

Fortrose and Rosemarkie Community Council



Minutes of Meeting

Wednesday March 11th 7pm Fortrose Leisure Centre

1. Welcome and Apologies

Present: Iain Brown (IACB), Anne Phillips (AP), Susan Pringle(SP), Trish Wilson (TW), Rebecca Rawlinson(RR) Lucy Tonkin(LT)
Jenifer Barclay (JB) THC

Apologies: Tom Heath (TH), Leanne Mackenzie, Councillor Gordon Adams (GA-THC), John Murphy (Police Scotland)

In the absence of the Chairperson TW chaired the meeting.

2 Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the February meeting of FRCC were approved.
Proposed AP/Seconded SP

3 Matters Arising (not covered elsewhere)

3.1 Empty Council owned Houses. former janitors house to go back into housing stock. CC expects HC to be mindful of position next to school when allocating. Bridge Street house to be sold but not on HC listing as yet.

3.2 Student Members

No one was able to attend this evening.

3.3 Seniors Lunch

No further action until next year. Costs kept well under donations given.

4. Correspondence and Points from the Public

4.1 VE day Celebrations

CC to ask British Legion if they have plans. action AP

4.2 Black Isle Tourism Team (BITT)

Informal camping advice posted on CC facebook.

Strategy circulated to new members of F&RCC. AP attended first CC reps meeting where monitoring and maintenance of footpaths was highlighted by several reps.

BITT under Black Isle partnership prepared to hold any funds raised for the maintenance of footpaths. AP to monitor

4.3 St Andrew's Walk Steps

Awaiting information from THC.

4.4 Water activities off Chanonry Point

There are signs but more might be needed, THC should provide. Dangers highlighted by CC. C/F TH

4.5 Notification of

Sea Changers Grants available for water bottle refill station

Historic Environment Scotland Coast and Waters Heritage Funds grants available.

4.6 Wellbeing Centre

Letter received at the last meeting TH was to invite them to a meeting to give more information however they have published an article in Chatterbox and plan to arrange a public meeting.

5. Police Report

E mail report received.

CC expressed concern that several months had now passed without a police visit.

CC recognises constraints but hopes for a face to face meeting soon.

6. Treasurer's Report.

1) In the period since the last Treasurer's Report, on 9 January 2020, the expenditure was:

Gardening Equipment for TORB	£60.00
Calico, domain name renewal	£24.00
Zurich Insurance annual premium	<u>£87.98</u>
Total of	<u>£171.98</u>

2] The concern about financial viability has been relieved by two successful fundraising activities:

[1] Sale by raffle of wine, organised by LT, have raised £105.

[2] The Quiz in the Gordon Hall on 21 February raised £400. Future such events are being considered.

The £505 was the income in the same period

3) With nineteen days remaining in the Financial Year, we can report with confidence and relief that the FRCC will end the year with a small surplus

4) Highland Cathedral: a surplus remains in the account of the book, the record of the account is kept by the FRCC. Plus further sales revenue is due in the coming month.

By agreement with Elizabeth Sutherland, the author, a portion of the surplus will be donated to the work of the FRCC.

[5] Of the £711.42 donated at Carols in the Cathedral on Christmas Eve 2019 towards local community groups and charity, £150 is being held in account to fund on request the maintenance of defibrillators in Fortrose and

Rosemarkie, this in a similar manner to the Cathedral Book; £350 to purchase replacement hanging lamppost lights; leaving the destination of £211.42 still to be decided.

- 6) All four members of the St Boniface Fair Committee (Elizabeth Brown, Wilma Downie, Emma Dalseme, and Rae Simpson) have announced their wish to resign from St Boniface Fair 2020. Other than two “perhaps” volunteers, no replacements have come forward. Help is sought to promote the need and to help find and recruit volunteers.

A big thank you to TW ,SP and CC team for a very successful quiz night. TW suggested making this an annual February event. Agreed.

CC will do further advertising to recruit for St Boniface Fair committee. RR will ask the Rosemarkie Events volunteers, SP will contact PTA. AP joined last year’s committee with another volunteer and pointed out that the fair was agreed to be adopted by F&RCC in 2012. IACB said this adoption never took place.

7.Planning,Licensing,Consultations

7.1 Avoch Development

RR had put in objection on Road Safety grounds consistent with our comments on other applications.

7.2 Greenside

RR attended a meeting with residents and developer and has volunteered to be liaison between community and developer

8. Common Good

8.1 Fortrose Campsite Lease

Letter to Sheriff had been agreed.

8.2New Shed at Town Hall.

Highlife Highland (HH) and Scouts working on this IACB liaising.

8.3Meeting Room Table:

Quote obtained by SP up to £5k if everything done, tables and chairs

CC agreed that there should be a discussion with HH about the use of the table and chairs before any funds were committed. TH asked for table and chairs to be on Common Good Asset register.

8.4 Coastal Erosion

Monitoring ongoing.

9. Community Issues

9.1 Consultation on Parking Charges

CC recognised that HC needed income but asked that all sites in IV10 treated equally and that the first hour should be free to allow for doctor's appointments and those who may be less mobile to shop or go to the library. TH has written to HC for clarification on some points prior to response. Public consultation has not started. **Tom could you add your points I don't want to insert whole notes.**

9.2 Rosemarkie Beach High Path.

AP met the footpaths officer and discussed problems with the path. He will get a quote for repairing the handrail.

9.3 Safety of A9 Munlochy Junction

TH attended a meeting called by Munlochy CC. The response from Transport Scotland was circulated, it would appear that there have not been enough accidents

to trigger changes. Kate Forbes has called a meeting for 20th March.

9.4 20's Plenty

Meeting in Stockholm of world representatives agreed 20mph/30km should be the mandated best practice.

RR proposed contacting the police about a community speed check.

9.5 Emergency planning/Community Resilience

AP circulated a copy of the Cromarty plan and asked for discussion on a plan for our area, especially in light of the threat of coronavirus. Fire and Rescue have some names and the utilities also have names for vulnerable residents but we should have a plan to link together and have a register of volunteers. RR offered to adapt the plan for F&RCC.

9.6 Parking in Fortrose High Street

Very difficult to cross the road near the Tavern especially to get to the school bus, a temporary suspension of the Tavern bus stop was proposed.

JB said that a box junction on the High Street by the chemist's was planned to ensure that the fire engine was not impeded.

Still no visit from parking wardens.

9.7 26 Bus service

Accident this afternoon near Munlochy. reliability is still a problem. AP RR to monitor.

9.8 Community Projects

Astro turf pitch proposer has already talked to Highlife Highland and the Football team

AP to follow up contact

9.9 Beachcleans

Rosemarkie Saturday 21st March 09.30-12.00

AP asked for someone to take the Fortrose clean forward.

AOCB None

Next Meeting

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

