



Fortrose and Rosemarkie Community Council

Meeting Wednesday 9th February 2022 7pm by Zoom

Approved Minutes

Present:

F&RCC A Phillips AP, A Jefferson AJ, L Tonkin LT, B Latimer BL, D Guthrie DG, G Davies GD, J Pugh JP,

C Mackenzie

THC G Adam GA

Members of the public.

1. Welcome to new members

Apologies: None

Appointment of Officers

GA opened the meeting and called for nominations for Chair

AP proposed by AJ seconded LT no objections.

GA then handed Chair to AP.

Secretary AJ proposed AP seconded JP no objections

Treasurer BL proposed AP seconded DG no objections

Co Option

no nominations but one space to fill.

C Mackenzie was confirmed as an associate member.

7.15-8.00 Engagement with Highland Council

GA reported that CCTV is active and a temporary warning sign is up.

Parking revenue from CP car park - GA

A lengthy discussion took place regarding the monies raised from the CP car park and the different opinions given to F&RCC as to how revenue was to be shared. GA explained that with new car parks revenue would be shared with the community but CP car park predates THC decision however money has been spent in our area.

F&RCC feels that the impact on our two small villages of tourism is unsustainable and monies raised in the area should be used to offset issues and that .if necessary an FOI should be made to find out the background to the decision. GA felt this would be unhelpful because answering FOI's is very time consuming but he suggested contacting Malcolm MacLeod. **Action AP**

Overnight Camping has already started. GA didn't expect Rangers to start until April.

Empty properties- Future of Janitors House, Mill Cottage

GA reported that the Janitor's house may be used as part of a project involving Fortrose Academy and an intergenerational project.

Mill Cottage Asset transfer will be discussed at the June BIAC meeting.

2. Minutes of the last meeting.

Proposed AP seconded LT

The meeting agreed to return to further public discussion with GA

Concerns were again raised about the implementation of the temporary traffic order and the resurfacing of Marine Terrace. GA expected the resurfacing and then the

road lining would take place in April. F&RCC very concerned about the potholes and deterioration of the road, dangerous for pedestrians, cyclists, buggy/wheelchair users and the trishaws.

Why is there no overflow car park yet? This was raised as vital in a 2010 consultant's report. The area below the leisure centre car park where some of the land belongs to THC would seem to be ideal and is convenient for Fortrose village centre and the path to CP. The use of a shuttle bus needs a designated car park and/or links to public transport

Action GA will speak to THC - CS. SM

The Tourism Infrastructure Plan highlights the Fortrose/CP/Rosemarkie triangle as a hot spot for action with a spend of just under £330k. This is capital funding not from the parking charges

.Members of the public asked again about Mill Cottage, pointing out that a survey carried out by local residents indicated that villagers were not in favour of the CAT and losing a home in the much needed small house category. GA said he understood that the majority were in favour and it was pointed out that the Groam House survey included responses from overseas and others outwith the village. The F&RCC members confirmed their view that Mill Cottage should remain residential and if sold a clause could be put in place to stop it being a holiday let. GA did not think this was possible. He was in favour of the CAT and he fully expected it to go through.

AP pointed out that this was a case where a community trust could have taken the property on with a community right to buy. Action AP will circulate members with details.

A heated exchange followed about Common Good Land/funds and what was meant by consultation, for example the camp site leases and the verges. The verges are Common Good land along Marine Terrace and residents were not asked about changes just told with no chance to object.

Action AP to set up a working party to address concerns.

3. Matters arising – not covered elsewhere

3.1 Xmas planning - sub committee. The F&RCC is responsible for the Xmas Street lights in both villages and £2000 is needed to replace old lights, a sub committee will be formed to fundraise and also organise the tree and carols in the Cathedral. Action C/F lead to be appointed.

3.2 Senior's Lunch - will take place in march, probably the 30th, catering for 70-80

residents with entertainment and a Jubilee theme. We need to coordinate with local groups on Jubilee activities. Community activities sub committee to be formed.

Action AP

3.2 vandalism at the academy AP to contact community Police officer and contact to be made with the Academy.

3.3 Woodland trust AJ

We will be applying for trees in April and if successful they will be supplied in November. We will need a small planting group. Action **AJ and JP**

3.4 Motor-cross noise nuisance continues to be a problem for residents in our area. Those affected are waiting for Environmental Health to assess the level of disturbance, A&KCC are also involved as they also have residents affected.

3.5 Broken fencing along on Greengates is to be replaced.,there is access to this land from the car park.

4. Points from the Public/Correspondence

4.1 Marine Terrace Verges

There have been many complaints about the state of the verges either side of the protective bollards placed by THC and the road condition. These issues need a multi department approach and in order to get our point across we are considering a participation request under the community empowerment act. **Action AP AJ**

5. Police Report

There has been no response to our letter regarding CCTV at the Academy.

Speed checks have been done , one person found with no MOT.

6. Treasurer's Report

Inspiring Scotland grant has been received and the Cigarette butt boxes will be bought.

Full report by new Treasurer at the next meeting

7. Planning -DG

There were no issues to report

See appendix

8. Licensing

Nothing referred.

9. Common Good

9.1 Coastal Erosion was not referenced in the aforementioned infrastructure report but there are serious issues if footpaths are to be maintained. **Action AP to contact CS**

9.2 Management of our Common Good funds. This was discussed with GA earlier in the meeting. F&RCC will seek a meeting with D Agnew and THC officer.

10. Community Issues/ Consultation

10.1 Chanonry Point -CPAG report - AJ

The working party has been meeting regularly to look at improvements for Chanonry Point, water safety, wildlife disturbance, parking litter etc. These issues are covered by a number of departments therefore a meeting with the different THC representatives would be useful. **Action AP**

10.2 Road Safety report - BL

The working party launched a video which has been sent to many MSP's, BBC, papers etc. Rhoda Grant wants to meet us later this month. THC has had a presentation from the Borders Council which put 20mph across all settlements in the area under emergency powers. A request for a traffic survey will be made to THC. Transition Black Isle TBI has proposed a 50mph limit across the Black Isle on open roads.

Because the meeting had run on AP suggested carrying forward a number of items. Agreed

10.3 St Boniface committee C/F

10.4 IMFLDP-AP C/F

10.5 School links - report AP C/F

10.6 Gulls working Party -DG

DG explained that the working party had contacted a specialist contractor who can remove nests where appropriate and help with preventative measures. We need to know the number of local residents who want to be part of this project. We will be using posters and social media to reach out to residents. We will then be able to judge how much of a nuisance the gulls are and what people want us to do. In addition there will be an educational element to help residents and visitors understand the serious consequences feeding Gulls, how it affects their diet and behaviour. We have consulted with RSPB. **Action DG, AJ, JP**

10.7/Community garden and growing - AP C/F

10.8 Footpath monitoring and maintenance -AP C/F

10.9 Information sharing among groups in IV10 C/F

10.10 Community Development Trust - AP C/F

10.11 Volunteers AP to contact THC about footpath work by volunteers on path Greenside to Marine Terrace. Our insurance requires a risk assessment for all activities.

11. Black Isle community meetings updates

11.1 BIAC - next meeting next week and Road Safety will be discussed, meeting will be on youtube.

11.2 BICC At the recent meeting the lack of response to a letter from five of the seven CC's on the Black Isle was a cause for concern. The letter was about poor communication and consultation and two months later still no reply from THC. F&RCC offered to seek advice from the Scottish Community Councils body.

11.3 BIP see link on Black-Isle info

11.4 BITT as above

12 AOB

It was agreed that it would be useful to retain the facility of zoom.

13 Date of Next Meeting

The meeting day was changed to first Wednesday of the month and will be 2nd March. 7pm by zoom.

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