**Minutes of Meeting**

**Wednesday 11th December 2019. Fortrose Leisure Centre**

1. **Welcome and Apologies**

**Present:**  Iain Brown (IACB), Anne Phillips (AP), Susan Pringle(SP), Trish Wilson (TW), Leanne MacKenzie (LM).

**Apologies:** Tom Heath (TH)**,**Archie MacLeod (AM), Rebecca Rawlinson (RR), Lucy Tonkin (LT) Councillor Craig Fraser (CF-THC),Gordon Adams (GA-THC), Jennifer Barclay (JA-THC) John Murphy (Police Scotland)

**Adoption of new Constitution for Community Council and Standing Orders**

Proposed IACB seconded AP Agreed and adopted.

TH has written to Academy about appointing two youth representatives.

**2 Minutes of Last Meeting**

The minutes of the November meeting of FRCC were approved.

Proposed AP/Seconded TW

**3 Matters Arising**

**3.1 Proposal for Skateboard Park-Rosemarkie.**  No further action required from F&RCC RAA helping with project AP will update as necessary.

**3.2 Empty Council owned Houses.** No further information available, a request has been made to Cllr.Adam to chase.**. Action GA**

**3.3 St**.**Andrew’s Walk Bin.** Katriona Taylor of THC has offered a site visit on a date to be arranged. Action TH

**3,4 Fatal Road Accident – Blackstand Junction.** Junction still awaiting action. F&RCC would like improved signage. TW to speak to Iain Moncrieff THC and take forward other road matters.

It was noted that the collapse of the Fairy Glen road was repaired quickly. This was at the site of the recent installation of a safety barrier.

The Artafallie junction is still a matter of concern to F&RCC a request for illumination to be made again. Action TW

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

**4.1 Shuttle Bus:** awaiting news. Follow up TH

**4.2 Black Isle Tourism Team (BITT)** Strategy to be circulated for new members of F&RCC. Monitoring and maintenance of footpaths being discussed with Footpaths officer THC. Action AP

**4.3 Pump Track:**  TH following up. There has also been a suggestion of a splash park in Rosemarkie

**4.4Damaged Gabion Baskets and coastal erosion:** There has been the total collapse of about 70m of gabion baskets at the place where damage was reported to THC 7th November. A further letter and photograph showing imminent collapse was sent two weeks later. No action was taken by THC to prevent the collapse.Erosion around the steps in the new section was also reported to THC. if no action is taken this area is also threatened with collapse. TH has written to P&J. Concern was expressed by members of F&RCC about the lack of response from THC to the three letters which had been written. TH had followed up with a telephone call.

FRCC notified Scottish Water of significant erosion following failure of Coastal defences which it believes may be the responsibility of Scottish Water. Scottish Water have visited the site and action will be taken.

**4.5 Feddon Hill Play Area:** Further correspondence with O’Brien’s has been ignored so far. Follow up action TH

**4.6 Community Minibus:** No interested bodies have notified F&RCC with an interest in the Minibus competition.

**4.7 Fireworks**

Enquiry received re rules about when fireworks could be set off. Scottish Government website gives details of times but a consultation was held earlier this year about stricter controls, conclusions yet to be published.

**4.8 High Street Parking Fortrose**

It has been suggested that there should be no parking on the High Street. This matter has been raised several times and the general opinion is that parking slows down the traffic but the problem is that parking restrictions are not enforced.

Yellow lines should be extended opposite junction with Academy Street. A crossing towards the Academy Street end of the High Street might help, zig -zag lines not to be parked on, but would have to fit with bus stops.

Castle Street a matter of concern too, parking currently both sides of the road and could impede emergency vehicles.

**4.9 THC Quality Awards**

Community payback Officer Jamie Sinclair nominated by Golspie CC

Waste management Officer Katrina Taylor nominated by Garve and District CC

Community Works Officer Alan Johnstone nominated by Kilmorack CC

**5. Police Report**

Since the last meeting, there have been very few calls for the Fortrose/Rosemarkie area. 15 calls in total with nothing of not for F&RCC.

Regarding the damage caused to the windows at the Academy and pavilion in

October, the reporting officer has made the parents of the youth suspects aware

but has not had the opportunity to speak to them yet.

F&RCC very concerned that nearly two months on parents had not been spoken to.

Estimate of damage to CC shed not yet received.

**6. Treasurer’s Report.**

No change from last month’s figures.

Highland Cathedral book sales showing surplus. Author donating profits to our community fund. CC to fund reprints from surplus if there is continuing demand.

The Provost’s Chain will be held by the Groam House Museum to be viewed on request.

Fundraising meeting 20/11/19

Ideas shown below :

Quiz Night

Whist Drive

Sale of Goods

Open Garden

Quiz Walks

Auction

Primary dance

Our initial target is to raise enough to continue operating but after that we want the ability to initiate projects to benefit the community.

Quiz night proposed for the 22nd February SP and TW to book the Town Hall and do the publicity, a Car Boot Sale also suggested, TW,SP and LM will look at film nights in the academy theatre.

Groam House already do Open Gardens so RR will look at other ideas such as a scarecrow competition.

TW suggested fundraising should be a separate listing on the Agenda.

**7.Planning,Licensing,Consultations**

**7.1 New Planning Applications**

Abbreviated notes - full details on planning attachment.

19/11/19 19/05118/FUL Change of use and erection of extension to

outbuilding to form holiday letting unit,

Old Smiddy ,Courthill Road, Rosemarkie

IV10 8UL

HC show application is under consideration

CC have no objections from a visual aspect but question need for another holiday let and exit on Courthill Road

22/11/19 19/04974/RCC Remote footpath Ness Gap site Ness Road

HC Road Construction Consent under consideration

CC would like further information on construction and how footpath will fit with

existing footpaths.

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7.2 Fortrose campsite Consultation on new lease- decision awaited.

**8. Common Good**

**8.1New Shed at Town Hall.** IACB to meet representative for Scout Group re costing and application to Common Good Fund. Action IACB.

**8.2Meeting Room Table:** Quote being obtained. Action IACB

**8.3Meeting with THC about Common Good**

TH wrote to K Lackie on 4th October but as yet no response. In view of the

devastating damage to the campsite area, this meeting is very important. Action TH

**9. Community Issues**

**9.1 Antisocial Behaviour-Beach Party Nuisance/Local Vandalism**. This has reduced but whether this is due to the letter from the Rector of the Academy or the weather only time will tell.

**9.2 Rosemarkie Beach High Path**. No word yet on safety survey.. AP to coordinate

The view was expressed that in recent years FRCC has in general been reactive to events rather than initiating action to improve the wellbeing of the Community. It was agreed within FRCC that we need to do more to stimulate and initiate projects.

**9.3 Community Christmas Tree and Christmas Lights:** Street lights and Tree erected 1st December, Thanks to all who helped.

**9.4Highland Foodbank:** There will be a Collection of items for the Highland Foodbank over the weekend of 21/22 December. RR to coordinate

**9.5Community Bench:** Black Isle Men’s Shed have offered to make a bench for the Community provided they can recover material costs. We are still seeking possible locations for such a bench before proceeding. Action TH.

**9.6 Seniors Lunch** Wednesday 29th January Gordon Memorial Hall Rosemarkie.

Lists will go out around 27th December. AP to coordinate

**9.7 Winter Resilience** This scheme is for CC’s working with THC. Volunteers who register will be issued with equipment to grit pavements and be covered by THC insurance. circulation AP/TH

**9.8 Chapter House** request to form a group to bring the building into public use.

IACB

**9.9 26 Bus Service** AP attended a meeting in Cromarty on 21st November re the 26 bus. This was a follow up meeting to one in July called by THC because of concerns raised about the reliability of the service. New managers from Stagecoach attended and explained the new management structure which meant that Highland and Orkney was a region on its own now with a dedicated team. Plans for improvement have been seen by THC. One possible change to a late afternoon service was mentioned and a consultation to be held about whole service.

Since that meeting concerns have been raised with F&RCC about the timetable proposed from February 2020, losing the service used by those starting work locally at 9am and routing most services by Chanonry adding to journey times.

**AOCB**

RR to report back on ASN cuts.

**Next Meeting**

The next full meeting of FRCC will be held in Fortrose Leisure Centre on Wednesday 8th January 2020 at 1900.

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