

Fortrose and Rosemarkie Community Council

Meeting Wednesday 2nd March 2022 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,

THC Cllr. J Barclay J , Cllr G Adam has a prior engagement but hopes to attend after 8.15pm

Members of the public.

1. Welcome

Apologies: C Mackenzie

Engagement with Highland Council

Postponed until arrival of Cllr,G Adam

2. Minutes of the last meeting.

Proposed JP seconded GD

3. Matters arising – not covered elsewhere

None

4. Points from the Public/Correspondence

4.1 Damaged Fencing

i. Complaint re fencing along Greengates - Ranger T Francis TF has obtained a quote of £5,500. We have asked if hedging is a possibility which we could include in our application to the Woodland Trust. AJ asked TF response awaited. JB will ask whose budget fencing to be paid from.

ii.. George Vth field - JB reported that this fencing is in poor state, AJ has already contacted ward 9 manager to ask if we can replace it with hedging/tree planting. Our application must go in soon, awaiting response from DA.

4.2 We have been contacted by other BI CC's about a hustings before the HC elections.. The last one was in the Academy theatre. THC to be asked re charges and if we have to pay we will ask if other CC's wish to share charge.

5. Police Report

No report but our meeting a week earlier than usual.

Treasurer's Report

AP to liaise with SP re accounting year end 31.03.22

AP to meet BL to arrange a handover

£24 fee to spanglefish paid for website..

Inspiring Scotland project grant received and butt bins bought.

BL will arrange a meeting to look at our budget and fundraising.

AP hoped St Boniface Fair could take place this year as it would be good fundraising opportunity. F&RCC took on responsibility for the Fair in 2012 having provided support for some years previously. Usually held on the second Thursday in August but we need to recruit extra volunteers. Enquiries have already been received from those seeking a table.

F&RCC had held a Ceilidh and a quiz night as fundraisers after the grant was cut by THC to £675pa severely limiting our ability to fund public meetings etc.

Zoom account to be continued.

7. Planning -DG

There were no issues to report

8. Licensing

Consultaion out on licensing for sexual entertainment venues. GD gave a brief outline. JP said there was no indication as to how CC could object .

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. £10k in plan is insufficient and any work could easily be washed away.

9.2 Management of our Common Good funds. Highland wide meeting being arranged to discuss issues.. AP to arrange a meeting with D Agnew and THC officer for F&RCC. Workin party to be set up to look at our community's assets.

10.Community Issues/ Consultation

10.1 Chanonry Point -CPAG report - AJ

Two members of the working party are focusing on water safety and wildlife disturbance, setting up links with THC and RNLI. They have obtained a grant to provide leaflets, posters etc.

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 has confirmed a meeting 25th March.

. THC has had a presentation from the Borders Council which put 20mph across all settlements in the area under emergency power. The ability of area chairpersons to do this was referenced at the last BIAC meeting and we hope to hear from GA later. F&RCC had raised this with GA over a year ago.

JP will email GA about this and other issues we hoped he would report back on if he is not able to join our meeting.

10.3 Tree Planting - Woodland Trust

JP is coordinating young volunteers but we need to hear from THC if we have permission to plant in the areas suggested by residents.

10.4 School links and youth opportunities - JP has contacted Avoch primarySchool regarding the Gull project and designing a poster. She will be liaising with Fortrose Academy about projects and has contacted the Scout Group and Brownies about Tree planting.

10.5 Gulls working Party -DG

DG reported that there had been a mixed response to the poster and what was needed now was a more detailed explanation of the project. He suggested a maildrop so that every household had a chance to respond by dropping a tear off slip in mailboxes, one in each village, places to be confirmed. DG to ask in Rosemarkie and LT in Fortrose. There was discussion about the cost of the maildrop when our funds are limited but a donation would be sought to reduce costs. It was agreed that permanent boxes would allow people to contact F&RCC about any concerns.

10.6/Footpath Monitoring and Maintenance- All work must be risk assessed in advance to comply with our insurance.

10.7 Information sharing among groups in IV10

To celebrate the Platinum Jubilee the CC will contact groups to help coordinate activities. AP to prepare facebook post.

10.8 Seniors' Lunch -

30.03.22 in the Gordon Memorial Hall soup is donated and we buy puddings. JP offered soup. AP to arrange volunteers and liaise with the Academy for helpers. BL will look at entertainment. AP to put out forms for sign up.

10.9 Community Development Trust -

BL to prepare a report for the next meeting.

10.10 Volunteers - AP to provide volunteering policy. Our insurance requires a risk assessment for all activities.

11. Black Isle community meetings updates

11.1 BIAC - February meeting now on THC on youtube.

11.2 BICC - next meeting is to be in March.

11.3 BIP see link on Black-Isle info

11.4 BITT as above

12 AOB

28.02.22 CC members met informally so that new and old could get to know each other and discuss general working methods for CC's.

JP offered to contact Fortrose Academy to recruit a youth representative.

AP outlined our insurance cover and gave details of projects/initiatives already in progress such as Community Growing, litter campaigns.

13 Date of Next Meeting

Four members can't make the scheduled meeting on 6th April so postponed to the following week 13th By zoom.

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If you wish to join the meeting please email for Zoom

link