & GM
13.3	<p>GP suggested that in the run up to the C&DCC elections, it would be helpful to have a stall at a Community Market (<i>Secretary's note: This has been booked for the 12th September, 11 - 2pm at the Victoria Hall</i>). This will give an opportunity to share with the public what the C&DCC does and intends to do and the chance to speak directly to residents. VP asked members to produce a short paragraph about their roles on the Council and work together on this.</p>	All
13.4	<p>Defibrillators for Cromarty - (<i>Secretary's note: This was discussed at the meeting end of item 11a</i>). NS had researched defibrillators in other communities and costs associated with them. Having discussed with First Responder Ronald Young, their recommendation is that two defibrillators should be located in public spaces in Cromarty, one at the Harbour and the other at the Victoria Hall and would cost in the region of £4000. NS will look at possible funding. NS was thanked for his work on this.</p>	
14	<p><u>Planning</u></p> <p>GP circulated the Planning Report prior to the meeting. (Appendix C).</p>	
15	<p><u>Date of Next Meeting</u> Monday 28th September 2015 @ 7.30pm Hugh Miller Institute, Church Street, Cromarty</p>	
	<p>VP thanked everyone for attending and for their input. Diane Brawn is now in the role of Chair until after the next meeting.</p>	

Summary of Action Points from meeting

Reference	To whom allocated	Notes
5.2	Vivienne	Contact Cromarty primary about the goals in dog free area
5.3	Craig	Follow up on links toilets
5.5	Gabriele	Contact Kristina Dupar about Police info on CL website
5.9	Vivienne	Contact John MacFarlane ref replacement basketball hoop
5.10	Craig	Follow up with damaged bus timetable notice board
5.11	Craig	Report back on Farness Road
5.12	David	Update meeting on replacement Hospital Road sign
5.13	All & Vivienne	Finalise Cromarty Booklet changes for re-print
5.14	Craig	Report back on traffic mirror for Braehead
5.19	Vivienne	Invite Sheila Currie to next meeting to discuss coastal erosion
5.21	Vivienne	Check paperwork ref co-opting new members.
10.1	Craig	Continue discussion about access to Links
10.1	Gabriele	Summarise and publish Denny Speed data
11(a)	Estelle & Vivienne	Funding application to Ward Budget for Emergency Centre support
12	Gabriele	Respond to Police Scotland survey ref Police Counter hours
13.1	Estelle	Liaise regarding Links sculptures
13.2	Gabriele & Gillian	Liaise on role of Minute Secretary
13.3	All	Liaise on C&DCC Community Market stall on 12th September and produce summary of portfolio roles

Appendix A

Agenda item no 4.1

I have looked through the incidents for the last month and do not have any significant issues / incidents to report in the Cromarty area.

OP RESPECT is still in full flow which means foot patrols / licence premises checks have been carried out in Cromarty at the weekends.

I noted the school speeding article in the local paper and I will touch base with them and see if I can assist with any projects / etc. they have.

In relation to the request to share the data. This isn't an issue as it does not contain and personal information.

PC Calum Reid

Appendix B
Agenda item no 10.1

OVERVIEW OF MEETING REF CROMARTY FERRY DATE 17th July 2015

In attendance - Ivor Souter - Rural and Community Transport officer (Highland Council) Craig Fraser councillor (Black Isle) Mrs Ingrid Rochford chair Cromarty Ferry Working Group (CFWG)

Meeting was called to discuss tendering process for the Cromarty Ferry for 2016

Topics discussed

- Mooring - should be with ferry operator
- What type of ferry e.g. roll-on roll-off (cont)
- Slipway maintenance - Cromarty & Nigg
- 5 year contract
- Scottish Procurement Hub website - <http://www.gov.scot/Topics/Government/Procurement/eCommerce/ScottishProcurementInformationHub>
- Shelter for passengers
- Transport assessment to be carried out for Cromarty & Nigg by Community Council in preparation of the tenders going out for all transport links Buses, etc
- Cromarty and Nigg community councils to be integral to the tender process
- Widen the area of scope to include - Transition Black Isle (TBI), Highland Council carbon neutral team, Scottish Government when appropriate
- Planning gain
- Set up meeting with Cromarty, Nigg community councils and Highland Council officials
- PR to be actioned when appropriate
- Ivor suggested we might want a Bus shelter situated at Cromarty with a notice board to give shelter and information.
- Happy to receive requested for a longer season, perhaps three days a week over winter? Maybe run on days that there is a community market or other local events. Could be added to the tender as an option.
- The new tender will go out January at the latest.

Cllr Craig Fraser

Appendix C
Agenda item 14

New Planning Applications

15/02679/FUL | Marine Shellfish Farm - Mussels - Installation of 38 plastic pipe longlines each 263 m in length in Cromarty Bay (Re-application for planning permission 11/00623/FUL) | Site In Cromarty Bay 1600M North Of Shoremill Cromarty

Up date on Planning Applications

5/02100/FUL | Installation of replacement rooflight and removal of rooflights (Planning Permission) | Miller House Church Street Cromarty IV11 8X – permission granted

15/00086/FUL | External alterations including installation of windows and erection of extension to house (Planning Permission) | 20 Bank Street Cromarty IV11 8YE- permission granted