



Cromarty and District Community Council

Minutes of the
Extraordinary Meeting
held on
Tuesday 16th June 2020, 7.30pm
via video link due to Covid-19 restrictions

Present

Community Councillors: Peter Ratcliffe (PR) Chair, Diane Brawn (DB) Secretary & Nigel Shapcott (NS)

Highland Councillor(s): Cllr Craig Fraser (CF)

Community Council Minute Secretary: Gillian McNaught

Minutes
Approved
23.6.2020

| | | |
|--------|--|--|
| 1 | <p><u>Chairman's Welcome</u> PR welcomed everyone to the video conference meeting.</p> <p><u>Apologies:</u> Tiffany Jones (TJ), Kari Macgee (KM) and Alan Plampton (AP) Treasurer. Gabriele Pearson (GP) joined the meeting at 7.30pm but experienced technical problems. Apologies received by email. No apologies received from Gregor Fox (GF)</p> | |
| 2 | <p><u>Approval of Extraordinary Meeting Minutes, 9th June 2020</u></p> <p>2.1 The meeting was not quorate, so approval of minutes and decisions were deferred until the meeting on 23.6.2020.</p> <p>End</p> | |
| 3 | <p><u>Matters Arising from 9th June 2020 Extraordinary Meeting</u></p> <p>3.1 (3.1 Report back to Members on future HC Conference Calls). NS gave a detailed report of discussion on mental health and wellbeing, updates from around the Black Isle and suggestions on continuing to provide food for communities, eg sharing of surplus garden produce. Concern was raised about the high cost of bus travel for young people in Cromarty. NS & CF will compose an email to HC and Kate Forbes MSP, highlighting this issue and put forward suggestions to support travel for younger residents. Ongoing.</p> <p>3.2 (3.2 Update Members on appointment of Youth Assistant Worker). The interview panel is confirmed. Interviews are being arranged this week, with an appointment anticipated by 22nd June. Ongoing.</p> | <p>CF, PR & NS</p> <p>AP</p> |
| (cont) | | |

| | | |
|--------|--|----|
| (cont) | | |
| 3.3 | (3.3 Update Members on the Cromarty Stores as required). Marcel Gommers reported prior to the meeting that Covid-19 measures implemented are going smoothly (<i>See Minutes 9.6.2020, item 2.3</i>). Marcel thanked CC Members for their continued support. Ongoing. | GP |
| 3.4 | (3.4 Update Members about volunteer services, including discussion of Sunday newspaper deliveries). Sunday deliveries will begin with volunteer help on 21st June. Ongoing. | NS |
| 3.5 | (3.5 Organise a skip for Whitedykes fly tipping when possible). A team was sent by HC but has only cleared 1/3 of the rubbish. KM has asked requested a timescale for finishing the job. Ongoing. | KM |
| 3.6 | (3.5 Check status of fly tipping at Whitedykes site). KM has established the site in the area around the industrial estate is owned by the HC and has emailed to clear up confusion over ownership between their departments. Ongoing. | KM |
| 3.7 | (3.6 Report back on response from John Nightingale to the 100 Steps repair project proposal). John Nightingale confirms he is happy for repairs to go ahead and that “CDCC will be responsible for the works being undertaken (ie safety and supervision of those undertaking the work) and will need to have appropriate insurance in place”. Discharged. | |
| 3.8 | (3.7 Update Members on quotes for 100 step materials and tree work). KM has a quote for materials but awaits figures for tree surgery. Ongoing. | KM |
| 3.9 | (3.8 Enquire with Zurich insurance about volunteer cover for 100 steps project following Kari’s risk assessment). Risk evaluation is due to go to Zurich this week. Ongoing. | AP |
| 3.10 | (3.10 Send reply on behalf of CC as minuted to raise concerns about standing down of First Responders). GP received an email from David Roger, Scottish Ambulance Service with a general timescale for reinstatement. Members remain unhappy with the delays in the process. Ongoing. | GP |
| 3.11 | (3.11 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). Done. Discharged. | |
| 3.12 | (3.12 Review possibility of CCP sponsored hair cuts for children before schools open on 11th August). Cromarty Primary HT, Julie Dinwoodie is in the process of Risk Analysis so no decision will be made until after that. Cromarty Care Project received funding to widen the scope of help if needed and this information has been passed to the Parent Council for discussion. Ongoing. | NS |
| (cont) | | |

| | | |
|--------|--|--------------------|
| (cont) | | |
| 3.13 | (3.13 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). DB will compose advert and post on Facebook and send to GM for Agenda. Ongoing. | DB & GM |
| 3.14 | (4.1 Pass on to Harbour Trustees for their information, the querie raised about workers' protocols). NS reported from Trustees that Harbour work is operating within the current Scottish Government rules and all necessary precautions are in place. Discharged. | |
| 3.15 | (5.1 Report on progress of Midsummer celebration idea on the Links). This is dependant on the Government rules introduced in Phase 2. The Parent Council will assess and organise if possible. Ongoing. | NS |
| 3.16 | (5.2 Research Saltire Awards as accreditation for 100 step and composting projects). AP reported prior to the meeting that all volunteering hours will count as Saltire credits. Some doubt if 'composting' would be popular but new AYW will be tasked with drumming up interest. Discharged. | |
| 3.17 | (5.3 Reply to enquiry about indoor Community Markets re-opening). The TBI representative has been informed that September is likely to be the earliest return for indoor markets and depends on Scottish Government guidelines. Discharged. | |
| 3.18 | (5.4 Pass on Members' agreement to make Victoria Hall available to Cromarty Primary when re-opened, if required). CPS Head Teacher informed of offer although currently plans are in progress to safely accommodate pupils within the school building. Discharged. | |
| End | | |
| 4 | <u>Covid -19 Updates, including weekly Highland Council Conference Call</u> | |
| 4.1 | Weekly Conference Call discussed under <i>item 3.1</i> . | |
| End | | |
| 5 | <u>Any Other Business</u> | |
| 5.1 | Members' agreement (<i>Meeting 9.6.2020, item 5.1</i>) that The Links will remain closed to vehicle access remains. | |
| 5.2 | Several complaints have been submitted to the HC website about rig noise. The HC is taking some action, but affected residents are reminded to report issues experienced via the HC website. | |
| 5.3 | PR will contact GF to ensure C&DCC communications are reaching him. | PR |
| End | | |

| | | |
|------------|--|--|
| 5 | <u>Date of next meeting</u> | |
| 5.1 | The next <u>Extraordinary Meeting</u> is on Tuesday 23rd June 2020 @ 7.30pm via video conference. | |
| 5.2 | The next <u>Ordinary Meeting</u> is on Monday 29th June 2020 @ 7.30pm via video conference and open to two members of the public. | |
| 5.3 | It was recognised that emergency meetings may need to be held at short notice for the time being. | |
| End | | |
| | PR thanked everyone for attending and the meeting concluded at 8.50 pm. | |

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 |
| 3.1 | Craig and Nigel | Compose email for HC about high bus fares for young people and suggestions for support |
| 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 start of Sunday newspaper deliveries |
| 3.5 | Kari | Report back on proposed completion of rubbish clearance at Whitedykes |
| 3.6 | Kari | Email HC to confirm their ownership of Whitedykes and clear up confusion between their departments |
| 3.8 | Kari | Report back on quote for 100 Steps project tree surgery |
| 3.9 | Alan | Send Risk Assessment to Zurich insurance about volunteer cover for 100 steps project and report on outcome |
| 3.10 | Gabriele | Follow up as minuted about slow timescale to reinstate First Responders |
| 3.12 | Nigel | Report back on Parent Council discussions about support required from CCP fundraising |
| 3.13 | Diane & Gillian | DB will compose advert and post on Facebook and send to GM for Agenda |
| 3.15 | Nigel | Report on progress of Midsummer celebration idea on the Links |
| 5.3 | Peter | Contact Gregor to ensure C&DCC communications are reaching him |