

Fortrose and Rosemarkie Community Council



MINUTES

Wednesday April 14th

2021 7pm zoom.

1. Welcome and Apologies

Present: Anne Phillips (AP), Susan Pringle(SP), Ann Jefferson (AJ) ,Trish Wilson (TW), Lucy Tonkin (LT) Asia Cielecka (AC)

HC Cllr G Addams (GA) joined 7.30pm

No Members of the Public joined zoom.

Apologies: None

The first part of the meeting was planned as an open question session with Cllr Adams but as he was delayed the normal business was followed until he could join at 7.30pm.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the zoom meeting 10.03.21 were approved. To be put on notice boards.

Proposed AJ Seconded PW

3. Matters Arising (not covered elsewhere)

3.1 Memorial bench marine terrace. AP to find out who deals with this at HC. Ongoing

3.2 Trishaw storage - No response to our post as yet

4. Points from the public/Correspondence

4.1 Chanonry Point

New signage requested through Nature scot funding package. Advisory group to be reformed. 4.2 Complaints from both villages about gulls a notice to go up asking residents to identify problem areas..

4.3 Verges at marine terrace, concerns expressed about the damage from several years of campervans, ground is collapsing behind the rock armour and could undermine the road, 4.4 Play parks - HC inspectors have been doing safety assessments and some equipment has been removed. AP to ask for reports.

4.5 Cllr Barclay had contacted a local resident about ownership of the rigs below the leisure centre car park as possible overflow car park. This appears to be between HC itself and the executry of an estate. The resident asked if the fences here could be tidied up. AP to follow up.

5. Police Report

Attached

Vandalised toilets Mill Road Rosemarkie . The police have found three people responsible,one

person charged.

Speeding cars, residents have provided registration numbers and the police have spoken to one driver.

Police Scotland has asked to meet with CC reps to discuss tourism related problems. AJ will attend zoom meeting.

Cllr. Addams kindly joined our meeting to discuss several issues of concern.

i. 20 mph limit for Rosemarkie.

Requests for this limit have been minuted going back over at least seven years, with HC Cllrs offering to take forward. Twenty's plenty signs are not enforceable although they might make some slow down.. HC are pressing Scottish Government to make 20mph in residential areas a default limit. Borders Council have successfully done this as a temporary measure due to excess traffic during Covid. We would like Highland to do this too.

ii. Parking restrictions and permits Marine Terrace , High Street Rosemarkie and High Street Fortrose.

Cllr. GA explained the latest plans. These had not been shared with us prior to this meeting and if we had not invited Cllr. GA we and the community would not have been aware of them. HC are trying to deal with the high volume of traffic expected at Chanonry point and in Rosemarkie and Fortrose.

Marine Terrace- HC planning bollards at narrow verge from the bottom of Hawkhill to move cars along to park at the car park before the campsite, voluntary payment machine would be put in place. Members emphatically explained that this area was not a car park but somewhere cars would park, there are now signs that say no overnight parking. Increasing usage over several years by large campervans using the area as a free site has left the verge badly eroded, sinking behind the rock armour and risking undermining of the road. This area has also seen very heavy use by cars over the last year with no recovery time during the winter.

F&RCC members were opposed to creating any formal parking on this piece of amenity land which they would like the opportunity to improve for residents and visitors. The CC is mindful that parking is limited and this area is very popular. A discussion followed about possible areas for temporary car parks as well as an overflow by the leisure centre already mentioned. LT pointed out that other groups were investigating the same area for community growing. The area opposite the campsite was mentioned and even part of the camp site but the C&C club has a very long lease. This area can not sustain the creation of more and bigger car parks, effective traffic management is needed.

A possible one way system in Rosemarkie has been suggested several times in the past and HC are looking closely at this as an emergency measure. They are also considering our previous request for electronic car park full signs as cars leave the A832. AP has provided Cllr. GA with a copy of the report by a consultant in 2019 and the most recent observations. iii. Coastal Erosion

This is still a problem because the older gabions have collapsed and been stripped away allowing the sea behind the newer ones. Recently a child was hospitalized after an injury from broken gabion wire. Cllr. GA said there were no plans to work on the gabions.

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iv. Affordable Housing at Greenside

This development is to be done in phases and the CC wants to ensure that the affordable housing is not left until the end. Cllr.GA to follow up.

v. Litter and Dog Fouling

This has been discussed at BIP meetings and will be on the agenda for the next BICC. The CC wants to see a uniform approach across the Black Isle. This is not just a visitor problem. vi.

IMFLDP area FR02 Ness Gap

The CC wants to see the area that was zoned for a primary school put to community use such as community growing until final decision on the school and if a school is not to be built then a community building. The CC has been approached by someone who is interested in creating a community led retirement project. AP to send GA details.

Cllr.GA then left the meeting.

6. Treasurer's Report.

Two outstanding cheques to clear.

Latest balance £5,122.01

A P checked with the bank re statements , only issue if transactions made.

7. Planning

Greenside - changes to a number of houses to create parking in the curtilages and so reduce tarmac and help with drainage. No objection.

1 High Street Rosemarkie. Minor changes to roof lights and to incorporate the large 'greenhouse' as part of the house. No objection.

AP to set up our planning portal.

8. Licensing

8.1 Variation to licence for golf club. Outside tables , conference facilities and take away. Concerns over parking, will they make the practice field available for extra parking? The car park there is always very busy.

9. Common Good

10.1 We are often asked how much income there is from the common good AP to look at rentals from campsites and golf club car park.

10. Community Issues/Consultations.

10.1 Parking

As discussed above.

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10.2 Fortrose High Street School Pick up point

Further discussions with HC needed about road safety issues.

10.3 Newsletter/leaflet

AJ has prepared a leaflet about CC with a tear off slip for ideas/comments, slips to be returned to AP in Rosemarkie and LT in Fortrose.. We will ask the Academy for volunteers to

help with distribution and also engage with our local 16 and overs asking for their input, hopefully to involve them in their CC. TW also offered to help with distribution.

10.4 St Boniface Fair

This comes under our remit but we need to find more committee members. It was decided that the Covid situation was still too fluid to go forward this year. Cathedral Square is a very confined space. Other gatherings in the area have already been cancelled. We need to complete a risk assessment for insurance purposes and follow up on the accounts.

11. Black Isle Community Meetings

11.1 BIP AC outlined plans for a wellbeing project, details to be confirmed..

11.2 BICC next meeting 22.4.21 AJ to attend and any minute to be circulated

11.3 BITT next meeting 20.4.21 AP to attend and circulate any report.

AOB

AP said that as things opened up we could start thinking again about community events and the ideas suggested before lockdown. TW had contributed a lot of ideas and AP asked if she would stay on a little longer. TW agreed to stay on.

We are still looking for two more members.

Date of next meeting 12.05.21 7pm by zoom