**Minutes**

**Meeting: Wednesday 7th November 2018. Plough Inn Rosemarkie**

Present: Anne Phillips (AP),), Lucy Tonkin (LT), Tom Heath (TH), Iain A C Brown (IACB), Douglas Stuart (DS)

1. **Welcome & Apologies**

Apologies were received from Sarah Atkin (SA), Russell Mackenzie (RM), and Gordon Adam (GA)

**2.0 Minutes of last meeting**

Proposed AP, Seconded IACB.

1. **Matters Arising**
   1. Following the initial engagement phase of the Community Council Scheme Review a workshop is planned on 24th November to discuss the response . Proposals will be finalised after this workshop. TVH will represent FRCC.
   2. As a consequence of short notice AP was unable to attend the Community Resilience Workshop in Cambuslang.
2. **Correspondence/ Points from the Public**
   1. Complaints from a member of the public regarding traffic leaving Fortrose at High speed have been referred to the Police.
   2. A request has been received for an additional dog bin for dog mess to be sited between Rosemarkie and the Point. With the winter closure of the Rosemarkie campsite there is no such facility available. The Highland Council have been asked to move one of two public green bins close to the end of Hawkhill road to a position close to the Campsite office. **Action:TH**
   3. Members of the public have cleared ivy from the sharp bend sign on the Brae approaching Rosemarkie (congratulations to them) but advise that a rowan tree is still obscuring the sign. THC to be advised. **Action:TH**
   4. We have been requested to put pressure on the bus companies to improve the timetabling of local services; particularly early morning and late night. This can only be done with the cooperation of the Ward Councillors with whom we will discuss the situation. **Action:TH**
   5. We have been consulted as to whether we are content with the current location of polling booths in our ward and have replied in the affirmative.
   6. An additional grit bin has been requested for Gollanhead Avenue. **Action AP**
3. **Police Report (reads)**

The following are the crimes, offences and antisocial behaviour and other incidents of note dealt with between 10/10/2018 and 05/11/2018:

18/10/2018 – Patrols of High Street, Fortrose in relation to vehicles blocking access when loading. Patrols will continue to monitor any issues.

21/10/2018 – Anti –Social behaviour order issued to driver on High Street, Rosemarkie for revving engine and spinning wheels.

25/10/2018 – Male arrested for police assault on High Street, Rosemarkie. Small amount of drugs seized from male.

4/11/2018 – Two dead buzzards found in wooded area behind beach pavilion. Enquiry ongoing to establish cause of death.

29/10/2018 - Speed checks carried out at Canonbury Terrace. 3 x Drivers charged with Speeding and 3 x charged with no MOT.

Noise complaints received regarding the Plough Inn and Union Tavern. Staff made aware by attending officers and the situation will continue to be monitored.

63 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.

**6.0 Treasurer’s Report**

6.1 Cash at bank £3,445.92

6.2 two complaints against the Bank of Scotland resolved. Third complaint of 10 August resolved by the bank refunding the monies wrongly deducted.

6.3 The two bank accounts at the Bank of Scotland were merged.

* 1. Signatories for the bank changed to reflect the 2018-19 office bearers.

1. **Planning/Licensing**

7.1 17/02523/FUL Care Home. The following update was received from Ron Taylor of Parklands on 7/11/18:

*“We have been negotiating with a preferred contractor and hope to conclude discussions by the end of this week. It would be fair to say that we are also in dialogue with the adjoining site about road access for a possible retail development – this has nothing to do with our application and I haven’t seen the plans.*

*Before we commence on site, we have to discharge some of the planning conditions as follows;*

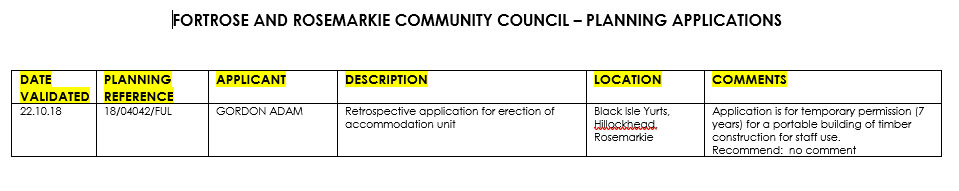
1. *Archaeological survey – this is being done next week*
2. *Bus stop contribution  -awaiting a value from planning*
3. *Transport Scotland contribution – awaiting value from Transport Scotland*
4. *Public Art – a proposal is to be submitted by the end of this week*

*Our target has slipped slightly but our intention is to get on site sometime in November. The build we will be 52 weeks and we will start looking at recruitment around July 2019 for key members of staff, such as the Manager and other categories to follow in August 2019. “*

* 1. 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.

In addition to that from FRCC there have been consultation responses from:

* Landscape officer who raises no objection but requests conditions on the detailed design.
* Development Planning: “the application is not in overall conformity with the approved development plan.”
* Historic Environment Record “The proposed development is located in an area of archaeological potential. Please therefore attach the following condition to any consent issued……”
* Flood Risk Management Team has “reviewed the information provided by the Applicant and objects due to the lack of information on site drainage.”
* Transport Scotland: “No Objection”
* Scottish Water : “No Objection”
* NATS: “No Objection”
  1. There has been one new application in the reporting period:



1. **Community Issues**

8.1 Town Hall: Highlife Highland describe that in recent times the Town Hall is being very well used. Nonetheless we will continue our efforts to bring new “events” to the hall so that it’s role as a centre of Community life can be reinforced

8.2 There have been two meetings with Debbie Sutton (Amenities Manager for the Highland Council (DS) and others to discuss the future of the public toilets in Fortrose and Rosemarkie. We are seeking to keep both toilets open and have advised THC that we are investigating and progressing proposals for taking the toilets under local control.THC agreed to be flexible in respect of the closure of the Rosemarkie toilet. **Action: TH/IACB**

8.3 Centenary Armistice Beach Event: Thanks to Sarah Atkin for initiating this and to artist William Mather, Diana Hamilton-Jones and Alison Will for their voluntary efforts in making this happen.

8.4 Foodbank Donations week-end: We can confirm that there will be a Foodbank collection over the weekend of 14/15th December.

8.5 Dog Park: A resident is investigating 3 potential sites to get the idea going. There appears to be a very significant interest in the idea.

8.6 It was agreed that FRCC should seek to facilitate the establishment of a Community Development Trust.

8.7 The traditional Community Carol Singing will be held on Christmas Eve in the Cathedral.

**9.0 Operational Issues**

9.1 The Fortrose Christmas tree will be put up during the weekend of 8/9th December.

9.2 The Christmas lights will be put up the weekend of 15/16th December.

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

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

10.2 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**

**11.0 AOCB**

All items covered elsewhere.

**12.0 Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting be on Wednesday 12th December, 7pm, Fortrose Leisure Centre

**Appendix of other matters enacted since the meeting of 26th September 2018**

A1) Information on Fire Scotland’s “Register of skills and equipment” posted on FRCC facebook and web pages.

A2) Reminder sent in respect of lack of response to requests for a central barrier at the top of Ness Road and double yellow lines in the High Street opposite the junction with Academy Street

A3) Confirmation has been received from the Highland Council that parking charges at Chanonry Ness only apply between 1st March and 31st October.

A4) A comment objecting to planning application 18/04060/FUL was sent to the Highland Council

A5) A letter was sent to the Highland Council noting that the Design Statement from the Co-op in respect of the proposed new store made misleading and inaccurate claims

A6) A bespoke Christmas Tree base has been ordered

A7) **Education Scotland inspection of Community Learning & Development for Mid-Ross:** CC’s focus group. Tuesday 6th November. SA attended. The purpose of the focus group was to ask questions about the role of Community Councils within their communities and how/if they can have an impact.

A8) Request made to Highland Council that Feddon Hill be included in the list of secondary roads for gritting. (Supported by CF).