



# Cromarty and District Community Council

Minutes of meeting held on  
Monday 28th October 2019, 7.30pm  
in the Hugh Miller Institute

**Draft**  
**Minutes**  
**28.10.2019**

## **Present**

**Community Councillors:** Jacquie Ross (JR) Chair, Diane Brawn (DB) Secretary, Estelle Quick (EQ) Treasurer, Marcel Gommers (MG), Rosemarie Hogg (RH), Gabriele Pearson (GP)

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

**Highland Councillor(s):** -

**Police Scotland:** -

**Member(s) of the public:** Natalie Murray (NM), Assistant Youth Worker, Jon Palmer (JP), Editor of Cromarty Newsletter & Jill Stoner, representing Cromarty Care Project (CCP)

**Community Council Minute Secretary:** Gillian McNaught

1	<b><u>Chairman's Welcome</u></b> JR welcomed everyone to the meeting.  <b><u>Apologies:</u></b> Kenneth MacFarlane (KM), Cllr Craig Fraser (CF) & PC Scott Cameron (PC SC).	
2	<b><u>Declarations of Interests</u></b>  None	
End		
3	<b><u>Approval of previous Minutes, 30.9.2019</u></b>	
3.1	The minutes were approved by RH and seconded by MG.	
End		
4	<b><u>Youth Issues</u></b>	
4.1	NM reported that glass bottles had been smashed at the side of the Victoria Hall. MG gave an update on this under <i>item 13.1</i> .	
4.2	Preparations for the Yarn Bombing project during Regatta 2020 are ongoing.	NM
4.3	The 'Slow Traffic' signs are complete and displayed in Townlands.	
	NM, TG & TY were thanked for their input and left the meeting at 7.35pm	
End		

4a	<p><b><u>Cromarty Care Project (CCP) represented by Jill Stoner (JS)</u></b>  <i>(Minute Secretary's note: this item requested and accepted prior to meeting)</i></p>	
4a.1	<p>JS gave a detailed presentation about the current work of the CCP and wished to specially highlight the urgent need for more Carers in the Cromarty community. Every household will receive a leaflet with further details and JR will post this on the C&amp;DCC Facebook.</p>	JR
4a.2	<p>GP will attend the CCP AGM on <u>Tuesday November 5th 2019, 7pm in the West Church Hall.</u></p> <p>JS was thanked for her input and left the meeting at 7.40pm</p>	GP
5	<p><b><u>Police Report</u></b></p>	
5.1	<p>GP will contact PC SC as no report has been received for three months.</p>	GP
6	<p><b><u>Matters Arising</u></b></p> <p>6.1 (4.1 Progress Yarn Bombing project). NM will report back once more progress made. <b>Discharged.</b></p> <p>6.2 (4.2 Display completed Slow Traffic signs in Townlands). Done. <b>Discharged.</b></p> <p>6.3 (4.3 Follow up on missing grit bin from the surgery). <b>Ongoing.</b></p> <p>6.4 (6.5 Update members on progress of hand gritting purchase). Frank Nicol Farm &amp; Garden Machinery Ltd has offered £3,200 for the tractor gritter and this offer was <b>agreed.</b> This amount will purchase 4 manual gritters. RH will inform Duncan Bowers of decision and EQ will contact the vehicle insurers. <b>Ongoing.</b></p> <p>6.5 (6.6 Continue to monitor burial procedures). No issues. <b>Ongoing.</b></p> <p>6.6 (6.7 Organise a visit to Youth Cafe ref CCDT). This will be taken on by the CCDT. <b>Discharged.</b></p> <p>6.7 (6.8 Continue to monitor the emptying of graveyard waste bin). Thanks to a volunteer, the bins continue to be put out regularly. <b>Discharged.</b></p> <p>6.8 (6.9 Follow up with Di Agnew this week about market stalls storage in Townlands Garages). <b>Ongoing.</b></p> <p>6.9 (6.10 Keep Members informed of 'Choose Life' events). Information will continue to be sent to DB and all BICC's from Fortrose Academy. <b>Ongoing.</b></p> <p>(cont)</p>	<p>CF</p> <p>RH &amp; EQ</p> <p>JR</p> <p>EQ &amp; JR</p> <p>EQ &amp; JR</p> <p>DB</p>

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6.10	(6.12 Keep Members informed of Townlands Barn plans in discussion with Albyn Housing architect). <b>Ongoing.</b>	
6.11	(6.13 Print and display copies at the Cromarty Store desk each month of the Cromarty Newsletters). There are 200 email subscribers to the newsletter and 80 October copies were printed and picked up by locals and visitors from the Cromarty Stores. Discussion took place about the importance of relaying C&DCC information through the newsletter, particularly issues that may require a quick response. <b>Ongoing.</b>	MG
6.12	(6.17 Add to January 2020 agenda a date for a pre meeting to bring CCDT & C&DCC together for discussions). GM Noted. <b>Discharged.</b>	
6.13	(6.18 Update Members on progress of East Church repairs). <b>Ongoing.</b>	CF
6.14	(6.19 Progress maintenance of Links shrubbery and follow up on Craftie complaints). Update under <i>item 11.2</i> . <b>Discharged.</b>	
6.15	(6.27 Update Members on the RTIF project progress). JR reported that £280,000 had been taken away from the slipway project and was reinstated following local protestation and intervention by local MSP Kate Forbes and her staff. SSE have agreed support by underwriting the costs of getting the project to the tender stage. Further fundraising effort is calling on the support of local businesses in order to maximise the length of the slipways, at a cost of £6000 per metre. <b>Ongoing.</b>	JR
6.16	(6.23 Follow up with HC a smoother surface for Trishaw passengers as minuted). <b>Ongoing.</b>	CF
6.17	(Update Members on progress of Tractor sale). Discussed under <i>item 6.4</i> . <b>Discharged.</b>	
6.18	(6.28 Feedback disappointment with the bus service since the meeting with Stagecoach). Update under <i>item 11.3</i> . <b>Discharged.</b>	
6.19	( 6.32 Arrange an alternative meeting date to raise Links issues with Erica MacArthur). <b>Ongoing.</b>	JR
6.20	(6.33 Follow up on road repairs not completed by HC, in particular Braehead) <b>Ongoing.</b>	CF
6.21	(6.36 Report back on progress of works scheduled for Hugh Miller Monument). Followed up with site meeting, <i>item 11.2</i> . <b>Discharged.</b>	
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6.22	(11.2 Request Community Payback Scheme to tidy up the burial ground and shelters housing paths). Requested. <b>Ongoing.</b>	<b>CF</b>
6.23	(11.3 Follow up with HC any reports of lighting problems). Continuing. See <i>item 11.4</i> . <b>Discharged.</b>	
6.24	(11.4 Follow up the the repair of the drain cover on the Denny). <b>Ongoing.</b>	<b>CF</b>
6.25	(12.2 Reply to BBC Alba re: interview request). Done. <b>Discharged.</b>	
6.26	(12.3 Write to home owner regarding construction access). DB awaits a reply and will send a reminder. <b>Ongoing.</b>	<b>DB</b>
6.27	(13.1 Request HC to progress TMP proposals as minuted). <b>Ongoing.</b>	<b>JR</b>
6.28	(13.2 Take on the C&DCC Tourism portfolio and contact for the Black Isle Tourism draft plan). Done. <b>Discharged.</b>	
6.29	(13.3 Send information to the CRFS about the HC proposal to fund EV charging point). Done. <b>Discharged.</b>	
6.30	(13.4 Continue to communicate with Tom Henderson re: any issues with Biomass Boilers). <b>Ongoing.</b>	<b>GP</b>
End		
<b>7</b>	<b><u>Treasurer's Report</u></b>	
7.1	EQ circulated her report prior to the meeting, and presented to Members ( <b>Appendix A</b> ).	
7.2	Discussion took place about the handover from EQ to a new Treasurer.	<b>EQ</b>
7.3	Following the 'Peeking in on the Neighbours' event, JP reported that £125 will be donated to James's Support Group.  EQ was thanked for her report.	
End		

<p><b>8</b></p> <p><b>8.1</b></p> <p><b>8.2</b></p> <p><b>8.3</b></p> <p><b>8.4</b></p> <p><b>8.5</b></p> <p><b>8.6</b></p> <p>End</p>	<p><b><u>Cromarty Community Development Trust (CCDT)</u></b></p> <p>Fraser Mackenzie has been appointed a director and New Office bearers were elected at the AGM: Chair - Jacquie Ross, Vice Chair - Dave Ross, Treasurer - Estelle Quick, Secretary - Sheila Currie.</p> <p>The Thrift Shop group are organising an ‘end of season’ fund raising raffle to be drawn at the end of November.</p> <p>The CCDT has agreed to be the ‘umbrella group’ for the Cromarty Community Rowing Club’s proposal to purchase land for a boat shed.</p> <p>The CCDT has conveyed concerns in writing to the Education Department about the ‘cap’ on the Cromarty Primary School role.</p> <p>Despite efforts, funding could not be sourced to proceed with a feasibility study into a District Heating Project.</p> <p>The idea of a project to improve entrances to Cromarty has been mooted. DB will contact HC about the missing ‘welcome’ sign on the Shore Road.</p>	<p><b>DB</b></p>
<p><b>9</b></p> <p><b>9.1</b></p> <p>End</p>	<p><b><u>Victoria Hall Management Committee (VHMC) Report</u></b></p> <p>Alan Plampton (AP) reported another quiet month and circulated Natalie Murray’s (NM) September Youth Report to Members prior to the meeting.</p> <p>Members thanked AP and NM for their input.</p>	
<p><b>10</b></p> <p><b>10.1</b></p> <p><b>10.2</b></p> <p><b>10.3</b></p> <p><b>10.4</b></p> <p>End</p>	<p><b><u>Community Councillors’ Portfolios</u></b></p> <p>Discussion took place about the handover of portfolio items from outgoing CCs to the new Members. GM will begin a list of ongoing items.</p> <p><b><u>Gabriele Pearson</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Planning Report</b> - Notice received of proposed wind farm (<i>see item 12.3</i>).</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Diane Brawn</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DB attended the <b>CFPA</b> meeting with all BICCs. Joanne Allday has moved to a new post as Environmental Co-ordinator and Marketing and PR has been taken over by James MacFarlane. DB will send the CFPA Annual Review to Members.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Marcel Gommers</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MG will attend the next <b>Black Isle Tourism Team</b> meeting on <u>November 12th 2019 at Munro’s Nursery Tearoom, 6-8.30pm.</u></li> </ul>	<p><b>GM</b></p> <p><b>DB</b></p> <p><b>MG</b></p>

<p><b>11</b></p> <p><b><u>Highland Councillor (HC) Report</u></b>  <i>(Minute Secretary note - report submitted by email prior to the meeting)</i></p> <p><b>11.1</b></p> <p><b>11.2</b></p> <p><b>11.3</b></p> <p><b>11.4</b></p> <p>End</p>	<p>The deep pothole at Shoremill has had a temporary cold tar patch but will require a proper repair.</p> <p>CF is continuing to work closely with HC community works officer and at a site meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> October the burial grounds, Hugh Miller monument and how best to improve the over grown shrubbery at the Links carpark were discussed.</p> <p>CF has arranged a follow up meeting for stakeholders and bus users with Stagecoach on 21<sup>st</sup> November to discuss ongoing problems with the service.</p> <p>CF asks residents to continue reporting to him issues with potholes, damaged grit bins and street light problems, in order to feedback to HC.</p>	<p><b>CF</b></p> <p><b>CF</b></p> <p><b>CF</b></p>
<p><b>12</b></p> <p><b><u>Correspondence</u></b></p> <p><b>12.1</b></p> <p><b>12.2</b></p> <p><b>12.3</b></p> <p><b>12.4</b></p> <p><b>12.5</b></p> <p><b>12.6</b></p> <p>(cont)</p>	<p>Email from Colin Simpson, HC Principal Officer - Europe , Tourism and Film requesting CC views on the <b>Transient Visitor Levy</b> (or Tourist Tax) consultation. This was publicised by the C&amp;DCC and Members completed the questionnaire as individuals.</p> <p>Email from HC to confirm the nomination submission date for <b>CC Elections</b> has been extended to <u>29th October</u>. The C&amp;DCC publicised this locally.</p> <p>Email received from Alisdair Adey, Project Manager, EnergieKontor UK Ltd with a revised Proposal of Application Notice for the proposed <b>Strathroy Wind Farm</b> development near Ardrross. All CCs within a 45km radius, where visual impacts may occur, were served with this notice.</p> <p>Information received from Brain Davey, Scottish Community Councils Improvement Service, promoting a travelling exhibition, '<b>Present Voice, Future Lives</b>'. Feedback from the exhibition will help inform the Scottish Government's final vision for homes and communities until 2040. The exhibition visits Inverness Royal Academy on <u>November 4th, 6-8pm</u>.</p> <p>Cllr Craig Fraser notified the CC that road gulley operators will clear blocked drains reported in Bank Street, Church Street and the Denny by the end of October.</p> <p>Email from the C&amp;DCC insurance company, Zurich Municipal with advice for communities preparing for winter.</p>	

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12.7	Letter received from Tom Henderson, Udale Farm, disputing the accuracy in the September Minutes with regard to the Biomass Boilers.	
End		
13	<b><u>AOB</u></b>	
13.1	Following the broken alcoholic drinks bottles around the Victoria Hall highlighted in youth issues, it was brought to MG's attention that the drinks had been bought locally by someone of legal age but supplied to under age people. MG has spoken to the purchaser in the hope of preventing further incidents and a member of his staff cleared the park of broken glass.	
13.2	<b>Refresher Resilience Training</b> - this will be organised once the new CC is on board.	<b>DB</b>
13.3	<b>CC Elections</b> - Jacquie Ross, Estelle Quick, Rosemarie Hogg and Kenneth MacFarlane are standing down as Community Councillors. New nominations will not be made public until the deadline of the 29th October has passed.	
End		
14	<b><u>Date of next meeting</u></b> <b>Monday 28th November 2019 @ 7.30pm at the Hugh Miller Institute, Church Street, Cromarty.</b>	
	JR thanked everyone for attending and the meeting concluded at 9.30pm.	

## Summary of Matters Arising & Action Points

Reference	To whom allocated	Notes
4.2	Natalie	Keep CC Updated on progress of 'Yarn Bombing' project
4a.1	Jacquie	<b>Post call for more Cromarty Carers on C&amp;DCC Facebook</b>
4a.2	Gabrielle	Attend CCP AGM as minuted
5.1	Gabrielle	Contact PC SC following no Police reports for several months
6.3	Craig	Follow up missing grit bin from the Surgery
6.4	Rosemarie	<b>Contact Duncan Bowers regarding offer on sale of gritter</b>
6.4	Estelle	<b>Contact gritter insurance company about imminent sale</b>
6.5	Jacquie	<b>Continue to monitor burial procedures</b>
6.6	Estelle & Jacquie	<b>Take on the organising of a visit to Youth Cafe through their roles on CCDT</b>

6.8	<b>Jacquie &amp; Estelle</b>	<b>Follow with Di Agnew about market stall storage in Townlands Garages</b>
6.9	Diane	Continue to be the contact to inform CC of Choose Life events
6.10	<b>Estelle</b>	<b>Keep Members informed of Townlands Barn plans meeting date</b>
6.11	Marcel	Continue to print and display copies at the Cromarty Store desk each month of the Cromarty Newsletters. Highlight news items requiring a quick public response.
6.13	Craig	Update Members on progress of East Church repairs
6.15	<b>Jacquie</b>	<b>Update Members on the RTIF progress from the project group</b>
6.16	Craig	Follow up with HC a smoother surface for Trishaw passengers
6.19	<b>Jacquie</b>	<b>Arrange an alternative meeting date to raise Links issues with Erica MacArthur early in new year</b>
6.20	Craig	Follow up on road repairs not completed by HC, in particular Braehead
6.22	Craig	Follow up request for Community Payback Scheme to tidy up the burial ground and shelters housing paths
6.24	Craig	Follow up the the repair of the drain cover on the Denny
6.26	Diane	Follow up contact with home owner regarding construction access
6.27	<b>Jacquie</b>	<b>Request HC to progress TMP proposals as minuted</b>
6.30	Gabriele	Continue to communicate with Tom Henderson re: any issues with Biomass Boilers
7.2	<b>Estelle</b>	<b>Assist with the hand over of Treasurer role</b>
8.6	Diane	Contact HC about the missing welcome sign on the Shore Road
10.1	Gillian	Compile hand over list regarding portfolio roles/action points etc
10.3	Diane	Send CFPA Annual Review to Members
10.4	Marcel	Attend the BITT meeting as minuted
11.1	Craig	Update on the permanent repair of deep Shoremill pothole
11.2	Craig	Continue to liaise with HC about Links Shrubbery, Hugh Miller Monument and burial grounds
11.3	Craig	Attend and update members on the November meeting with Stagecoach
13.2	Diane	Organise resilience training with Nigel Shapcott once new CC in place.

**\* highlighted action points for hand over to new CC**



**Agenda item 4.4**  
**Appendix A**

<b>Finance Report – Cromarty &amp; District Community Council</b>			
<b>Agenda Item No 7 - Treasurer's Report</b>			
<b>Period: 29/9/19-27/10/19</b>			
<b>General Income</b>			
Less:			
<b>General Expenditure</b>			
<b>Increase/Decrease in Accumulated Fund</b>	<b>£0.00</b>		
<b>Fund Income</b>			
Bonfire Night Fund - business donations	£500.00	Global	
Community Development Fund - Cromarty Stores tin	£26.59		
Less:			
<b>Fund Expenditure</b>			
Bonfire Night Fund - fireworks	£1,800.00		
<b>Increase/Decrease in Other Funds</b>	<b>£1,273.41</b>		
<b>Net Assets</b>			
Bank & Cash in hand balances as at 27/10/19	£13,778.68		
Paypal - website sales	£74.82		
<b>Total Net Assets at 27/10/19</b>	<b>£13,853.50</b>		
<b>Comprising:</b>			
Community Council Accumulated Fund	£2,593.71		
Provision for Guide Book reprinting	£0.00		
Seaplane Plinth Fund	£48.93		
Bonfire Night Fund	£1,572.60		
Splash & Dash Fund	£126.00		
Monday Club Fund	£1,030.50		
Community Development Fund	£762.03		
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	£2,423.42		
	<b>£13,853.50</b>		
Estelle Quick 27/10/19			