



Fortrose and Rosemarkie Community Council

Meeting Wednesday 13th April 2022 7pm by Zoom

Minutes

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

THC J Barclay(JB), G Adam(GA)

Several members of the public.

1. Welcome and Apologies

Apologies from F&RCC: C MacKenzie THC Cllr C Fraser

AP paid tribute to Donald MacLeod whose funeral was held 12.04.22. He contributed a great deal to his community, the CC is especially grateful for all his help and kind donations of Xmas trees. He was a kind man generous with his time and we hope to plant a tree in his memory. GA also paid tribute.

7-7.30 Engagement with Highland Council

Updates on queries raised.

1.1 Date for resurfacing. One way system and yellow lines. This work is now in the system but could be delayed by a shortage of bitumen.

1.2 Verges along Marine Terrace and footpath to Chanonry Point- further update

to come from THC.

1.3 Permission for tree planting is still awaited. The offer from the Woodland Trust needs grid references and THC permission. The Conservation Volunteers Trust may also provide trees. AP to follow up.

1.4 Empty council properties- Future use of Janitors House in Fortrose is still uncertain. Mill Cottage CAT is still in the system and a decision would go to the new BIAC in June . F&RCC will ensure that local opinion is made available to the new team, especially as another house in the village has been acquired for the use of GHM. Raddery School is now for sale open to offers. Several local residents pointed out that they understood the Salveson Trust had left the property for educational purposes, JA concurred, GA thought this must be incorrect if THC were selling. JP offered to check the archives. AP expressed deep concern at the length of time council properties had been left to deteriorate,

1.5 the number of 130 new houses for our area was reported in local press however the draft IMFLDP does not recommend further development only consolidation and it would appear that the number contains figures already allocated such as 50 at Greenside.

1.6 The budget to be used for fencing land below the leisure centre remains unclear. There is a strip of land between the common good and THC land which belongs to someone else. AP to follow up with the ward manager

1.7 JB asked about rules for memorial benches AP offered to send the details supplied to the CC by THC .

1.8 BS .asked if Raddery Woods was a project which F&RCC could take forward. AP explained that we were not in a position to do so however we were looking at setting up a Community Development Trust which could take on community projects. Notes of interest are being asked for by 29th April. AP to contact THC, also then raised was whether raddery school could be used to house refugees. GA will ask why inside can't be viewed and if a wildlife assessment is needed for the woods and school.

2. Minutes of the last meeting 02.03.22.

Proposed DG seconded JP

3. Matters arising – not covered elsewhere

None

4. Points from the Public/Correspondence

4.1 Watersports licensing. We have received queries about paddleboard businesses. AP contacted THC and was referred to Boat Hire licences which cover all watercraft including paddleboards and kayaks. Any activity in Fortrose harbour needs the permission of the harbourmaster. CPAG is working with RNLI on information, education and posters about water safety. RNLI have started work on a risk assessment of our stretch of coastline with recommendations for equipment.

4.2 moto-cross noise - no further complaints received.

4.3 Hustings - Black Isle hustings are being organised by Avoch and Killen CC details to follow

4.4 Litter- Recent beach clean and survey went well with very little on the survey area at Rosemarkie but there has been a noticeable increase in dog mess around the villages. There are labels on the public bins to show they can be used for dog mess. We need to look at ways to put out emergency bags AP to contact the dog warden and look at campaign to raise awareness and poo bag dispensers.

4.5 Sea wilding - CF had sent details of a seminar 25.04.22 looking at seagrass and oyster projects. DG to take this forward.

5. Police Report

No report received yet this month..

6. Treasurer's Report

6.1 Budget- BL shared figures for our spend in the last year.. Our Grant is £675 a year so we will need to raise funds for community projects. JP has offered to create a database to be able to send out updates to our residents.

6.2 Fundraising - CM has offered to organise a quiz and a ceilidh

7. Planning

IMFLDP Consultation

AP urged everyone to put in their views. We have put the link on facebook and have notices in our noticeboards.

DG reported 50 houses at Greenside and 12 in the Ness Gap . The plan acknowledges our area has reached capacity but 58 new house are proposed for Cromarty which will increase through traffic and there are 57 for Munlochy and 110 for Avoch which includes some already built..

8. Licensing

Outdoor events with alcohol.- Our area has a bye-law against the consumption of alcohol in public spaces . In view if the Platinum Jubilee celebrations queries have been raised about possible suspensions of the byelaw but so far DA has been unable to find any mechanism. A license holder may be able to get an occasional licence for a marquee and designated area.

9. Common Good

9.1 Coastal Erosion carried forward.

9.2 Management of our Common Good funds. - Maps appear to show that the Chanonry Point car park is on common good land THC disagrees. We will need to check the archives. If a car park is on Common Good land all of the money should be paid into the common good fund.

10.Community Issues/ Consultation

10.1 Chanonry Point -CPAG report - AP We are working closely with the RNLI on water safety. Our eight cigarette butt boxes ar in place along the walk between CP and Rosemarkie.AP has to report on the effectiveness of the project.Use of boxes and reduction of butts found. Last year a local survey found over 305 percent of litter picked was butts.

10.2 Road Safety - as a result of our campaign Rhoda Grant MSP asked to meet with us.She agreed to take our queries about a temporary traffic order to the relevant scotgov dept.

10.4 Jubilee picnics, seniors lunch and tree planting - F&RCC agreed to donate £100 pounds to each village towards picnics. JB offered £50 herself.

10.5 School links - report AP carried forward.

10.6 Gulls working Party DG reported that maildrop responses are being collected and collated. Posters to be obtained and distributed around teh villages . DG and BL wild do a walk through to assess numbers needed.JP will be able to judge the School Poster competition after the holidays.

DUE to lengthy discussions earlier a number of items will be carried forward.

- 10.3 St Boniface committee- carried forward C/F
- 10.7/Community garden and growing - C/F
- 10.8 Footpath monitoring - C/F
- 10.9 Information sharing C/F
- 10.10 Community Development Trust - BL has been investigating this and is looking to speak to Culbokie and Cromarty trust members. A possible driver project to start with is a request for an artificial pitch for winter training for young players.
- 10.11 Sub committees request to go out on facebook. AP and LT
- 10.12 Memorial Benches- see above 1.7

11. Black Isle community meetings updates

- 11.1 BIAC next meeting June
- 11.2 BICC- 19.05.22
- 11.3 BIP tba
- 11.4 BITT tba

12 AOB Diary of dates requested for meetings.

JP hoped to have youth representatives in place soon.

It was agreed that communication with residents would improve as we developed a database and issued regular updates.

13 Date of Next Meeting

04.05.22 7pm by zoom

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