



Cromarty and District Community Council

Minutes of meeting held on
Monday 26th August 2019, 7.30pm
in the Hugh Miller Institute

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Minutes
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Present

Community Councillors: Jacquie Ross (JR) Chair, Diane Brawn (DB) Secretary, Estelle Quick (EQ) Treasurer, Marcel Gommers (MG), Kenneth MacFarlane (KM), Gabriele Pearson (GP)

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, Martin Gostwick, representing the Friends of Hugh Miller, Denis Torley, Gregor Fox, Coll Fullerton & Aidan McCann presenting the Bump track proposal and one member of the public

Community Council Minute Secretary: Gillian McNaught

1	<u>Chairman's Welcome</u> JR welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Marcel Gommers, who has been co-opted as a C&DCC member until the November elections. <u>Apologies:</u> Rosemarie Hogg (RH) & PC Scott Cameron (PC SC).	
2 End	<u>Declarations of Interests</u> None	
3 3.1 End	<u>Approval of previous Minutes, 24th June 2019</u> The minutes were approved by EQ and seconded by DB.	
4 4.1 4.2 4.3 (cont)	<u>Youth Issues</u> 'Slow' Traffic signs for Townlands are almost complete (see <i>Minutes 24.6.2019, item 4.3</i>). The Cromarty Youth Rowing members have had further medal success in recent Regattas. Complaints about Seagulls causing nuisance in town continues.	NM

<p>(cont)</p> <p>4.4</p> <p>End</p>	<p>(Minute Secretary Note - Following a request, Chair and members agreed prior to the meeting this item be discussed under item 4).</p> <p>Mountain Bike Bump Track - Following suggestions from young people (Minutes 24.6.2019, item 4.4), Denis Torley, Coll, Gregor and Aidan outlined their proposal to constitute a formal group and fundraise for a purpose built Bump Track in Cromarty, suitable for all ages and cycling abilities. After researching 3 potential locations, an area alongside the Townlands Playpark is considered the most suitable. JR suggested the working party consult with residents in Townlands and liaise with the landowner, the HC. Members invited the group to the September meeting to present an update. DB will send details of the Raddery Trust to Denis.</p> <p>NM, TG & TY and the Bump Track group were thanked for their input and left the meeting at 7.50pm.</p>	<p>DB</p>
<p>5</p> <p>5.1</p> <p>5.2</p> <p>End</p>	<p><u>Police Report</u></p> <p>Two reports have been received by the C&DCC since the June meeting (Appendix A & B).</p> <p>The Cromarty road sign reported missing to C&DCC has been passed on to the police as theft.</p> <p>PC SC was thanked for his reports.</p>	
<p>6</p> <p>6.1</p> <p>6.2</p> <p>6.3</p> <p>6.4</p> <p>6.5</p> <p>(cont)</p>	<p><u>Matters Arising</u></p> <p>(4.2 Contact Nigel Shapcott, Cromarty Carers to discuss summer activities for older people). This was superseded by summer coffee mornings, co-ordinated by NM and Fraser Thomson for the Fourways group. JR extended thanks to all who helped with this initiative. Discharged.</p> <p>(4.3 Progress ‘Slow’ traffic signs for Townlands and contact local press for publicity). Discussed under <i>item 4.1</i>. Discharged.</p> <p>(4.4 Progress possibility of bike or skate park with young people). Discussed under <i>item 4.4</i>. Discharged.</p> <p>(6.3 Follow up on a reply from Chris Ratter about CFPA keeping community informed in advance of rig movements). DB reported the CFPA may consider communicating directly with C&DCC. Ongoing.</p> <p>(6.4 Progress details for a bench at sheltered housing). A bench at this site is agreed in principal by HC but it is not yet established who will supply, install and maintain it. Ongoing.</p>	<p>DB</p> <p>CF</p>

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6.6	(6.5 Request additional deer warning signs for Learnie). Two signs are already in place and HC are not able to supply more. Discharged.	
6.7	(6.6 Continue to liaise with gritting squad over outcome of hand gritter test and purchase of best option). EQ will follow up. Ongoing.	EQ
6.8	(6.8 Continue to monitor burial procedures). No issues. Ongoing.	JR
6.9	(6.9 Organise a visit to Youth Cafe ref CCDT). Ongoing.	JR & EQ
6.10	(6.10 Continue to monitor the emptying of graveyard waste bin). This is still going well. No issues. Ongoing.	JR
6.11	(6.11 Follow up on alternative market stalls storage). EQ made enquires to HC about vacant Townlands Garages. JR will raise with Ward Manager Di Agnew at a meeting this week. Ongoing.	JR
6.12	(6.12 Keep Members informed of 'Choose Life' events). Ongoing.	JR
6.13	(6.13 Follow up Tractor Insurance reimbursement from HC). No satisfactory resolution to date, so JR will raise with Di Agnew at a meeting this week. Ongoing.	JR
6.14	(6.14 Keep Members informed of Townlands Barn Architect visit and plans in discussion with Albyn and HC). EQ confirmed Albyn Housing's architect has agreed to advise free of charge. Ongoing.	EQ
6.15	(6.15 Report to Members once Townlands Barn plans received). See under <i>item 6.14</i> . Discharged.	
6.16	(6.16 Liaise with Jon Palmer and produce a trial run of hard copies of the June Cromarty Newsletter). This will be done for the September newsletter. EQ will check how many newsletters were picked up from outlets and JR will liaise with Cromarty Carers for advice about distributing hard copies. Ongoing.	EQ & JR
6.17	(6.17 Organise a pre meeting after August to bring CCDT & C&DCC together for discussions). This will be deferred until January 2020, after the CCDT AGM and CC November elections. Ongoing.	JR & EQ
6.18	(6.21 Organise meeting with Tim Stott, Principal Planner at HC Planning & Development Team & C&DCC). CF will organise a date to discuss community issues relating to the Inner Moray Firth consultation (<i>see minutes 27.5.2019, item 8.4</i>). Ongoing.	CF
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6.19	(6.24 Organise temporary cordon to manage Links parking). Done. Discharged.	
6.20	(6.25) Jacquie pass on details and Gillian email C&DCC representative Harbour Trustees in order to send them C&DCC meeting information). Done. Discharged.	
6.21	(6.26 Update Members on progress of East Church repairs). Ongoing.	CF
6.22	(6.27 Progress maintenance of Links shrubbery). Ongoing.	CF
6.23	(6.28 Follow up poor grass cutting with HC). Discussed under <i>item 11.3</i> . Discharged.	
6.24	(6.30 Follow up with HC on Braehead pothole complaints). Discussed under <i>item 11.2</i> . Discharged.	
6.25	(6.32 Look further into the BT Adopt a Kiosk scheme). DB informed members the Cromarty kiosk will not be up for ‘adoption’. It is a fully operational telephone recognised as a vital emergency box, due the town’s position by the sea and patchy mobile signal. DB will inform the resident who raised it. Discharged.	DB
6.26	(6.33 Request an arial view of Nigg development for clarity). Requested. Ongoing.	JR
6.27	(8.2 Update Members on the RTIF project). JR reported that the working group has successfully secured £300,000 from the RTIF and £140,000 match funding for the campsite and ferry slipways. HIE have been involved in talks for additional funds to extend the slipways and upgrade repairs. In due course, an organisation will be appointed to oversee the planning process for both projects. Ongoing.	JR
6.28	(10.1 Follow up ordering of ‘No Dogs Allowed’ signs for the Victoria Park). Completed and displayed. Discharged.	
6.29	(10.4a Forward copies of CFPA Newsletter for the Cromarty Newsletter). Done. Discharged.	
6.30	(10.4b Forward copies Stagecoach timetable consultation to JP for the Cromarty Newsletter and NM for younger residents). Done. Discharged.	
6.31	(10.5a Update members on HC issues with Links & camper vans). Discussed under <i>items 10.5a & 10.6a</i> . Discharged.	
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6.32	(11.1 Follow up with HC, road defects highlighted by Trishaw passengers). CF not heard back from HC. Will follow up again. Ongoing.	CF
6.33	(11.2 Progress meetings with bus passengers, CC representatives and Cllr Gordon Adam re: poor service form Stagecoach). Discussed under items <i>10.2b & 11.4.</i> Discharged.	
6.34	(12.8 C&DCC request a response from Health & Safety Executive on behalf of Cromarty Rising re: cement cloud). The response received confirmed the ‘cloud’ was harmless. Discharged.	
6.35	(13.1 Request a meeting with Film Society for an update). Progress reports on the new Cinema project have been included in the Cromarty Newsletter, but Members agreed it would be helpful to invite Fraser Mackenzie, Cromarty & Resolis Film Society, to the September or October meeting to provide further details. DB will contact. Ongoing.	DB
6.36	(13.2 Analyse and collate responses gathered at the recent public meeting re: TMP). JR has collated the information and proposed this be discussed at the September meeting. Agreed. GM to add Traffic Management Plan to next Agenda. Discharged.	GM
End		
7	<u>Treasurer’s Report</u>	
7.1	EQ circulated her report prior to the meeting, and presented to Members (Appendix C).	
7.2	The Annual CC Administration Grant from HC has remained static at £472. After deduction of insurance the total is just under £300.	
7.3	Thanks were extended to the Open Gardens group who donated £1005 of their proceeds to support the Monday Lunch Club.	
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8	<u>Cromarty Community Development Trust (CCDT)</u>	
8.1	EQ reported the door on Townlands Barn is damaged and needs replacing.	
8.2	A Thrift Shop end of season sale will take place before the shop is duty bound to close at the end of September following 28 days of trading. Income has exceeded £4000 to date. The group propose that the shop’s electricity supply is reconnected in early 2020 for the comfort of shop volunteers. Members agreed that advice be sought from HC planning before reconnection or any upgrading work that may arise.	RH
End		

<p>9</p> <p>9.1</p> <p>9.2</p> <p>End</p>	<p><u>Victoria Hall Management Committee (VHMC) Report</u></p> <p>Alan Plampton (AP) informed Members it had been another quiet month and circulated NM's July Youth Report.</p> <p>Members thanked NM for her informative summary of activities for young people over the summer.</p>	
<p>10</p> <p>10.1</p> <p>(a)</p> <p>10.2</p> <p>(a)</p> <p>(b)</p> <p>10.3</p> <p>(a)</p> <p>(b)</p> <p>(c)</p> <p>(cont)</p>		<p>RH</p> <p>RH & CF</p>

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10.4	<u>Diane Brawn</u>	
(a)	Two submissions have been made in the Call for Sites for the Inner Moray Firth Development Plan. Public comment can be made in early 2020 once submissions that meet the criteria have been considered.	DB
(b)	Jon Palmer asked for C&DCC feedback on the Draft Tourism Strategy document. This will be added to the September agenda and Tourism is now a portfolio item delegated to MG. GM add to Agenda.	ALL & GM
10.5	<u>Marcel Gommers</u>	
(a)	MG is assisting JR in the Links portfolio item and has been monitoring parking over the last few weeks. Further discussion followed that highlighted the difficulties of absorbing the increasing numbers of visitors and vehicles to the town (which in turn supports local business) while minimising nuisance to residents.	
10.6	<u>Jacque Ross</u>	
(a)	JR received an email from John Nightingale following his meeting with Erica MacArthur, HC Planning to discuss the heavy use of the Links by camper vans. The installation of a height barrier as a solution is now opposed by HC. (<i>See Minutes 24.6.2019, item 10.5a</i>). JR will bring this up with Ms MacArthur at a meeting to discuss the Whitedykes Campsite to this week.	JR
End		
11	<u>Highland Councillor (HC) Report</u>	
11.1	The town's BT telephone kiosk (<i>see item 6.25</i>) will be re-painted in April 2020.	
11.2	Some of the reported road defects have been repaired by HC but Braehead and other areas remain in very poor condition. CF will follow up.	CF
11.3	CF's formal complaint about burial grounds maintenance was not contested by HC. Grass cutting is still not meeting satisfactory standards and CF will continue to monitor.	CF
11.4	The meeting with Stagecoach (<i>see item 10.2b</i>) was constructive. CF will circulate minutes to all BICCs once approved.	CF
11.5	Concerns about the poor state of the Hugh Miller Monument and access was reported to Andrew Puls, Acting Environment Manger at HC. It was agreed works would be undertaken to upgrade the railings, remove vegetation around the base and inspect and repair stonework.	CF
	Martin Gostwick thanked CF on behalf of the Friends of Hugh Miller for his efforts and is pleased progress is being made to secure the future of the monument of national importance.	
End		

<p>12</p> <p>12.1</p> <p>12.2</p> <p>12.3</p> <p>12.4</p> <p>12.5</p> <p>12.6</p> <p>12.7</p> <p>12.8</p> <p>12.9</p> <p>End</p>	<p><u>Correspondence</u></p> <p>Information received from Julie Jefferson, Resilience Coordinator, % Police Scotland about the Scottish Government Resilient Communities Small Grants Scheme. There is a total pot of £20,000 open to applications up to £1000 for equipment, storage and training from any constituted community group including a registered charity or other non-profit distributing organisation. Open until <u>30.11.19</u>.</p> <p>Email received from Tamara Hedderwick, Community Enabler with information about the Tesco Centenary Fund, open for grants of up to £25,000 from ‘not for profit organisations’ for projects providing community benefit region-wide.</p> <p>Invitation to the Resilient Communities Conference <u>11th September 2019</u>, SRFS, Cambuslang.</p> <p>Correspondence received from several residents regarding proposed Traffic Management plan for Cromarty.</p> <p>Email from the Scottish Government with a land reform factsheet for Community Councils.</p> <p>Email received requesting nominations for the Highland Council Quality Awards 2019. Deadline is <u>30th September</u>.</p> <p>The Highlands Small Communities Housing Trust Open Day and AGM, <u>13th September 2019</u> in the Inverness Town House. Entry is free.</p> <p>The Raddery Trust Trustees meet on <u>2nd October 2019</u> to consider applications for funding to enable children with additional learning and development needs in the Highlands to benefit from its grant. Deadline for applications <u>23rd September</u>. further details from Phillip Thorn, Chairman at mail@phillipthorn.com</p> <p>The Black Isle Sea Kayak Symposium will take place <u>6-8th September 2019</u>.</p>	
<p>13</p> <p>End</p>	<p><u>AOB</u></p> <p>-</p>	
<p>14</p>	<p><u>Date of next meeting</u> Monday 30th September 2019 @ 7.30pm at the Hugh Miller Institute, Church Street, Cromarty.</p>	
	<p>JR thanked everyone for attending and the meeting concluded at 8.40pm.</p>	

Summary of Matters Arising & Action Points

Reference	To whom allocated	Notes
4.1	Natalie	Progress 'slow' traffic signs for Townlands
4.4	Diane	Send details of Raddery Trust to Denis ref Bump Track fundraising
6.4	Diane	Follow up with the CFPA about the possibility of communicating rig moves etc directly to the C&DCC
6.5	Craig	Progress the idea of a bench at sheltered housing
6.7	Estelle	Continue to liaise with gritting squad over outcome of hand gritter test and purchase of best option
6.8	Jacquie	Continue to monitor burial procedures
6.9	Estelle & Jacquie	Organise a visit to Youth Cafe ref CCDT
6.10	Jacquie	Continue to monitor the emptying of graveyard waste bin
6.11	Jacquie	Follow up with Di Agnew this week about market stalls storage in Townlands Garages
6.12	Jacquie	Update Members about 'Choose Life' future events
6.13	Jacquie	Follow up Tractor Insurance reimbursement with Di Agnew
6.14	Estelle	Keep Members informed of Townlands Barn plans in discussion with Albyn Housing architect
6.16	Estelle	Continue monitoring number of requests for newsletter hard copies
6.16	Jacquie & Estelle	J Produce hard copies of September Cromarty Newsletter, E monitor level of hard copies picked up from outlets
6.16	Jacquie	Liaise with Cromarty Carers about distribution of Cromarty Newsletter
6.17	Jacquie & Estelle	A pre meeting to bring CCDT & C&DCC together for discussions postponed until January 2020
6.18	Craig	Confirm date of a meeting with Tim Stott re: Inner Moray Firth Plan
6.21	Craig	Update Members on progress of East Church repairs
6.22	Craig	Progress maintenance of Links shrubbery
6.25	Diane	Inform resident about outcome of research about 'Adopt a Kiosk' scheme as minuted
6.26	Jacquie	Follow up on request an arial view of Nigg development for clarity
6.27	Jacquie	Update Members on the RTIF project progress
6.32	Craig	Follow up with HC, road defects highlighted by Trishaw passengers
6.35	Diane	Invite Fraser MacKenzie, Cromarty & Resolis Film Society to C&DCC September or October meeting for a Cinema update

6.36	Gillian	Add TMP consultation to September Agenda
8.2	Rosemarie	Contact HC Planning for advice on proposed reconnection of electric in Thrift Shop
10.2a	Rosemarie	Liaise with Duncan Bowers about attending a C&DCC meeting before winter to give gritter update
10.2b	Rosemarie & Craig	Monitor Stagecoach service following meeting
10.4a	Diane	Keep Members informed of the IMFLDP
10.4b	ALL	Read Draft Tourism Strategy and have comment for September meeting
10.4b	Gillian	Add Draft Tourism Plan to September Agenda
10.6a	Jacque	Raise Links issues as minuted with Erica MacArthur at meeting this week
11.2	Craig	Follow up on road repairs not completed by HC, in particular Braehead
11.3	Craig	Follow up on poor grounds maintenance and formal burial ground complaint
11.4	Craig	Circulate minutes of Stagecoach meeting to BICCs once approved.
11.5	Craig	Monitor progress of works scheduled for Hugh Miller Monument

Agenda item 5.1

Appendix A

“POLICE REPORT 28/05/19 TO 01/07/19”

Between 28/05/19 and 01/07/19 Police Scotland were involved in 13 separate incidents. Within the Cromarty area.

The details of the incidents are as follows –

- 2 road traffic offences detected as part of Road traffic patrols - detected made at the Rosefarm area.
- 9 advice calls with nothing of note to report.
- 1 Altercation which resulted in an arrest and the caution and charge of a Cromarty resident.

There are no outstanding enquiries outstanding for any of these incidents.

There was also one other incident which I am sure everyone is aware, this being the Greenpeace protests on the Paul B Loyd Oil platform. Protests were organised to stop this platform on its course to the Viorlich oil field and to raise climate emergency awareness. Whilst there was no harm to any protesters or services involved there was still a substantial risk to safety to all involved. A number of protestors were arrested and

charged with breach of the peace as the incident progressed and Police Scotland would like to thank the local residents for their warm hospitality whilst we were monitoring the situation from Cromarty.

Are in regards to these incidents. a total of 9 calls requiring assistance/advice with again nothing of note to report bar one standing complaint that is still under enquiry - NE1988/19 Refs. This relates to a house breaking of an outbuilding at the Cromarty House Estate. This incident took place on between 1015 and 1600 hours on 24/04/2019 at an outbuilding at the old fort about 100 metres beyond the South Sutor car park. The door has been overcome and nothing of value has been taken, never the less any information for further enquiry is more than welcome.

I have also been made aware of an incident/complaint regarding a Grey Toyota Hilux VRM –SY11 SSU reportedly doing donuts and causing a nuisance on the grassy area at the links on the evening of Monday the 20th of May 2019. Any further information or witnesses please contact myself.

Unfortunately I was 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.

PC Scott Cameron N0377

Agenda item 5.1

Appendix B

“POLICE REPORT 01/07/19 TO 04/08/19”

Between 04/08/19 and 23/08/19 Police Scotland were involved in one incident within the Cromarty area - This incident refers to assisting with a found/lost dog.

Gabriele did however contact me to inform that the ‘Cromarty’ road sign as you enter the town on the coast road has gone missing? We have not had any other reports regarding this matter and do not have a lot to go on with this report – with this in mind if any one has any information please feel free to contact myself.

I have also forwarded an information bulletin regarding Police Scotland’s roll out of mobile working devices. In short these devices are mobile phones and officers will be seen wearing them attached to their body armour as well as using them in public. The device itself allows officers to carry out office tasks on the go.

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.

PC Scott Cameron N0377

Agenda item 7.1
Appendix C

<u>Finance Report – Cromarty & District Community Council</u>				
<u>Agenda Item No 7 - Treasurer's Report</u>				
<u>Period: 22/6/19-22/8/19</u>				
<u>General Income</u>				
Publications sales	£123.41	PO Courthouse HMC		
HC admin grant	£472.07			
Less:				
<u>General Expenditure</u>				
Increase/Decrease in Accumulated Fund	£595.48			
<u>Fund Income</u>				
Monday Club - donation	£1,005.00			
Community Development Fund - Cromarty Stores tin	£43.54			
Less:				
<u>Fund Expenditure</u>				
Community Development Fund - dog poo signs	£90.00			
	£90.00			
Increase/Decrease in Other Funds	£958.54			
<u>Net Assets</u>				
Bank & Cash in hand balances as at 22/8/19	£14,227.20			
Paypal - website sales	£74.82			
Total Net Assets at 22/8/19	£14,302.02			
<i>Comprising:</i>				
Community Council Accumulated Fund	£2,516.21			
Provision for Guide Book reprinting	£0.00			
Seaplane Plinth Fund	£48.93			
Bonfire Night Fund	£2,155.60			
Splash & Dash Fund	£126.00			
Monday Club Fund	£1,030.50			
Community DevelopmentFund	£720.24			
Gala Fund	£4,661.35			
Emergency Resilience Fund	£242.72			
Open Gardens Fund	£6.86			
Gluren bij de Buren Fund	£202.06			
Tractor Operations Fund	£110.92			
Tractor Maintenance Fund	£72.40			
Cromarty Rising Fund	£2,408.23			
	£14,302.02			