



Fortrose and Rosemarkie Community Council

Meeting Wednesday 8th December 2021 7pm by Zoom

DRAFT MINUTES

1. Welcome and apologies

Present: CC - A Phillips, P Wilson, S Pringle, L Tonkin, D Guthrie, A Jefferson

THC - Cllr. G Adam

Representative from Avoch Parent Council and Rosemarkie Amenities

Several members of the public.

Apologies: CC B Latimer

THC Cllr C Fraser

7-7.30 Engagement with Highland Councillors

Empty properties

Black Isle Education Centre - no current information

Janitor's House Fortrose Academy -Apparently sold or soon to be occupied. GA to find out if the house was put on the open market or rented out as housing stock.

Mill Cottage Bridge Street - Lengthy discussion . CC has been told repeatedly that it would be sold as THC could not afford to refurbish it although new windows and doors have recently been fitted. Concerns have been raised with CC about proposal to change use to storage for Groam House museum and it would be an asset transfer. Several local families had made enquiries to purchase or lease but were told it was not on the market. All CC members felt that the cottage should remain a residence and that THC could put conditions on the sale to ensure it went to local first time buyers and could not be used for letting. The CC has been asked to hold a public meeting.

Cllr Adam thought it was a good idea for the museum to have the house, he had suggested it as thank you for them taking on the public toilets, He had been told a survey showed support for the transfer. CC said they had been contacted by local

residents who were very much against it.

CC agreed that the change of use was not appropriate and would investigate contact with a housing association. They would certainly support a storage base that did not take a much needed house away.

The asset transfer needed local consultation and support but would be decided by the Black Isle Area Committee, of which Cllr Adam is Chair.

Cllr Adam apologised that there was no signage at Chanonry Point about CCTV.

Developer contributions would be a subject at the next Black Isle Community meeting.

Road Safety

20mph for Rosemarkie - a heated discussion took place around the point that at a Black Isle Community meeting The head ward manager had confirmed that the area committee could have used emergency powers to put 20mph in place as had been done in other areas. Cllr Adam said he had taken advice from the roads department.

DG asked for confirmation that Rosemarkie was on the list of areas where 20mph to be actioned. GA explained about Budget cuts. AJ remind him about £200,000 the Scottish government had given to THC to speed up the delivery of 20mph. GA agreed to raise this with Cllr Robertson Chair of the Economy and Infrastructure Committee. SP asked for this to be taken to a higher level. The road safety group have almost finished an audio visual presentation to be shared widely. GA confirmed that Road Safety would be an item at the next BIAC meeting.

Cllr Adam was thanked for attending the meeting and for addressing our concerns.

2. Minutes of the last meeting.

One amendment - re resident's submission on parking - consulted with those 'SW High Street without off street parking.'

Proposed SP seconded PW Agreed.

3. Matters arising – not covered elsewhere

3.1 Xmas tree and lights.

Thank you to D Grigor and volunteers for putting up the street lights. The Fortrose Christmas Tree will be going up on Saturday.

3.2 Carols in the Cathedral

Agreed not to hold the event this year due to rising Covid infections.

AP looking at possibility of taking singers around the village.

3.3 Senior's Lunch

This is still scheduled for March subject to Covid regulations in place at the time.

4. Points from the Public/Correspondence

4.1 Pedestrian priority on footpaths.

AJ asked about notices to show pedestrian priority, we have received complaints about the speed of cyclists in particular along the path from east Watergates. LT suggested contacting THC.

4.2 Loch Ness Football Club donations to Sharing Sheds

Thank-you for donations planned Saturday 18th December.

4.3 Visual obstruction from signage and parked cars.

Road Safety issue and pictures to be taken. AJ to follow up.

4.4 Several concerns raised about the metal shelter on the golf practice field which blew over in high winds. AJ to follow up.

4.5 Lapidary Hut - sadly the club is closing , hut issues being resolved.

5. Police Report

More damage at Fortrose Academy, earlier in the year the Police wrote to CC asking for support for CCTV at the School, we felt that this was a matter for the education department and referred the issue back. AP to follow up and see if the matter has been progressed.

6. Treasurer's Report

Payments due to be made - Remembrance Wreath £32.40, ICO £39, Lights and batteries to be bought, printing £39 ,zoom account contribution £50, donations for volunteers £260.

AP/SP to arrange signatory changes.

7. Planning -DG

8. Licensing

Nothing to report

9. Common Good

9.1 Coastal Erosion

The Ward Manager had noted our plans to develop a project for a path

Fortrose/Chanonry Point /Rosemarkie ready for an appropriate funding stream ,
THC very interested to see plans .

9.2 Management of our Common Good funds

Nairn CC have made a complaint about THC management of their Common Good.
AP had seen reports to the Area Committee about our Common Good, so concise
very little information, however it was noted that George Vth playing Field was
found to belong to a trust and is not Common Good so in future £500 rent would not
be paid. Our CGF pays a contribution towards the salary of a Common Good officer
at THC.

10.Community Issues/ Consultation

10.1 Chanonry Point -CPAG report - AJ

A report is due out shortly from a Shorewatch Representative.

AP asked for F&RCC opinions on three suggestions

- 1 Height limiter at entrance to car park. - all agreed it would stop
motorhomes parking in car park but without clear signage on access roads it
could lead to congestion with vehicles blocking the roundabout.
- 2 Enforcement Powers for Access Rangers. All felt that in the short time we
had had Rangers they had made a difference and hoped we could have a
Ranger permanently. If they had parking enforcement powers perhaps they
could patrol the High Streets too and help with traffic/parking management..
- 3 Overflow Car Park - park and ride and overflow car park had been
suggested over the years and confirmed in consultant report 2010 We cannot
keep making more and more car parks we have to have a sustainable traffic
management plan. A circular bus route around the Black Isle linking with A9
bus services would benefit residents and visitors alike.

10.2 Road Safety report - BL

BL not able to attend the meeting but his audio visual presentation would be
circulated to members for comments.

10.3 St Boniface Fair to be relaunched 2022. CC to update plans in line with Covid
compliance.

10.4 IMFLDP-AP

Fortrose and Rosemarkie plans as in last meeting with THC , recognising the area
has reached capacity however plans for building in Cromarty will increase through
traffic.

10.5 School links - report AP

AP attended a meeting of Avoch Parent Council and has also contacted them re
20mph in villages. Munlochy 20mph is linked with the Safe Routes to School
initiative.

10.6 Gulls working Party -DG

DGand AJ to arrange consultation with the community to assess the

full extent of the problem, mess, noise physical attacks and effect on mental health.. There is a pest Controller who has worked locally and has a licensing arrangement with Nature Scot to remove nests and eggs.

A campaign to highlight the importance of not feeding the gulls will start in the new year. Discarded food contributes to the problem and interferes with the correct marine diet. DG has spoken to the Greenside developer who may be able to put deterrent measures in place as the houses are built.

10.7/Community garden and growing - AP

Awaiting results of a funding application.

10.8 Footpath monitoring and maintenance -AP

AP to link with Footpaths Officer.

10.9 Information sharing among groups in IV10 -AP

Email to invite local groups to let us know what they are doing in our area.

10.10 Community Development Trust - AP

AP to circulate information.

10.11 Volunteers

Volunteering Policy to be assessed.AP

11. Black Isle community meetings updates

11.1 BIAC new format a work in progress. Meetings can be viewed on you tube.

11.2 BICC next meeting February.

11.3 BIP fortnightly - minutes can be viewed online

11.4 BITT details on Black isle info.

12 AOB

12.1 We will be applying to the Woodland Trust for 100 trees and consulting with the community over planting.

12.2 It has been difficult to engage with young people but we want to ask about their views on the community and what their priorities are. PW to liaise with Fortrose Academy.

12.3 Interim Election

With two elected members wishing to resign we will fall below the requisite number of elected members . An interim election to fill all vacancies can be held in march with nominations to go forward in January. AP to provide details for the ward manager.

AP thanked PW and SP for all their hard work through difficult times.

13 Date of Next Meeting TBA after interim election.

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