**Draft Minutes**

**Meeting: Wednesday 26th September 2018. Fortrose leisure Centre.**

Present: Anne Phillips (AP),), Lucy Tonkin (LT), Tom Heath (TH), Iain A C Brown (IACB), Archie Macleod (AM), Sarah Atkin (SA), Douglas Stuart (DS)

1. **Welcome & Apologies**

An apology was received from Russell Mackenzie (RM)

TH also apologised that he had failed to inform the Ward Councillors of the meeting.

**2.0 Minutes of last meeting**

Proposed, AICB Seconded.AM

1. **Matters Arising**
   1. It has proved difficult to come to a consensus in respect of an FRCC response to the questionnaire of the Initial Engagement briefing of the Community Council Scheme Review. As such individual CC Members will submit responses at their discretion. The Consultation period has been extended to 2nd November. **Action:All**
   2. No response has been received from in respect of requests for a central barrier at the top of Ness Road or double yellow lines in the High Street opposite the junction with Academy Street. **Action:TH**
2. **Correspondence/ Points from the Public**
   1. Letter from the public asking for a grit bin at the bottom of Gollanhead Avenue. **Action:AP**
   2. AP will circulate a summary of The Highland Small Community Housing Trust AGM if appropriate. **Action:AP**
   3. Community Resilience workshops are to be held in Cambuslang on 30th October. AP on a shortlist to attend. **Action:AP**
   4. Fire Scotland want to create a register of equipment and skills that can be called on in an emergency. Web link to be circulated and publicised. **Action:TH**
   5. FRCC have been copied in on correspondence regarding an increasing problem of rats at Chanonry point. THC[[1]](#footnote-1) are aware of the problem and are acting. Problem to be included in a review of the general situation at the point see item **Action:SA**
   6. An enquiry has been received asking whether given the relatively low volumes off traffic at the point now that the peak tourist season is now past, parking charges are still appropriate for the winter months.
3. **Police Report (reads)**

The following are the crimes, offences and antisocial behaviour and other incidents of note dealt with between 01/08/2018 and 11/09/2018:

Speed checks continue to be carried out between Fortrose and Rosemarkie when duties permit.

Patrols of Rosemarkie beach area currently being carried out due to increase in youths consuming alcohol.

29/8/18 – Fail to stop road traffic collision. A832 Rosemarkie. Passing vehicles struck each other. Bus and campervan.

Several calls received regarding youths/noise at King George Playing Fields. Officers aware and patrol will continue.

8/9/18 – Speed checks carried out at Canonbury Terrace. 2 X Drivers charged and issued with fixed penalty notice.

59 Calls were received for this area during the last month.

Any information or community issues please contact Police Dingwall on 101 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

**5.0 Treasurer’s Report**

**Treasurer’s Report as at 25 September 2018**

[1] Financial Statement  
  
 1 April 2018 Cash-at-bank £2,803.25  
  
 Income Highland Council Grant £587.75 down from £1,415.60 in 2017-18  
 Fund Raising £144.00 Ceilidh  
 Fund Raising £47.86 Car Rally  
 Bank of Scotland £275.00 Complaints compensation to date  
  
 Sub-total £1,054.61   
  
 Expenditure Secretaries £200.00  
 Dolphin bus leaflet £57.00  
 Safe custody fee £42.98 likely to be recovered  
 Grass strimmer £75.00   
  
 Sub-total £374.98  
  
 25 Sept 2018 Cash at bank £3,482.91 Balance retained

[2} Two complaints against the Bank of Scotland resolved. A third complaint of 10 August awaits resolution.  
  
[3] The two accounts at the Bank of Scotland are being merged.  
  
[4] The signatories for the bank are being changed  
  
[5] The £200 cost of secretarial service, £50 per month, ended in September.  
  
[6] Praise is due to the fund raising that was initiated.  
  
 Without the fund raising and the complaints compensation, a total of £466.86, then £120.89 of the annual   
 grant would remain to fund the remaining six months. Fundraising needs to be an on-going activity.   
  
[7] Chain of the Provost of Royal Burgh of Fortrose. The chain has been recovered from the expensive safe   
 custody of the Bank of Scotland.   
  
 Public display in November of the chain in the Studio Jewellery Workshop, Fortrose, is being arranged.  
  
[8] Film of the 900th Anniversary. Three canisters of film of the 900th Anniversary of the Royal Burgh celebrations   
 have been recovered. It may be possible, at cost, for these to be converted for modern-day usage. (**Action: IACB)**

[9] A search continues for other items known once to have been in FRCC custody.

1. **Planning/Licensing**

6.1 17/02523/FUL Care Home. The following update was received from Ron Taylor of Parklands on 24/9/18: “We have the tenders back and are currently going through them. Our intention is to nominate a contractor by the end of September and leave it with them to start ( I would anticipate 4 weeks mobilisation).”

6.2 18/04060/FUL Erection of retail unit, associated accesses and car parking. This application relates to the proposes new Co-op store with the potential for further retail development on the site. After considering the response to the consultation with the public at the Classic Car rally and via social media the Community Council decided unanimously to oppose the application. . (**ActionDS)**

The primary grounds for the opposition were:

* The move of the Co-op store would be likely to detract from the viability of Fortrose High Street. This is contrary to Policy 1 of the Inner Moray Firth Local Development Plan (IMFLDP) which states that “The Council will not support any proposal for development that is likely to have an adverse effect on the vitality and viability of any of the centres listed below….” Fortrose town centre is included in the list.
* The site is in the “clear visual and visible break” between Fortrose and Rosemarkie described as desired in section 4.61 of the IMFLDP.

It was noted that when the Northern Planning Applications Committee approved the Care Home Application in response to public support the planning officers gave assurances that this would not set a precedent in respect of further applications in the space between the two communities.

6.3 We are Concerned that Section 2.2 of the Design Statement by the Co-op in support of application 18/04060/FUL Erection of retail unit makes reference to “consultation with Fortrose and Rosemarkie Community Council”. There has been no such consultation with FRCC[[2]](#footnote-2) and the bullet points in the Design statement do not result from any consultations with FRCC. As reported in previous minutes Iain Mason of the Co-op made a presentation to the Council on 8th August but this was after it had been made clear to him that the Community Councillors were there to listen not to comment. The previous minutes states that “The Community Council refrained from expressing either support for, or opposition to the proposals. But will consider the application carefully when it is lodged and consult with the public before responding.” A letter is to be sent to the Planning Office highlighting this error. **Action: TH**

1. **Community Issues**

9.1 Town Hall: To aid or efforts to increase the use of Fortrose Town Hall and make it a centre of village activity it was agreed that SA and TH would help LT in trying to promote new activities in the Hall **Action: LT/SA/TH**

9.1 It was further agreed that a long term strategy was required if our hopes for bringing the Town Hall under Community Control were to be realised. **Action: IACB/DS**

9.3 It was agreed that the Chair would represent FRCC at the annual Remebrance day ceremony by laying a wreath at the memorial. **Action: TH/IACB**

9.4 Thanks to Mary and David Galloway for providing a Christmas tree for the town Centre **Action: TH/RM**

9.5 There will be a Foodbank collection under the Christmas Tree on 14/15th December. This event to be publicised on noticeboard and facebook. **Action: SA**

9.6 The status of the public toilets in Rosemarkie (with a possible closure) is a matter for concern. We have been copied communications between Groam House and Councillor Adam which leave the situation unclear. TH to seek a clarification of the situation and establish whether there is a role for FRCC. **Action: TH**

**10.0 Operational Issues -**None

**11.0 Common Good Fund (CGF) Update**

11.1 We have not been advised of any progress on the coastal defence scheme for the Rosemarkie Campsite. Sa to make enquiries. **Action: SA**

11.2 Chanonry Point:

Whilst the peak tourist season is past for this year there remain many unresolved issues. SA is to summarise these in a position paper. **Action: SA**

**12.0 AOCB**

All items covered elsewhere.

**13.0 Date of Next Meeting**

TH proposed the next meeting be Wednesday 7th November, 7pm, The Plough Inn, Rosemarkie.

*Appendix of Actions taken*

*Matters enacted since the Meeting of 8th August 2018*

*A1) Clarifications sought from the Co-op about the size of the proposed new store.*

A2) Ceilidh held on 15th August. Enjoyed by all and raised £144.

A3) Request made to the Highland Council for notices to stick on litter bins to the effect that “When full take litter home”. Notices now in place.

A4) Email sent to Highland Archive Centre asking how to copy FRCC minutes to the archive. Response received and copies of minutes 1995-2017 now in archive.

A5) Condition of Traffic in Fortrose High Street publicised in Press and Journal article

A6) Funds made available to pay for a strimmer for volunteer group.

A7) Stand taken at Classic Car Rally to facilitate a local consultation of the proposed new Co-op store.

A8) A letter delivered to all High Street traders seeking their view on the proposed new Co-op.

A9) Notices placed on Fortrose notice board and facebook page requesting views from the local public on proposed new Co-op

A9) information on how to publicise local events on CC noticeboard reposted on Facebook and CC website

A10) Letter sent to Jane Bridge (Transport Planning) regarding blockage in High Street preventing Fire Engine accessing road during an emergency.

A11) A comment sent opposing planning application 18/03570/PIP. (Comments may be seen on the planning website)

A12) Advice sought and passed on to the person enquiring about Herring Gulls on Marine House (Item 5.1 of points from the Public)

1. THC-The Highland Council [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. FRCC- Fortrose and Rosemarkie Community Council [↑](#footnote-ref-2)