**Meeting: Wednesday 12th December 2018. Plough Inn Rosemarkie**

Present: Archie MacLeod (AM), Sarah Atkin (SA), Russell MacKenzie(RM), Lucy Tonkin (LT), Tom Heath (TH),

1. **Welcome & Apologies**

Apologies were received from), Iain A C Brown (IACB), Douglas Stuart (DS), Anne Phillips (AP),

**2.0 Minutes of last meeting**

The minutes of the November Meeting were adopted. Proposed LT, Seconded TH.

1. **Matters Arising**
   1. Community Council Scheme Review Workshop, 24th November: TVH attended. The meeting was chaired Alasdair Christie who expressed himself as a strong proponent of local democracy and he was joined by Donna Manson , the new CEO of the Council. Issues and concerns of the Community Councils represented were heard by these two and the meeting was left with the impression that the aforementioned pair recognised the problems and were anxious to make Community Councils more meaningful bodies. A summary report of the meeting is awaited as are suggested changes.
   2. An additional dog bin on Marine Terrace near to the CCC office has been organised by FRCC and is being serviced by the Highland Council.
   3. An additional grit bin is now in place in Gollanhead Avenue.
   4. The tree obscuring the sharp bend sign on Rosemarkie Brae has been trimmed to give good visibility of the sign.
2. **Correspondence/ Points from the Public**
   1. Complaint from a member of the public that new bin on Marine Terrace cannot be seen from the beach by dog walkers. Unfortunately, if dog walkers wish to use the bin they will have to make a small diversion to the road or take their packages home for disposal. The Highland Council will only service the bins on the road.
   2. 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**
   3. We have been advised that there is a planned amendment to the Planning Bill which will require planning permission for properties used for Air BnB unless the property is the sole or main residence.
3. **Police Report (reads)**

The following are the crimes, offences and antisocial behaviour and other incidents of note dealt with between 05/11/2018 and 07/12/2018:

5/11/18 – Female arrested in Fortrose for misuse 999 system and assaulting Police officers.

17/11/18 – Male arrested for threatening and abusive behaviour outside the Plough Inn, Rosemarkie.

1/12/18 – Female arrested for Drink Driving on Canonbury Terrace, Fortrose.

5/12/18 – Male charged for speeding on Canonbury Terrace, Fortrose.

Patrols continue of King George playing fields regarding anti-social behaviour.

77 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.

5.1 The meeting noted the regular female being arrested for misuse of the 999 system questioned whether repeated arrest was the appropriate treatment for such a situation. It was agreed that and it was agreed that we would write to Police Scotland wit this concern. Action SA

**6.0 Treasurer’s Report**

No report. Information will be included in the Minutes of the February meeting.

1. **Planning/Licensing**

6.1 17/02523/FUL: Care Home.

Brief update from Parklands reads*: “Archaeological Survey now complete, this was the last piece of the jigsaw. Nothing significant found.*

*We are appointing the contractor this week - slightly later than anticipated will leave the strait date on site up to them”*

* 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. The following additional documents have recently been submitted:

* Supporting Planning Statement
* Archaeological Evaluation
* Transport Statement
* Drainage Impact assessment
* Amended site layout

As this has come to our attention very recently, there has not been time to evaluate the details which have been submitted in time for the FRCC meeting on 12 December 2018. There is however concern that feel there are some serious distortions relating to traffic on Fortrose High Street, and an attempt to play down the impact of additional traffic. The additional information will be considered further and a report will be prepared for consideration.

6.3 A list of other Planning Applications is appended.

1. **Community Issues**

7.1 Well-Being/ Mental Health

In response to the tragic loss of life to suicide on the Black Isle, a Community Wellbeing group has been established by Fortrose Academy along with NHS Scotland and Police Scotland.  This initiative was launched in July with a successful Community Conversation event. SA represented the CC as part of the discussion group after that event to identify potential vulnerable groups and input wider community views into the issues raised.  Further action:  the distribution of a community survey.  A ‘scoping’ meeting on 17th January 2019 to gain a big picture of leisure provision/activities/social groups.  The objective of this is to see a) where there are gaps in provision and b) work together to address them. SA to Monitor

7.2 Public Toilets. The Highland Council has set a deadline of 14th January by which *“…..we {HC} would need a strong commitment from your group about retaining the toilets and running them after 1st April 2019, as we will not be in a position to keep them open after that date.”* We have replied that we are in process of moving towards the establishment of a Community Development Trust to facilitate the take over but that this will not be in place by the declared deadline. We are however working to be in a position for a Community body to take over the toilets by the required date and THC have been advised of this.

7.3 We have been advised by Philip Waite (THC Footpaths Officer) that since the Rosemarkie High Path is a Core Path the Landowners permission is not required to effect repairs. A volunteer group operating under the Community Council is now being organised.

7.4 Following the success of the Remembrance activities on Rosemarkie beach consideration will be given to whether a similar themed activity can be organised on the beach for late autumn next year.

7.5 AP attended the Black Isle Tourism Team Strategy day workshop which was very well attended. She reports *“it was very buzzy. Infrastructure came up in every group along with the T word (Toilets!). Looking at strategy for black isle – slow tourism, how to balance encouraging tourism without damaging communities and environment.”*

7.6 Foodbank Donations week-end: There was no support from other CCs for a joint collection . Plans are nonetheless in hand for the for the Foodbank collection over the weekend of 14/15th December.

7.7 Seniors lunch is booked for 30th January, village voices have offered to sing,

7.8 Congratulations to the volunteers who helped to put up the Community Christmas decorations and street lights in Fortrose and Rosemarkie. Given the age and reliability problems with the street decorations consideration must be given to a new approach next year. It was proposed that we should look for someone to take charge of Christmas decorations on behalf of FRCC Action (SA)

**8.0 Operational Issues**

8.1 There will be an FRCC fundraiser at the next Farmer’s Market. (Buy a square with wine and other items as prizes). **Action: LT**

8.2 The Planning department will be contacted to ask why the Public Car Park sign has not been replaced following the conversion work at Marine House. **Action: TH**

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

9.1 We have not been advised of any progress on the coastal defence scheme for the Rosemarkie Campsite. The Trustees of the Common Good are being pressed to ensure that funding deal for this work is agreed which will compromise future leasing.

9.2 Chanonry Point:

An action plan has been prepared by SA which is designed to improve the traffic flow towards the Ness and to encourage tourists to use more of village facilities. This has been sent to the Highland Council for discussion in January. It is expected that a proportion of the parking fees collected at the point will be made available to FRCC for Community use.

**10.0 AOCB**

All items covered elsewhere.

**11.0 Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting be on Wednesday 13th February, 7pm, Fortrose Leisure Centre

