**Draft Minutes**

**Meeting: Wednesday 12th June. Fortrose Leisure Centre**

1. **Welcome and Apologies**

**Present:**

Sarah Atkin (SA), Anne Phillips (AP), Tom Heath (TH), Iain Brown (IACB), Douglas Stuart (DS), Archie Macleod (AM)

Councillor Gordon Adam (THC)……(in part)

1. **Minutes of Last Meeting**

The Minutes of the May Meeting were adopted. Proposed (AP) Seconded (SA)

1. **Matters Arising (Not Covered Elsewhere)**

**3.1 The Orchard Rosemarkie:** We still await a response from THC in respect of ownership

**3.2 SSE Resilience Fund.** Cromarty CC have been contacted for advice

1. **Correspondence and Points from the Public**

**4.1 Empty Houses:** We have received a further enquiry regarding two long term empty house which are owned by THC; the former Janitors House at Fortrose Academy and one in Bridge Street Rosemarkie. Approximately one year ago FRCC were advised by Cncllr Barclay that THC had plans for these buildings but to date there has been no action. A letter is to be sent to THC asking when these assets will be employed. Action TH

**4.2 Grass Cutting:** We have received further complaints regarding the poor quality of grass cutting in the area. THC to be advised via letter. A resident submitted a picture of the disgraceful state of Rosemarkie Cemetery. The Tidy our Burgh Group are also unhappy with the state of grass around areas they’ve tidied up. Some areas aren’t cut. The same with the Brae in Rosemarkie. FRCC has previously requested a schedule of works for our CC area so everybody knows what is meant to be cut and what not. This has not been forthcoming. THC to be advised via letter.Action TH

1. **Police Report:**

The following are the crimes, offences and antisocial behaviour and other incidents of note dealt with between 07/05/2019 and 06/06/2019:

12/05/19 – Controlled substance found in wooded area above Kincurdie Drive, Rosemarkie. Substance identified as Cocaine. Unknown persons observed in the area.

3/6/19 – Child protection incident in Fortrose. Enquiry ongoing.

5/6/19 – Vandalism at Fortrose Academy. Window’s damaged.

Patrols carried out of Rosemarkie Beach in hours of darkness.

Speed checks continue in the area when duties permit.

53 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.

1. **Treasurer’s Report**

**6.1**

[1] The inspected and certified Annual Report and Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2019 were tabled at the AGM held immediately prior to 12 June Meeting of the Community Council.

[2] In a year when the grant from Highland Council was reduced from £1,502 to £826, the accounts record a trading surplus of £667. The surplus due to (a) withholding two years’ contributions to the Andrewina Junor Trust; (b) the compensation from the Bank of Scotland for poor banking service; (c) fund raising at the Ceilidh in Rosemarkie and the Fortrose Car Rally; (d) donations from, among others, the Tavern Pub and St Boniface Fair; (e) the ending of paid-for secretarial services; and (f) the decision to stop publication of the community information leaflets.

[3] Despite the reduced funding, in addition to the association with St Boniface Fair and the Ceilidh, financial and participation support was given to promoting Chanonry Point and a Dolphin Bus information leaflet; lamppost hanging floral baskets; Christmas lights and decorated tree; British Legion Poppy Appeal and Remembrance Service; Tidy Our Royal Burgh volunteers and the Senior Citizens’ luncheon.

[4] Undoubtedly in this and future years fund-raising and voluntary donations will continue to be necessary.

[5] The criteria on the distribution or otherwise of a £750 award from Highland Council Ward Discretionary Fund towards the £750 quotation to print 200 copies of a booklet on the Seaforth Portraits in the Town Hall to be discussed and decision taken.

[6] At the 8 May Meeting, it was minuted that if there was a shortfall to cover the printing costs of a booklet for children on Fortrose Cathedral, an application would be made to the Ward Discretionary Fund. Quotation of £3,610 for printing; cash-at bank and promised of £4,094. There is not a shortfall.

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

**6.2 Ward Discretionary Grant:** A Ward discretionary grant has been received to assist the publication of the “History of Seaforth Paintings Booklet”. After receiving additional information on the background to the project and how the money was agreed to, FRCC is no longer satisfied that this grant is necessary to enable the project to go ahead. FRCC is not confident the book is a viable commercial project. The majority view was for the return the monies to THC. **Action IACB**

1. **Planning / Licensing /Consultations**

**7.1** A report of New applications and updates on previous applications is appended

**7.2** It was decided that FRCC should object to the remove the Section 75 condition from application 19/00328/S75D, Black Isle Yurts. The Section 75 condition ties the house to the business and was included in the permission at the request of FRCC. The justification for the house was to provide on-site accommodation for the Manager of the Enterprise and it is expected that it would be financed through a business loan rather than a mortgage. **Action DS**

**7.3** A Road Construction Consent has been re-submitted to THC and is still under consideration. Local people and FRCC have lodged objections citing the failure of the proposals to meet Council standards in respect of junction design. The Developers have requested an informal meeting with locals on July 2nd.

**7.4 Parklands Care Home-Fortrose.** Construction work has commenced.

1. **Common Good**

**8.1 Town Hall Shed**. The THC have indicated that the Town Hall shed can be replaced provided that the users make a significant contribution. This contribution can be in kind. The users has suggested that if THC provides the materials for the shed then they will erect it. In principle this is acceptable to THC. The users are to make detailed proposals for FRCC to forward to THC**. Action TH/IACB**

**8.2 Chanonry Point:** promotional leaflet at the printers. SA to deliver to bus station and Visit Scotland office, Inverness and other outlets where possible. SA to also display the timetable ahead of the shuttle bus being operational on July 1st. No progress with additional signage as THC officials unresponsive this month. **SA to monitor**

1. **Community Issues**

**9.1 Review of Local Development Plan.** It has not proved possible to organise a meeting with other Community Councils to develop a joint approach in respect of the review of the Inner Moray Firth Local Development Plan. As such FRCC with make an independent submission in respect of this area**.**

Cllr Adam requested that FRCC and the community suggest any sites that could be developed in the future. These are to be proposed by 29th July 2019. IACB queried the use of the term ‘developer’ what we experience is not ‘development’ but house building. There’s a significant difference. FRCC’s view is that there had already been sufficient large-scale house building in our area and without significant investment in the social and physical infrastructure we are reluctant to recommend any further largescale sites (especially as the Greenside development has yet to be built.)

Cllr Adam did concede that THC officials are concerned about traffic/safety at Munlochy junction (an issue raised by FRCC during the planning application for Greenside.) Discussion followed. Cllr Adam left the meeting. **Action DS/TH**

**9.2 Public Toilets.** The public toilet in Fortrose has not been opened this year. Rosemarkie toilet is scheduled for permanent closure after October 2019. The Rosemarkie Toilet is open on a temporary basis in the hope that a SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation) can be formed to take over that toilet. A group led by Groam House is currently trying to form such an organisation and held a public meeting as part of the formation process on 6th June. SA and AP represented the Community Council. FRCC has negotiated the with Parklands Care Homes and THC that that planning condition 16 in the planning approval for the new Care Home in Fortrose can be modified to allow a sum of £15,000 to be donated towards Community Projects which **could** include support for the public toilets. THC have initially proposed that this should be used to keep the Rosemarkie Toilet open until October 2020. FRCC has stated that any solution which does not keep both toilets open is unacceptable. A meeting of interested parties has been called by THC for 18th June. **Action TH**

**9.3** Grant funding for community led design projects (formerly Making Places fund) is now available through the Scottish Government’s Investing in Communities Fund. The fund is now open to applications and will remain so until 6pm on June 14th 2019. For further information and details of how to apply, please follow the link <https://blogs.gov.scot/planning-architecture/2019/05/08/community-led-design-funding/> .

**9.4 Common Good Asset Register.** THC have been advised that the table (In need of repair) in the meeting room of the Leisure Centre should be included in the Register.

**9.5 Local Governance Review:** The Scottish Government started a review of Local Governance in December 2017. They have recently published a status report on this review. Details may be accessed via the News section of the FRCC website.

**9.6 Highland Cathedral Book Launch.** An event is planned for the 21st July 2019 to launch Elizabeth Sutherland’s book on the history of Fortrose Cathedral**.**

**9.7 Cuts to ASN provision in schools:** Cllr Adam had left the meeting prior to this being raised. FRCC has been made aware of cuts to ASN provision in Black Isle schools. FRCC to ask whether our local Cllrs have canvassed the opinion of local HT’s as to the extent of staff hours being cut ahead of the next session. Action: SA

1. **AOCB: None**
2. **Date of Next Meeting:** Wednesday 10th July Plough Inn Rosemarkie

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

DATE: 12 June 2019

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| **DATE****VALIDATED**  | **PLANNING****REFERENCE** | **APPLICANT** | **DESCRIPTION** | **LOCATION** | **COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS/ACTION** |
| 04/06/2019 | 19/02216/PIP | Mr Donald Cumming | Erection of house | Land 30M NW Of, 3 Raddery, Fortrose, | Application for planning in principle for what appeas to be a modestly sized house, adjacent to and surrounded by existing buildings. There are no issues of concern to the wider community.No further comment and no action. |
| 29/05/2019 | 19/02363/FUL | Executors Of F M MacDonnell | Erection of house and garage  | Land To South Of 6 Rose Street, Fortrose | The proposal comprises a 2 storey dwelling house and garage, situated in ‘back’ land within the Fortrose Conservation area. The design is traditional in character and proportion, with a natural slate roof, and wet harling to the walls. Entirely in keeping with the surroundings.No objection. Comments as above submitted to the Planning Authority |
| 16/04/2019 | 19/00328/S75D | Black Isle Yurts | Discharge of S75 planning obligation to planning permission 14/00912/PIP - Erection of house | Land 560M NE Of Hillockhead, Rosemarkie | This application follows on from a recent application to vary the Section 75 agreement at this site, and now seeks to remove that agreement, owing to difficulties in obtaining lending for the development. There are no issues of concern to the wider community.No further comment and no action. |
| 19/05/2019 | 19/02253/FUL | Mr John Simpson  | Erection of canopy to house  | Bishop's Ridge, 10 High Street, Fortrose, IV10 8SX | The proposal appears to be for a very modest canopy, although the drawing submitted is of very poor quality and the precise proposals are not clear. However, this development will have no impact on the surrounding area, and there are no concerns for the wider community.No further comment and no action. |

Weekly notifications of new applications are received every Tuesday from Highland Council

No applications in FRCC area were received on the following date(s): 21 May 2019

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS – UPDATES**

Applications to which FRCC objected. Information extracted from Highland Council website

DATE: 12 June 2019

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| **REFERENCE** | **SUBJECT** | **CURRENT STATUS** |
| 18/04060/FUL | Retail unit, Ness Road, Fortrose | Under consideration |
| 18/03570/PIP | 12 House Development, Matheson Drive | Awaiting decision |
| 19/00815/PIP | 3 Houses, East Watergate, Fortrose | Under consideration.THC Forestry team have raised concerns |
| 19/00925/FUL | Conversion of garage to house, 2 The Orchard, Fortrose | Approval granted |