**Meeting: Wednesday 10th April 2019. Plough Inn Rosemarkie, 1900**

1. **Welcome & Apologies**

**Present:** Douglas Stuart (DS), Russell Mackenzie (RM), Iain Brown (IACB), Sarah Atkin (SA), Anne Phillips (AP), Tom Heath(TH), Archie Macleod (AM)

Cncllr Gordon Adam - THC (The Highland Council)

**Apologies:** Lucy Tonkin, Police Scotland

**2.0 Minutes of last meeting**

The minutes of the March Meeting were adopted. Proposed (IACB), Seconded (AP).

1. **Matters Arising (not covered elsewhere)**
   1. **Greenside Farm Development:** A fact-finding meeting was held on 26th March between representatives of Pat Munro Homes and local residents. The discussion was constructive the key issues raised being: a) how access to Courthill Road was to be maintained at all times and b) whether the previously submitted RCC met Highland Council Standards. (There appears to be a serious discrepancy in respect of Highland Council requirements between the distances between the proposed new junction between Courthill Road and the A832 and that between Courthill Road and the new development) DS to check
   2. **Stagecoach:** A letter was written to Stagecoach expressing our concern that the 26A route regularly failed to keep to schedule. No response as yet and to be followed up. Action TH.SA
   3. **The Orchard Rosemarkie**: Information on the ownership of the Orchard in Rosemarkie is still being sought. Action AP
   4. **St. Boniface Fair:** Notices inviting Volunteers to Manage St, Boniface Fair have been posted. The following notes have been received from the current St. Boniface Committee:

The past committee was not successful in attracting a new group to take over the St Boniface Fair but was successful in attracting three new members to join the group.

The St Boniface Fair committee are to be mainly under the auspices of the Fortrose and Rosemarkie Community Council for 2019 from whom they hope to have support when necessary. The past committee and the new members are considering how the Fair can be improved and individual members were given specific areas to develop. The next meeting of the expanded committee will be on 02 May 2019 at 7.00 pm.

* 1. We have learned that the tree on Common Good Land on East Watergates which was recently felled was done so without the knowledge of either Ward Manager or FRCC.

Action TH

* 1. **Common Good Asset Register:** Members of the public have advised us of items they believe should be on the register. These will be collated and forwarded to THC. DS will compare the land assets listed with the map previously given to FRCC by THC. Action DS/TH
  2. **SSE Resilience Fund.** We need to formulate a Resilience Plan for the FRCC area before we can consider applying for funds. It is known that Cromarty CC have been through this process and we will enquire whether a copy of their plan is available as a template. Action AP

**Waste Removal**. It has been established that Commercial Waste on the Black Isle is removed by the lowest cost contractor at £18/uplift compared to the Highland Council Fee of £46/uplift. Highland Councillors are to be asked why there is such a large disparity given that Council Operators are passing the premises on a weekly basis. Action TH

* 1. The remaining monies from the Christmas Eve Community singing have been distributed to Black Isle Cares and the Black Isle Mountain Bike Club.

1. **Correspondence/ Points from the Public**
   1. A letter has been received expressing concern about standing water in the potholes of the car park of Fortrose New Cemetery. The Voluntary Group TORB (Tidy our Royal Borough) had already addressed the problem by the time of this meeting by filling the potholes with materials supplied by THC. Our thanks once more to TORB for this and for the other excellent works they continue to perform.
   2. A draft Tourism Strategy for the Black Isle was launched on 8th April and is available to view on the FRCC web pages. Community Councillors will respond as individuals. Members of the Public are invited to do the same.
2. **Police Report (reads)**

5.1 The following are the crimes, offences and antisocial behaviour and other incidents of note dealt with between 10/03/2019 and 08/04/2019:

11/03/19 – Vehicles continue to enter the Black Isle Forest for off roading.

16/03/19 – Speed checks carried out on Canonbury Terrace. 10 charged with speeding and 1 for no MOT.

02/04/19 – Fire-raising within Fortrose Academy. One youth reported to children’s reporter.

Speed checks continue in the area when duties permit.

61 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.

5.2 A response is still awaited from the Area Inspector (submitted in January) regarding an

observation for an unnamed – but known - individual in our community whose

offending/punishment/offending cycle for the same offence may suggest a different

approach is required to deal with this. The correspondence was sent in light of Police

Scotland’s involvement in the Mental Health/Community Wellbeing Group set up at

Fortrose Academy. Police Scotland advise that a reply has been sent but we are unable to find it. A copy to be requested. **Action: SA/TH**

**6.0 Treasurer’s Report**

6.1 Report

He following note was tabled:

[1] Financial Statement  
  
 1 April 2018 Cash-at-bank **£ 2,803.25**  
  
 Net Income Highland Council Grant £ 587.75 grant down from £1,415.60 in 2017-18  
 Fund Raising £ 144.00 Ceilidh profit  
 Fund Raising £ 47.86 Car Rally Donations  
 Fund Raising £ 40.69. Union Tavern, Donations  
 St Boniface Fair £ 100.00 (Donated to Seniors’ Luncheon)  
 Bank of Scotland £ 275.00 Complaints compensation from BofS  
 Carol Singing £ 707.00 Donations from public  
 Others £ 15.00   
  
 Sub-total **£ 1,917.30**   
  
 Net Expenditure Secretaries £ 200.00 expenditure ended July 2018  
 Andrewiina Junor Trust £ 220.00 late payment for 2017-18  
 Website £ 54.00 annual fees (of £30 and £24)  
 Dolphin bus leaflet £ 57.00 loss on publication  
 Grass strimmer & safety gloves £ 90.00 for Fortrose Volunteers Christmas lamp-post lights £ 80.00 for erection & dismantling, and cable ties  
 Christmas Tree £ 130.00 metal base (£110) & electricity (£20)  
 Seniors’ luncheon \*\* £ 80.00 hall rent and food supplies  
 Beach cleaning equipment £ 200.92  
 Donations to 3 local groups £ 507.00 (refer below)  
 Miscellaneous £ 29.00 including Remembrance wreath  
  
 Sub-total **£1,647.92**  
  
 10 April 2019 Cash at bank **£ 3,072.63**

[2] Carol Singing, the £707receved to be distributed:   
  
 £200 to Fortrose Pre-School Ltd  
 £200 towards Christmas 2019 cost of lamppost lights and Christmas tree.  
 £157 to Black Isle Cares  
 £150 to Black Isle Mountain Bike Club.

[3] Highland Council Ward Fund have approved an FRCC application for £750 towards the costs of a booklet   
 on the Seaforth Portraits in the Town Hall. Subsidising the publication costs of the booklet awaits the   
 approval of the FRCC.

[4] Highland Council Ward Fund have approved the FRCC application for £300 towards the costs of printing 1,000 copies of an up-dated Chanonry Point leaflet. Last year the FRCC agreed to underwrite the £57 loss on the leaflet. FRCC to confirm underwriting terms for 2019.

[5] The recovered Chain of the Provost of Royal Burgh of Fortrose will not be on public display at Easter.  
  
[6] Date of AGM requires to be decided.

6.2 Ward Discretionary Fund

An application for support from the Ward Discretionary Fund, made prior to the meeting, for funds to assist the publication of a booklet on the “History of the Seaforth Paintings” was approved.

* 1. It was agreed that an application for similar support for the “Growing our Cathedral” Project.
  2. **Planning/Licensing/Consultation**
  3. A report of new planning applications is appended.
  4. Work has Started on the Ness Road Care Home. There was a meeting with Parklands on 5th April to discuss Traffic Management during construction.
  5. A review of the Inner Moray Firth Local Development Plan has been announced by THC. This will determine amongst other things, which areas in our area will be scheduled for development. FRCC will be making an input to this process and will be seeking Community views via noticeboards and Social Media.
  6. A Review of the Highland Scheme of Establishment for Community Councils is underway. Proposals will be posted on the FRCC website and advertised on our noticeboards. The first phase of the Consultation ends on May 31st 2019. Members of the Public are invited to contribute

1. **Common Good Fund (CGF) Update**

7.1 Coastal Protection

A long-term strategy for maintaining the coastal defences around Chanonry Ness is required. This has been raised before with our Highland councillors but to date no such plan has been developed. Action TH

7.2 Chanonry Point

A short run information leaflet for Chanonry Point targeted at visitors is in preparation with funding from Highland Council with support from local dolphin businesses. Confirmation still awaited from THC on proposals for a free summer shuttle bus. The leaflet timescale is dependent upon that. Parking information signage due to go up within the week. Action SA

7.3 Users of the shed at the Town Hall has raised concerns regarding the dilapidated state of the shed. THC had previously agreed to replaced it. THC to be contacted. Action TH

7.4 Town Hall

The Fortrose Community Market has outgrown the Town Hall and is moving to Fortrose Theatre from May 2019. There are unconfirmed reports that the Mother & Toddler Group will use community space at the new church as well.

**8 Community Issues**

* 1. Beach Clean – Cairds Cave-Lighthouse. Successfully completed save for the wire from failed gabion baskets. Consideration will be given to organising a separate working party to address this problem. Thanks to all those who helped.
  2. Beach Clean-Fortrose. Date to be announced Action TH
  3. Beach Clean Eathie & Learnie. A joint effort with Cromarty CC has been proposed. Details to be announced. Action AP
  4. Inner Moray Firth Local Development Plan (IMFLDP)

THC has announced a review of the IMFLDP. This will determine amongst other things, which areas in our area will be scheduled for development. FRCC will be making an input to this process and will be seeking Community views via noticeboards and Social Media.

* 1. Public Toilets.

THC has agreed to keep the Rosemarkie toilet open for the 2019 holiday season to give the two groups who have expressed interest in taking over the running over the toilets a chance to complete their establishment and further examine financial viability. The Fortrose Toilet will remain closed until a suitable organisation can be found to operate the unit. Discussions with THC continue.

**9.0 AOCB**

Highland Council cuts / change to ASN provision in schools

The proposed reduction of ASN support in schools has been raised as an issue within the community.  FRCC asked Cllr Adam his view on this issue.  He supported the budget cuts and the rationale for change as outlined by Chief Executive Donna Manson (as did all the Black Isle Councillors.)  This without having engaged with either Black Isle Community Councils (elected to represent the views of their respective communities) or – crucially – those running and working in Black Isle schools and parents.  They voted only having engaged with one perspective on this important issue.  Inconclusive discussion followed.  No action for the moment.

**10.0 Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 8th May at Fortrose Leisure Centre.

The Annual General Meeting will be held on 12th June also at the Fortrose Leisure Centre.

**FORTROSE AND ROSEMARKIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL – PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

DATE: 10 April 2019

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| **DATE**  **VALIDATED** | **PLANNING**  **REFERENCE** | **APPLICANT** | **DESCRIPTION** | **LOCATION** | **COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS/ACTION** |
| 05/03/19 | 19/00925/FUL | Mr & Mrs J Shabab | Change of use and erection of extension to garage to form self-contained residential unit | 2 The Orchard, Ness Road, Fortrose, IV10 8SD, | Overdevelopment of site, and out of keeping with neighbouring development  **Action by FRCC:** object |
| 12/03/2019 | 19/00989/FUL | Rosemarkie Amenities Association | Siting of two storage containers (retrospective), cladding of containers and alterations to cafe | Rosemarkie Community Cafe, Kincurdy Drive, Rosemarkie, , | No comment  No action |
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Weekly notifications from Highland Council: No applications in FRCC area on the following dates:

26 March 19 2 April 19