



Cromarty and District Community Council

Minutes of the meeting held on
Monday 27th January 2020, 7.30pm
in the Hugh Miller Institute, Cromarty

Present

Community Councillors: Diane Brawn (DB) Secretary, Alan Plampton (AP) Treasurer, Marcel Gommers (MG), Gabriele Pearson (GP) & Peter Ratcliffe (PR)

Youth Representative(s): Tilly Grist (TG) & Teagan Young (TY)

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

Police Scotland: -

Member(s) of the public: Natalie Murray (NM), Assistant Youth Worker, Jon Palmer (JP), Editor of Cromarty Newsletter and Shirley Matheson (SM), Representing Cromarty Care Project (CCP)

Community Council Minute Secretary: Gillian McNaught

Minutes
Approved
24.2.2020

	A Members' informal discussion took place at 7pm. (<i>Minute Secretary's note: See item 14 AOB</i>)	
	GP, who chaired the November meeting, handed the Chair to AP for the January meeting.	
1	<u>Apologies:</u> PC Scott Cameron (PC SC).	
2	<u>Declarations of Interests</u> No new Declarations	
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3	<u>Approval of previous Minutes, 25.11.2019</u>	
3.1	The minutes were approved by PR and seconded by DB.	
End		
4	<u>Youth Issues</u>	
4.1	There have been concerns about shortage of parking space in Townlands Park. Members suggested residents resolve issues together.	
4.2	Cromarty will host a Youth Rowing Regatta attended by 5 other clubs on 18th & 19th April. Access to the Links will be required.	MG
4.3	AP reported that Cromarty Youth Opera has now been wound up.	
End	NM, TY & TG were thanked for their input and left the meeting at 7.35pm	

<p>5</p> <p>5.1</p> <p>End</p>	<p><u>Cromarty Care Project</u>, represented by Shirley Matheson (SM)</p> <p>SM gave a detailed presentation and update to Members on the electric Trike project, Cycling Without Age. After discussion about the long term storage of the trikes, it was agreed AP would liaise with the VHMC about the use of the Sheddie for this purpose. AP will report back to SM.</p> <p>SM was thanked for her input and left the meeting at 7.55pm</p>	<p>AP</p>
<p>6</p> <p>6.1</p> <p>End</p>	<p><u>Police Report</u></p> <p>PC Scott Cameron (PC SC) submitted a report (Appendix A) for circulation to Members prior to the meeting and was thanked for this update.</p>	
<p>7</p> <p>7.1</p> <p>7.2</p> <p>7.3</p> <p>7.4</p> <p>7.5</p> <p>7.6</p> <p>7.7</p> <p>7.8</p> <p>(cont)</p>	<p><u>Matters Arising</u></p> <p>(4.2 Contact HC to get an update on status of missing Shore Road ‘Welcome’ Sign). HC would supply a direct replacement, but a bespoke sign similar to Avoch’s would cost over £2000. Youth Cafe would be happy to be involved in a new design. GP will contact Di Agnew at HC about possible funding for the latter. Ongoing.</p> <p>(6.1 Keep C&DCC informed about progress of Yarn Bombing Project). This couldn’t be accommodated in the project leader’s schedule. Discharged.</p> <p>(6.2 Check if call for more Cromarty Carers has been posted on C&DCC Facebook). Ongoing.</p> <p>(6.9 Take on the organising of a visit to Youth Cafe through their roles on CCDT). Discussed under <i>item 9</i>. Discharged.</p> <p>(6.10 Report back when shed for market stalls storage has to be vacated). Done. Discharged.</p> <p>(6.12 Keep Members informed of Townlands Barn plans meeting date). Discussed under <i>item 9</i>. Discharged.</p> <p>(6.14 Update Members on progress of East Church repairs). Awaiting a reply from Historic Churches Scotland. Ongoing.</p> <p>(6.15 Update Members on the RTIF progress from the project group). Discussed under <i>item 9</i>. Discharged.</p>	<p>GP</p> <p>DB</p> <p>CF</p>

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7.9	(6.16 Follow up with HC a smoother surface for Trishaw passengers as minuted). CF had discussions with Ian Moncreiffe, HC. Awaiting response. Ongoing.	CF
7.10	(6.18 Follow up on road repairs not completed by HC, in particular Braehead). Awaiting HC response. Ongoing.	CF
7.11	(6.19 Request Community Payback Scheme to tidy up the burial ground and shelters housing paths). CF requested a meeting with HC. Ongoing.	CF
7.12	(6.21 Write to home owner regarding construction access). Homeowner confirmed permission sought from Albyn Housing and land will be made good at the end of the build project. DB will inform complainer. Discharged.	DB
7.13	(6.22 Request HC to progress TMP proposals as minuted). MG has been in touch with Jacquie Ross. Ongoing.	MG
7.14	(6.23 Continue to communicate with Tom Henderson re: any issues with Biomass Boilers). Planning has been granted and no current issues reported. Discharged.	
7.15	(6.26 Compile hand over list and update portfolios). Discharged.	
7.16	(6.28 Keep Members informed of BITT progress). The next meeting is on <u>28th February</u> . MG will attend. Ongoing.	MG
7.17	(6.29 Update on the permanent repair of deep Shoremill pothole). Temporary repair completed but not satisfactory. Ongoing.	CF
7.18	(6.30 Continue to liaise with HC about Links Shrubbery and Hugh Miller Monument). Ongoing.	CF
7.19	(6.32 Coordinate refresher Resilience training for C&DCC. AP will look at this. Maintenance and refresher training for the 3 defibrillators in town was also discussed. DB will follow up. Ongoing.	AP & DB
7.20	(7.2 Liaise with Estelle and produce interim Treasurer report before January 2020 meeting). Done. Discharged.	
7.21	(7.3 Change Bank of Scotland Mandates as minuted). Ongoing.	AP
7.22	(8.1 Discussions with CCDT at January meeting). Discussed under <i>item 9</i> . Discharged.	
7.23	(9.1 Report back on proposed Carbon Neutral project). Ongoing.	AP
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7.24	(10.1 Attend Nigg Development meeting). DB attended and reported back to Members. A condition of planning is that a liaison group is set up to measure the effects of the development. CF will follow up. Ongoing.	CF
7.25	(10.1 Write to thank outgoing C&DCC members). Done. Discharged.	
7.26	(10.3 Propose to John Nightingale a '28 day diary' for Links use as minuted). MG met with John Nightingale. MG will keep a diary for local events requiring use of the Links, liaise with business and report back.	MG
7.27	(11.1 Email reminder to Craig about Victoria Hall light outages). Only one of the three faulty bulbs was replaced by HC. Ongoing.	AP & CF
7.28	(11.2 Contact HC about street lights out, including VH). Streetlights repaired. Discharged.	
7.29	(11.2 Report damaged grit bin at Big Vennel to HC). CF confirmed this will be replaced. Discharged.	
7.30	(13.1 Report back on response from Kate Forbes MSP regarding GP Surgery complaints). No response to date, but MG reports more favourable reports of Surgery received recently. Discharged.	
7.31	(13.2 Actively talk to residents about joining the C&DCC). Done. Discharged.	
7.32	(13.3 CL website on January Agenda). Discussed under AOB. Discharged.	
7.33	(13.4 Alan liaise with Peter about joining the VH committee). Done. Discharged.	
End		
8	<u>Treasurer's Report</u>	
8.1	AP circulated the Treasurer's report (Appendix B) prior to the meeting and presented to Members.	
8.2	The report is presented in an updated format. Cromarty Events are 'sub committees' of the CC and covered by the C&DCC Public Liability Insurance, with 'other funds' relating to four volunteer run activities. AP will continue to discuss the managing of the Event reserves with the respective groups.	AP
End	AP was thanked for his report and information.	

<p>9</p> <p>9.1</p> <p>9.2</p> <p>9.3</p> <p>End</p>	<p><u>Cromarty Community Development Trust (CCDT)</u></p> <p>The C&DCC and CCDT representatives met to discuss their roles and effective communication between the organisations on 8th January (Appendix C).</p> <p>GP agreed to take on the CCDT portfolio and be the link person for the C&DCC.</p> <p>AP reported he has spoken with a resident with appropriate expertise willing to offer assistance with the Albyn Housing Project.</p>	<p>GP</p> <p>AP</p>
<p>10</p> <p>10.1</p> <p>End</p>	<p><u>Victoria Hall Management Committee (VHMC) Report</u></p> <p>AP circulated the VHMC report (Appendix D) and NM's January Youth Report prior to the meeting.</p> <p>AP was thanked for his input.</p>	
<p>11</p> <p>11.1</p> <p>(cont)</p>	<p><u>Community Councillors' Portfolios</u></p> <p><u>Gabriele Pearson</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning Report - New Applications 19/05143/LBC Removal of remains of chimney, replacement of front and back doors and restoration of windows 3 Forsyth Place Cromarty IV11 8XW Ref. No: 19/05143/LBC Received: Tue 19 Nov 2019 Validated: Wed 11 Dec 2019 Status: Under Consideration 19/05442/FUL Removal of remains of chimney, replacement of front and back doors and restoration of windows 3 Forsyth Place Cromarty IV11 8XW Ref. No: 19/05442/FUL Received: Tue 10 Dec 2019 Validated: Tue 10 Dec 2019 Status: Under Consideration 19/05501/FUL Formation of campsite Land 25M SW Of Unit 1 Whitedykes Industrial Site Cromarty Ref. No: 19/05501/FUL Received: Fri 13 Dec 2019 Validated: Mon 16 Dec 2019 Status: Under Consideration 20/00177/SCRE Request for EIA Screening Opinion - Repairs and improvements to Ferry Slipway Cromarty Harbour Cromarty Ref. No: 20/00177/SCRE Received: Tue 14 Jan 2020 Validated: Tue 14 Jan 2020 Status: Under Consideration 	

<p>(cont)</p> <p>11.2</p> <p>11.2a</p> <p>End</p>	<p><u>Diane Brawn</u></p> <p>DB has compiled a rota of volunteers to empty the Dog Poo Rota bins around town.</p> <p>DB attended the recent Global Energy Group Community Liaison meeting on 11th December 2019 at Nigg.</p>	
<p>12</p> <p>12.1</p> <p>12.2</p> <p>End</p>	<p><u>Highland Councillor (HC) Report</u></p> <p>The subsiding drain hole at the top of the Denny has been repaired by Scottish Water.</p> <p>CF took part in a drive around with HC officials to view the deterioration of Black Isle Roads. HC will be concentrating on repair of A and B roads. GP raised concerns about the Farness road which has already been the subject of complaint to HC. GP to send information to CF to progress.</p>	<p>GP & CF</p>
<p>13</p> <p>13.1</p> <p>13.2</p> <p>13.3</p> <p>13.4</p> <p>13.5</p> <p>13.6</p> <p>(cont)</p>	<p><u>Correspondence</u></p> <p>Ross shire Voluntary Action December Newsletter received.</p> <p>Transport Scotland STPR2 online survey received and publicised locally.</p> <p>Information received from the Moray Firth Partnership about the development of their new Business Plan and joint SCRAPbook project, mapping marine litter hotspots around the Scottish mainland coast.</p> <p>The CFPA's winter Newsletter received from Stuart MacDonald Butler, Marketing and PR Manager and the proposed dates for Cromarty Firth and Joint Community Council meetings in early 2020.</p> <p>Email received from John Beaton, Highlands Policy & Engagement Officer regarding support for a Scottish Parliament Bill to improve outcomes for young people with disability transitioning into adulthood.</p> <p>Email from Paula Finlayson at HC outlining Consultee Access, a new method of responding to planning consultations now being rolled out to Community Councils. DB has registered the C&DCC.</p>	

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13.7	Email from the Scottish Civic Trust inviting nominations for <i>My Place Awards</i> , celebrating community led environmental projects. Deadline for submissions <u>16th February 2020</u> .	
13.8	A letter from David Summers , Principal Transport Officer outlining significant changes to the Stagecoach network in Inverness and Ester Ross from <u>10th February</u> .	
13.9	Joint letter sent from Jacquie Ross, Chair CCDT and Diane Brawn, Secretary C&DCC to Albyn Housing and other stakeholder organisations requesting an update about the proposals for Housing Development in Cromarty.	
13.10	Email received that a new report on the Highland Council has been published by the Accounts Commission and is available on the Audit Scotland website.	
13.11	Letter received from Kate Forbes MSP requesting a meeting with all CC's following fatal road accidents on the Black Isle. A C&DCC member will attend.	ALL
13.12	An update on the work being done in school around wellbeing received from Depute Rector at Fortrose Academy, Valerie Paterson .	
13.13	Scotland's Towns Partnership has compiled a new Funding Finder list for January 2020 providing up to date information on funding streams available.	
13.14	Email from Ross & Cromarty Educational Trust inviting applications for secondary or tertiary students who will attend a university or college to receive a bursary to help with costs. Deadline <u>28th February 2020</u> .	
13.15	Copy of email sent by Cromarty resident to HC regarding impact of rising sea levels received.	
End		

14	<u>AOB</u>	
14.1	<p>Following discussion between Members at 7pm, the following proposals were made</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. AP proposed Peter Ratcliffe for the position of C&DCC Chair. GP seconded. PR accepted this position and was thanked by members. 2. Under the rules of the HC Scheme, AP proposed the first Full C&DCC Youth Member, Gregor Fox. MG seconded. 3. Following MG's registered address moving outwith the C&DCC district, AP proposed that Marcel Gommers be appointed as an Associate C&DCC Member. PR seconded. 	
14.2	<p>With a view to appointing another 3 Full C&DCC Members, it was agreed to request inclusion in the next round of Interim Community Council Elections. <i>(Minute Secretary's note: Following discussion with Ward Manager Di Agnew on 29th January 2020, GP reported that due to the election of a new Chair, it was not possible to go forward for these elections. Members proposed to advertise for 3 new co-opted Members to strengthen the C&DCC's position).</i></p>	ALL
14.3	The C&DCC <u>AGM</u> date has been changed to <u>Monday 15th June 2020</u> , 7pm at the HMI.	ALL
End		
15	<u>Date of next meeting</u> Monday 24th February 2020 @ 7.30pm at the Hugh Miller Institute, Church Street, Cromarty.	
	AP thanked everyone for attending and the meeting concluded at 9.30 pm.	

Summary of Matters Arising & Action Points

Reference	To whom allocated	Notes
4.2	Marcel	Liaise with organisers of the Youth Regatta for access to Links
5.1	Alan	Liaise with VHMCA about access to Sheddie for storage of trikes and report back to Shirley Matheson
7.1	Gabriele	Contact Di Agnew ref: possible funding for a community designed "Welcome to Cromarty" sign on the Shore Road
7.3	Diane	Check that request for more Cromarty carers has been posted
7.7	Craig	Update Members on progress of East Church repairs
7.9 & 7.10	Craig	Report back on progress with all road repairs highlighted

7.11	Craig	Follow up request for Community Payback Scheme to tidy up the burial ground and sheltered housing paths
7.12	Diane	Inform complainer ref: reinstatement of ground following Church St renovations
7.13	Marcel	Report back on progress of TMP proposals
7.16	Marcel	Report back on February BITT meeting
7.17	Craig	Update on the permanent repair of deep Shoremill pothole
7.18	Craig	Continue to liaise with HC about Links Shrubbery & establish owner of Hugh Miller Monument
7.19	Alan	Coordinate refresher Resilience training for C&DCC
7.19	Diane	Follow up on maintenance of defibrillators in town and possible refresher training
7.21	Alan	Progress change of Bank of Scotland Mandates as minuted
7.23	Alan	Report back on proposed Carbon Neutral project
7.24	Craig	Follow up setting up of Liaison group to monitor Nigg Development and impact on communities
7.26	Marcel	Co-ordinate the 28 day diary for Links use, liaise with business and report back to Members
7.27	Alan & Craig	Follow up repair of remaining Victoria Hall light outages
8.2	Alan	Progress discussions with C&DCC sub committee Events groups
9.2	Gabriele	Take on Portfolio of link person with CCDT
9.3	Alan	Continue discussion with resident offering help with proposed Albyn Housing development
12.2	Gabriele and Craig	Gabriele pass on details and photographs to Craig to progress repairs on Farness Road
13.1	All	A C&DCC Member to attend the meeting about Road Safety organised by Kate Forbes MSP
14.2	All	Progress advertising and appointment of co-opted C&DCC Members
14.3	All	Note AGM change of the date

Agenda item 6

Appendix A

“POLICE REPORT 22/11/19 TO 26/01/2020

Happy belated New Year to you all and I hope this report finds you all well.

Between 22/11/19 and 26/01/20 Police Scotland were involved in a number of incidents within the Cromarty area.

There was eleven advice/assistance calls with two worthy of special mention.

The first being a fraudulent insurance letter stating that the person was in arrears with insurance payments and that the company required bank details. It is important to be vigilant when letters of this sort are received as some may seem genuine. Never provide bank details without thinking or querying the legitimacy of the person/company requesting your details. If unsure always phone your own utility providers directly and query the request.

I mention this fraud as although it may be random or due to the person being insured by a specific targeted company, it may also be the case that specific areas of the country can be targeted so worthy of note.

The second assistance call worthy of note is a bus that caught fire on the 15th of January 2020 near to the Learnie Red Rock car park. This bus was travelling from Cromarty to Inverness and came into mechanical difficulty. The driver reacted quickly and there were no injuries to report as well as no suspected criminal activity. Only one call did result in criminal proceedings - this was not area specific this was a domestic incident between two local residents.

Unfortunately I am not able to attend the meeting due to my current shift commitments but any issues that the Community Council may have or wish to raise please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind Regards

PC Scott Cameron N0377

Agenda item 9.1
Appendix C

C&DCC and CDCT Meeting

Hugh Miller Institute, Cromarty

08/01/2020

(points of note from the meeting)

There were several members of CDCT and C&DCC present. Jacquie Ross chaired the meeting.

JR agreed to clarify and answer a few questions that had been asked of the DT

1. What projects did the DT have on going?

Slipways and camp site. They are working closely with HC and Visit Scotland to finalise funding.

Barn. Waiting for architects to come back to them.

Thrift shop raised £6k last year. Electricity will be switched on soon.

2. How is the DT going to communicate with the CC?

Sheila Currie will e mail DB with the DT`s board committee meetings

? CDCT should be a portfolio item for a CC member, for discussion at next CC meeting.

3. How is the DT going to update the CC? (see above)

The group agreed that the responsibilities must be clearly defined.

John Palmer will revisit the group`s strategy document.

Items discussed:

Housing: both groups agreed that lack of affordable housing in Cromarty has led to the current teacher/ pupil crisis in Cromarty.

It was agreed that we would send a letter to HC and Albyn housing and HSCT asking for an update on the recent surveyors visit to the town and to stress on them the importance of moving forward with new housing in Cromarty asap.

A great deal of time was devoted to discussing a lead for the housing project. Due to the shortage of committee members the CDCC have little slack to take on a such a large project. It will be discussed, and a decision made re the way forward at the next CC meeting. The CDCT said they would be happy to do a lot of the legwork and Albyn Housing/ HC doing the public consultation.

Notes compiled by Diane Brawn

Agenda item 10.1

Appendix D

Cromarty & District Community Council Meeting – 27th January 2020

Agenda Item 10 – Victoria Hall Report

1. **Finances and Bookings** All fairly stable with plenty of bookings. At present, it is projected that the accounts will be showing a small deficit this year, due to extra overheads.

ACTION – Information only, no action required.

2. **Repairs and Maintenance** It has been necessary to repair the two main fire exit doors off the Hall onto the High Street. This work has cost approximately £550.

The lighting and electrical work has been held back, while investigating ways the Hall can become involved in a Cromarty Carbon Offset Project.

A new PA system is being installed soon. It has been specified and we are awaiting quotes, for installation in the next few months.

ACTION – Information only, no action required.

3. **Highland Council/Highlife Highland** Nothing new to report, although the Highland Council have come and repaired the outside floodlight, nearest the front door.

ACTION – Information only, no action required.

4. **Youth Café** Latest report attached.

ACTION – Information only, no action required.

Alan Plampton

VHMC