



# Cromarty and District Community Council

Minutes of the  
Extraordinary Meeting  
held on  
**Tuesday 9th June 2020, 7.30pm**  
via video link due to Covid-19 restrictions

## Present

**Community Councillors:** Peter Ratcliffe (PR) Chair, Diane Brawn (DB) Secretary, Alan Plampton (AP) Treasurer, Tiffany Jones (TJ), Kari Macgee (KM), Gabriele Pearson (GP), & Nigel Shapcott (NS)

**Highland Councillor(s):**

**Community Council Minute Secretary:** Gillian McNaught

**Minutes**  
**Approved**  
**23.6.2020**

1	<p><b><u>Chairman's Welcome</u></b> PR welcomed everyone to the video conference meeting.</p> <p><b><u>Apologies:</u></b> Cllr Craig Fraser (CF) No apologies received from Gregor Fox (GF)</p>	
2	<p><b><u>Approval of Extraordinary Meeting Minutes, 2nd June 2020</u></b></p> <p>2.1 DB proposed that <i>item 4.4</i> be clarified to reflect that Members agreed that, “2 places will be advertised to the public <i>one week prior</i> to the next ordinary meeting”.</p> <p>2.2 Following this amendment, the Minutes were approved by DB and seconded by GP.</p> <p>End</p>	
3	<p><b><u>Matters Arising from 2nd June 2020 Extraordinary Meeting</u></b></p> <p>3.1 (2.1 Report back to Members on future HC Conference Calls). NS &amp; PR gave a detailed report to Members. It was a busy meeting with an emphasis on mental health and wellbeing during lockdown, especially among the 18-25 year age group. Jacquie Ross gave a presentation on the difficulties and uncertainty for this age group, including school leavers. <b>Ongoing.</b></p> <p>3.2 In the light of concerns in <i>item 3.1</i>, AP reported to Members that interviews for the post of <b>Youth Café Assistant Youth Worker</b> will take place next week and an appointment announced shortly thereafter. This post will provide 15 hours of support and engagement with local young people on a regular basis. <b>Ongoing.</b></p> <p>(cont)</p>	<p>CF, PR &amp; NS</p> <p>AP</p>

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3.3	(2.2 Update Members on the Cromarty Stores as required). Store opening hours are being extended from next week, including Sunday mornings and a reduction in the lunchtime to 1 hour. <b>Ongoing.</b>	GP
3.4	(2.3 NS report back to Members on CCP volunteer services discussions). Volunteers will now be picking groceries in the Cromarty Store during the one hour lunch break and then delivering. Sunday newspaper deliveries are being discussed following new opening hours ( <i>item 3.3</i> ). <b>Ongoing.</b>	NS
3.5	(2.4 Organise a skip for Whitedykes fly tipping when possible). PK will check the site meantime. <b>Ongoing.</b>	PR & CF
3.6	(2.7 Report back on response from John Nightingale to the 100 Steps repair project proposal). No reply to date. <b>Ongoing.</b>	DB
3.7	(2.8 Provide risk assessment for 100 steps project). KM walked the path and concluded that where no bypass for public exists around repair sites, arrangements would be made to close the area. KM awaiting quotes for materials and initial tree clearing. <b>Ongoing.</b>	KM
3.8	(2.8 Enquire with Zurich insurance about volunteer cover for 100 steps project following Kari's risk assessment). <b>Ongoing.</b>	AP
3.9	(3.1 Report back on any operational changes to the Dingwall Hub). The Hubs in Dingwall and Inverness will shortly be vacating their current premises. Frozen food deliveries have stopped and moved to dry food only, except for this who need additional help. <b>Discharged.</b>	
3.10	(3.2 Email Cllr Adam to raise concerns about standing down of First Responders and discuss ay HC weekly meeting). GP received a reply from the Scottish Government Directorate for Community Health and Social Care. Following discussion, GP proposed and Members <b>agreed</b> that the situation was still unsatisfactory. GP will respond and copy in Cllr CF, Ward Manger Di Agnew and MSP Kate Forbes. <b>Ongoing.</b>	GP
3.11	(4.2 Contact CCDT and Kate Forbes MSP to clear up ownership of land at Whitedykes. Copy in NS to share with the Trust). PR check site ( <i>item 3.5</i> ) and report to KM. <b>Ongoing.</b>	KM
3.12	(4.3 Review possibility of CCP sponsored hair cuts for children before schools open on 11th August). <b>Ongoing.</b>	NS
3.13	(4.4 Advertise 2 places for the public one week prior to the next ordinary C&DCC virtual meeting on 29th June on Facebook and meeting Agenda). <b>Ongoing.</b>	DB & GM
End		

<p>4</p> <p>4.1</p> <p>4.2</p> <p>End</p>	<p><b><u>Covid -19 Updates, including weekly Highland Council Conference Call</u></b></p> <p>Following a Member’s request for information, NS stated that Covid-19 protocols are in place for work re-started on the Harbour and that Scottish Government guidelines and regulations applied to these workers (as to everyone else). Out of courtesy NS would let the Cromarty Harbour Trust know of the concern raised.</p> <p>Weekly Conference Call discussed under <i>item 3.1</i>.</p>	<p>NS</p>
<p>5</p> <p>5.1</p> <p>5.2</p> <p>5.3</p> <p>5.4</p> <p>End</p>	<p><b><u>Any Other Business</u></b></p> <p><b>The Links</b> - Members discussed and <b>agreed</b> this area will remain closed to vehicle access. A brief discussion followed on the idea of holding a Mid-Summer’s day celebration on the Links. This suggestion will be developed further within the Scottish Government Guidelines.</p> <p>With reference to <i>item 3.1</i>, NS suggested the Community Composting and 100 Steps Projects could involve 18-25 year olds with the aim of gaining new skills and accreditation. AP to research the Saltire Awards, already established at the Academy and Youth Café.</p> <p>AP had been approached about Community Markets opening up, but this would be guided by Government policy and is unlikely before September.</p> <p>An email received from Derek Martin, Area Care &amp; Learning Manager regarding engagement with Community Councils about plans to re-open schools on 11th August. AP <b>proposed</b> that the Victoria Hall be used as additional space for Primary Children to operate correct social distancing if required. All <b>agreed</b>.</p>	<p>NS</p> <p>AP</p> <p>AP</p> <p>AP</p>
<p>5</p> <p>5.1</p> <p>5.2</p> <p>5.3</p> <p>End</p>	<p><b><u>Date of next meeting</u></b></p> <p>The next <u>Extraordinary Meeting</u> is on <b>Tuesday 16th June 2020 @ 7.30pm via video conference.</b></p> <p>The next <u>Ordinary Meeting</u> is on <b>Monday 29th June 2020 @ 7.30pm via video conference.</b></p> <p>It was recognised that emergency meetings may need to be held at short notice for the time being.</p>	
	<p>PR thanked everyone for attending and the meeting concluded at 8.50 pm.</p>	

## Summary of Matters Arising & Action Points

Reference	To whom allocated	Action
3.1	Craig, Peter & Nigel	Report back to Members on future HC Weekly Conference Calls
3.2	Alan	Update Members on appointment of Youth Assistant Worker
3.3	Gabriele	Update Members on Cromarty Stores
3.4	Nigel	Update Members about volunteer services, including discussion of Sunday newspaper deliveries
3.5	Craig	Organise a skip for Whitedykes fly tipping when appropriate
3.5	Peter	Check status of fly tipping at Whitedykes site
3.6	Diane	Report back on response from John Nightingale to the 100 Steps repair project proposal
3.7	Kari	Update Members on quotes for 100 step materials and tree work
3.8	Alan	Enquire with Zurich insurance about volunteer cover for 100 steps project following Kari's risk assessment
3.10	Gabriele	Send reply on behalf of CC as minuted to raise concerns about standing down of First Responders
3.11	Kari	Following update from Peter (3.5), contact CCDT and Kate Forbes MSP to clear up ownership of land at Whitedykes. Copy in Nigel to share with the Trust
3.12	Nigel	Review possibility of CCP sponsored hair cuts for children before schools open on 11th August
3.13	Diane & Gillian	Diane advertise 2 places for the public on Facebook one week prior to the next ordinary C&DCC virtual meeting on 29th June and Gillian on the meeting Agenda
4.1	Nigel	Pass on to Harbour Trustees for their information, the querie raised about workers' protocols
5.1	Nigel	Report on progress of Midsummer celebration idea on the Links
5.2	Alan	Research Saltire Awards as accreditation for 100 step and composting projects
5.3	Alan	Reply to enquiry about community market re-opening
5.4	Alan	Pass on Members' agreement to make Victoria Hall available to Cromarty Primary when re-opened, if required.