

Fortrose and Rosemarkie Community Council



Minutes of Meeting

Wednesday 12th February 2020. Fortrose Leisure Centre

1 Welcome and Apologies

Present: Tom Heath (TH), Anne Phillips (AP), Susan Pringle(SP), Archie MacLeod (AM), Trish Wilson (TW), Lucy Tonkin (LT), Rebecca Rawlinson (RR),

Councillor Jennifer Barclay (JB), Gavin MacLean (Rector Fortrose Academy)-Part

Apologies: Iain Brown (IACB), Leanne MacKenzie (LM),
Councillor Gordon Adam (GA-THC)

2 Minutes of Last Meeting: The minutes of the December 2019 meeting of FRCC were approved. (Proposed AM / seconded AP)

3 Matters Arising (not covered elsewhere)

3.1 Empty Council owned Houses. Councillor Barclay advised that she understood that the council owned house in Bridge Street, Rosemarkie is now on the market. THC has performed work to tidy the garden of the former Janitor's House at the Academy but it is unclear whether this is a precursor to a new use for the building.

3.2 Student Members of FRCC: We expect to welcome a student member to FRCC at the next meeting.

3.3 Seniors Lunch: The Seniors Lunch held on 29th January at the Gordon Memorial Hall, Rosemarkie was a great success and appeared to be enjoyed by the sixty or so there. Our thanks to Anne Phillips and her team from FRCC for organising the event and to Fortrose Café, Crofters and the Rosemarkie Beach Café for contributing towards the food and to Union Street for providing the Vocal Entertainment. Well done to all.

4 Correspondence and Points from the Public

4.1 VE Day Celebrations: We have received a letter (now published in the News section of the FRCC website) regarding proposals for VE celebrations of May 8th. The meeting decided that FRCC would not initiate any celebrations but would publicise the letter and support others who might wish to arrange such events.

4.2 Informal Camping: The Black Isle Tourism Team has drawn our attention to the Website http://www.campa.org.uk/informal_camping/ which gives advice on informal camping. It is noted that Camper Cans have no right to park on land without the landowners permission. Scottish Access Rights do not apply to motor vehicles.

4.3 Damage to steps: We have been advised of the damage to the base of the steps down to the beach on St.Andrew's Walk. THC has been advised.

4.4 Danger of Swimming at Chanonry Ness: An increasing number of visitors are swimming in the dangerous waters off Chanonry Ness. This has been highlighted in a

letter to FRCC and the Ward Councillors. Whilst a matter for THC, FRCC will try to ensure that the dangers are better publicised. **Action TH**

5 Police Report

No Police report was available for this meeting.

6 Treasurers Report.

No Treasurers report was available for the meeting.

In the absence of the Treasurer, the final disbursement of the collection from the Christmas Eve singing was postponed until the next meeting.

7 Planning/Licensing/Consultations

7.1 Planning Applications: A summary of Planning Applications is appended.

8 Common Good.

8.1 Common Good Assets: THC has published a revised list of the assets of the Common Good Fund. It is noted that despite being reminded of the previous omission the Meeting room table and chairs are not included in the list. THC advised.

8.2 Meeting Room Tables and Chairs. SP will get quotes to be forwarded to THC.
Action SP

8.3 Coastal Erosion. A meeting organised by THC was held on 14th January with Ward Councillors, Ian Montcrief (IM-Roads Operations Manager THC), and representatives from Scottish Water and FRCC attending. It was clarified that the Crown estates has no interest in the foreshore around Chanonry Ness and that the complete foreshore from Mill Road in Rosemarkie until the SW end of Fortrose is owned by the Common Good. The coast does not however form part of the foreshore so that the landowners of the effected land are responsible for the maintaining the coastline should they so wish. The Common Good is therefore responsible for maintain the sections it owns which are the two campsites in Fortrose and Rosemarkie. The interest of Scottish water is limited to ensuring that their outfall near the Golf Club Car Park is protected and have no direct interest in Coastal protection. IM agreed to develop a long term strategy for Coastal Protection on behalf of THC. **TH to monitor.**

8.4 Town Hall Shed: A sum has been set aside in the Common Good budget for a replacement shed at the Town Hall. **Action IACB**

9 Community Issues.

9.1 Community Projects. A number of Community Projects have been suggested (for example: Skate Park, Bike Track and Astro-turf Pitch). The meeting agreed that it

would consider options for setting up dedicated groups to facilitate the projects.

Action TH

- 9.2 20mph Speed Limit Rosemarkie High Street:** FRCC will continue to press for a 20mph speed limit in Rosemarkie High Street. It was further agreed that we should seek a 20mph limit across the entire Royal Borough.
- 9.3 Illegal Parking in Fortrose and Rosemarkie High Streets:** THC has been asked why the enforcement of parking regulations in Fortrose and Rosemarkie did not commence as promised in Autumn 2019.
- 9.4 Great British Spring Clean.** Volunteers will be invited to help in the annual spring clean of the Villages . Rosemarkie XXXXXX, Fortrose XXXXXX .

10 AOCB: None

11 Next Meeting

The next full meeting of FRCC will be held in Fortrose Leisure Centre on Wednesday 11th March.

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Still under consideration (not a comprehensive list but based on previous reports):

DATE VALIDATED	PLANNING REFERENCE	DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	CURRENT STATUS	COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS/ACTION
28/10/19	19/04366/FUL	Amendments to Plots 13, 14, 15, 16, 22 & 23 and parking layout (planning permission 15/03033/FUL)	Land 90M NW Of Greenside Farmhouse Courthill Road Rosemarkie	Under Consideration	Application relates to the previously approved application to construct 50 homes on the site off Courthill Road. Essentially the proposal is to amend the previously agreed layout and shared spaces of 4 of the plots within the development for a variety of reasons. The proposals do not effect the development as a whole and I would therefore advise that no comment is required from the Community Council.
22/11/19	19/04974/RCC	Remote footpath, Fortrose	Ness Gap Site Ness Road Fortrose	Road Construction Consent - Under Consideration	Application for Road Construction Consent to build a non-surfaced footpath adjacent to the Tulloch Homes Development in Fortrose. Proposal is to build an un-surfaced footpath linking the previously constructed footpath from Deans Road to development through undeveloped land to rear of school playing fields and below Black Isle Leisure Centre to rear of houses on Wester Greengate. It is unclear what use the footpath will be; how it will be constructed or how it will tie in to/disrupt existing footpath from school down to campsite. If possible propose to comment as such.

Applications now permitted:

DATE VALIDATED	PLANNING REFERENCE	DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	CURRENT STATUS	COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS/ACTION
7/11/19	19/04869/FUL	Erection of extension	Valspad 3 Bridge Street Rosemarkie Fortrose IV10 8UP	Application Permitted	Proposal to partially demolish existing extension and construct 1 and 1/2 storey (room in roof) extension to rear of property. Proposal is for vertical larch cladding and metal roof finish – will be visible from Courthill Road. Although not strictly in line with surrounding traditional harled Architecture proposal appears to be sympathetic to it.
19/11/19	19/05118/FUL	Change of use and erection of extension to outbuilding to form holiday letting unit.	Old Smiddy Building Courthill Road Rosemarkie Fortrose IV10 8UE	Application Permitted	Proposal to renovate and extend existing outbuilding on Courthill Road, Rosemarkie to form single store, one bedrooomed holiday let. Proposal involves sympathetically renovating existing building and constructing kitchen/dining extension to rear (away from Courthill Road) in style similar to existing (although with glazed frontage). No objections from a visual perspective – proposal appears to be sympathetic to existing/surroundings. General comment being is there really need for additional holiday let + vehicle accessing Courthill Road.
19/12/19	19/05603/FUL	Alterations and extension	Dunollie 26 Academy Street Fortrose	Application Permitted	I somehow missed this one. However reviewing the application we would not have sought to object comment in any case.

13/09/19	19/04063/FUL	Formation of access to Courthill Road for temporary period for approved development 15/03033/FUL	IV10 8TW Land Adjacent To Courthill Road/Manse Brae Junction Rosemarkie Fortrose	Application Permitted	N/A – under previous community council discussions.
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New applications under consideration (as always details available upon request):

DATE VALIDATED	PLANNING REFERENCE	DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	CURRENT STATUS	COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS/ACTION
30/01/20	20/00434/FUL	Redevelopment of house to form 1.5 storey house	Berisay 23 Canonbury Terrace Fortrose IV10 8TT	Under Consideration	On the main approach to Fortrose. Redevelopment modernisation of property on same footprint as existing house. Very modern impression – similar to adjacent new properties. No objections/comments.
Mon 03 Feb 2020	20/00187/FUL	Erection of summerhouse	Achbeag Courthill Road Rosemarkie Fortrose IV10 8UE	Under Consideration	Proposed summerhouse to rear of Achbeag property on Courthill Road, Rosemarkie. No objections/comments

