**Meeting: Wednesday 8th May 2019. Fortrose Leisure Centre**

1. **Welcome & Apologies**

**Present:** Lucy Tonkin (LT), Douglas Stuart (DS), Iain Brown (IACB), Tom Heath (TH), Anne Phillips (AP), Sarah Atkin(SA)

**Apologies** were received from: Cllr Gordon Adam - THC (The Highland Council), Cllr Craig Fraser (THC)

**2.0 Minutes of last meeting**

The minutes of the April Meeting were adopted. Proposed (IACB), Seconded (DS).

1. **Matters Arising (not covered elsewhere)**
   1. **Growing our Cathedral Project:** The project name has changed to “Highland Cathedral” and the intention is to hold a book launch in the Cathedral grounds in mid-late July. This event will be a Community Council event organised by Mike Marshall and his team. Illustrations for the book have been completed and quotations for layout and printing are in hand. The minimum print run will be 500.Whilst fund raising has been successful additional monies are required to cover the printing costs and FRCC will apply to the Ward Discretionary fund if there is a shortfall. Action TH
   2. **Stagecoach:** At the time of the meeting there was no response from Stagecoach. (Subsequent to the meeting a response dated 8/5 was received which included the following *“We are currently reviewing our Inverness area network including service 26A/C, as we are aware that adjustments are required now we have experience of operating our enlarged network since January 2019……”)*
   3. **The Orchard Rosemarkie**: No response from THC in respect of our enquiry regarding ownership. AP to Follow up
   4. **St. Boniface Fair:** will be held this year on 8th August. Additional Committee Members and helpers are still required.
   5. **SSE Resilience Fund.** Copy of Cromarty plan requested. Action AP
   6. **Waste Removal**. A copy of commercial waste removal rates has been received from THC. This will be compared with the quotations received by local businesses.
2. **Correspondence/ Points from the Public**
   1. Reported that people have been observed removing stones from Rosemarkie beach in the region of the new coastal defence works. THC advised
3. **Police Report (reads)**

The following are the crimes, offences and antisocial behaviour and other incidents of note dealt with between 08/04/2019 and 07/05/2019:

9/4/19 – Driver cautioned and charged No licence, No Insurance in Rosemarkie.

Patrols carried out of Rosemarkie Beach in hours of darkness.

Speed checks continue in the area when duties permit.

51 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 clarifying response has been received from the Police in respect of the serial offender calling 999

**6.0 Treasurer’s Report**

[1] The financial year for the Community Council ended on 31 March 2019.

[2] The Annual Report and Account for this financial year, (2018-19) will be tabled at the AGM on Tuesday   
 12 June in Fortrose Leisure Centre.

[3] The provisional income and expenditure figures on which the Annual Report will be based are attached and   
 will be tabled for discussion and comment at the Meeting on 8 May.

[4] Observations on the finances of the FRCC:

[a] In the year, a surplus of £182.

[b] A surplus made possible by £275 compensation from Bank of Scotland for poor banking practice, and   
 £347.55 from fundraising and donations, without which there would have been a loss of £440.43.

[c] And a loss that would have been considerably greater if paid secretarial services had not been stopped plus   
 the decision to stop publication of the community information leaflet.

[c] Community Projects financially supported included Dolphin Bus leaflet, Tidy Our Royal Burgh volunteers,  
 ceilidh, Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal, Christmas Tree, lamp-post hanging lights, seniors’ luncheon.

[5] The year ended with £2,925.38 cash-at-bank to carry forward into 2019-20.

[6] Observations on the year 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020:

[a] Carol Singing, the £707 received was distributed to:   
  
 £200 to Fortrose Pre-School Ltd  
 £200 towards 2019-20 cost of lamppost lights and Christmas tree.  
 £157 to Black Isle Cares  
 £150 to Black Isle Mountain Bike Club.

[b] Award received from Highland Council Ward Fund of £750 towards the costs of a booklet on the Seaforth   
 Portraits in the Town Hall, on the presumption a booklet is to be published.

[c] Award received from Highland Council Ward Fund of £300 towards costs of printing 1,000 copies of a   
 Chanonry Point leaflet. Other costs to be met by support from local dolphin businesses.

[7] The income and expenditure of the proposed publication of a book for children on Fortrose Cathedral   
 continues to be recorded by the Community Council.

* 1. **Planning/Licensing/Consultation**
  2. A report of new planning applications is appended.
  3. In response to our enquiries THC has issued a breach of conditions notice to Tulloch in respect of their failure to complete the footpath from the play area to the Leisure Centre.
  4. FRCC will object to the recently lodged Roads Construction Consent in respect of the Greenside Farm Development. The objection is on the grounds that the proposed layout fails to meet required standards
  5. Local Development Plan: FRCC will seek to organise a meeting with other Community Councils on the Black Isle before responding to and observing on the Development Plan Action DS
  6. The development adjacent to Shorelands is occupying an area much greater than that specified on the planning permission. This has been reported to THC.

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

8.1 **Chanonry Point**

- FREE Shuttle Bus to run on a loop from Rosemarkie to Chanonry Point & back via Fortrose for July/August. A compromise from what SA lobbied for. FRCC to continue to argue for a proportion of the revenue from parking charges to be spent on local infrastructure.

- Signage. New signs put up on entry to Fortrose.

- Additional village parking: enquiries about the former police station parking came to nothing. Police Scotland want it to remain private. A sign for the Highland Council car park in Rosemarkie (next to Marine House) requested. SA to chase up. /SA

- Leaflet. Now bus is confirmed the Chanonry Point leaflet can be amended/printed. /SA

- WDC not able to have personnel in place in time for this season. Private and easy access parking was a stipulation and this wasn’t possible to organise.

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

**8 Community Issues**

* 1. Antisocial Behaviour on Rosemarkie Beach: FRCC has been working constructively with the Police to try and curb antisocial behaviour from young people; principally under age drinking and bottle smashing. Parents are asked to ensure that their children are not contributing to the situation.
  2. Public Toilets:

Whilst THC has agreed to keep the Rosemarkie Toilets open for the 2019 tourist season the Fortrose toilet has been closed and signage removed. A group seeking to form a Community Development Trust for Fortrose and Rosemarkie has been in discussion with THC with a view to taking over the toilets but in respect of unacceptable conditions required by the THC has withdrawn their interest. A public meeting, initiated by Groam House and organised by FRCC has been held with a view to establishing a body to take over the toilets. FRCC are not directly involved in the further development of this body.

The changing of clause 16 of the planning conditions for the Parklands Care Home now under construction in Fortrose from the provision of an artwork on the Care Home site to temporary support for the Public Toilets has been discussed with THC. Proposals from THC that any available funds should be used for the Rosemarkie toilet alone were unanimously rejected by FRCC. TH to make representation to THC

**9.0 AOCB:** None

**10 Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 12th June at Fortrose Leisure Centre.

Preceded at 1845 by the AGM.

**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