



# Fortrose and Rosemarkie Community Council

Meeting Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2022 7pm by zoom

## Draft Minutes

| Item |   | Action |
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| 1    | <b>Welcome and Apologies</b><br><br><b>Present</b> :A Phillips AP, A Jefferson AJ, L Tonkin LT, G Davies GD, J-A Pugh JP<br>Members of the public<br><br><b>Apologies:</b> D Guthrie DG, B Latimer BL   |        |
| 2    | <b>Minutes of the last meeting 9.3.22</b><br>Proposed JP seconded GD  |        |
| 3    | <b>Matters Arising</b> – not covered elsewhere  |        |
| 3.1  | <b>Memorial Bench</b> – as agreed AP forwarded THC terms document to Cllr Barclay and TORB but we have received an email asking if we would cover the work. AP responded that our insurance requires a full risk assessment and we can't insure something which isn't ours. AP has asked THC if it would be signing off on work.                                      | AP     |
| 3.2  | <b>King George Vth Field Fence along Ness Road</b> – Cllr Barclay had asked for this fence to be removed because it is unsafe. D Agnew THC telephoned AP to ask if we also wanted the fence removed. AP responded that the CC had received a number of complaints about the poor state of the fence. CC does not object to the removal if the fence is deemed unsafe. | AP     |
| 3.3  | <b>Hustings-</b> it was agreed that the organisation by A&KCC was very good. It was useful to know how good the facilities at the Free Church are for future public meetings. AP has congratulated A&KCC not only for the meeting but the way they have been able to ask candidates to respond to further questions online.   |        |
| 4    | <b>Points from the Public/Correspondence</b>  |        |
| 4.1  | We have received an email from Craig Fraser, outgoing Ward councillor thanking everyone he has worked with. He has given many years of service and will be greatly missed.  |        |
| 4.2  | S Manning, THC, has informed us that the resurfacing in Rosemarkie is scheduled June/July and once this is complete the parking lines will be painted as set out in the temporary traffic order and the 18 month consultation will commence.<br>AP to create a pinned post for facebook about parking.  | AP     |

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| 4.3 | We have received a number of comments about Street names for the Greenside Development particularly Greenside Street when there is already a Greenside Avenue. The CC would normally expect to have sight of a list for comment prior to names being agreed. AP to contact D Agnew.  | AP    |
| 4.4 | Avoch Parent Council is meeting tonight. They have an ongoing problem with the playground requiring THC to take action with the builders of the new Nursery. AP has asked for the CC to be kept informed and offered a letter of support if requested.   | AP    |
| 4.5 | Dog Fouling/Litter – LT is liaising with the Brownies on a village litter pick. Options for distribution of dog poo bags discussed. LT to investigate. AP has seen that Countryfile are asking for litterpicks to be registered UK wide aiming for 100 per month over the next year. CC agreed we would register our events.   | LT AP |
| 4.6 | Parking- still no word from ThC about an overflow carpark. AP to contact THC about the land opposite the Rosemarkie Campsite.  |       |
| 4.7 | Gully cleaning – we have received a number of complaints regarding messy roads and blocked drains. AP to contact THC.  |       |
| 4.8 | <p><b>Sea Wilding</b> report form DG</p> <p>I emailed Sarah Fanet on 24/04 requesting attendance at the seminar which the Sea Wilding project were running – but did not receive an invitation to join the Teams session so disappointingly could not join! However, I made a visit to Loch Craignish (where Sea Wilding are based) and made contact with members of the team – and subsequently had a useful discussion with one of the lead members, Philip Price. I have some background to the project having worked for SAMS who is a project partner.</p> <p>The project, beyond the current sea grass and native oyster re-establishment in Loch Craignish, looks to encourage and facilitate other projects of a similar nature on the Scottish coasts through community involvement.</p> <p>As regards sea grass, the key requirement is the local environment – the benthic make up, seabed and coastal topography and wave and wind exposure. On native oysters, it is benthic make up and crucially, evidence of either past oyster beds (eg old shells on the inter-tidal zone) or traces of existing native oysters.</p> <p>The first step in assessing an area of coast and adjacent seabed, is a desk study and the Sea Wilding web site <a href="http://www.seawildling.org">www.seawildling.org</a> provides a guide on this process. If the study indicates promise, the next step is ground truthing.</p> <p>In my view, our immediate FRCC coast/seabed is not a natural habitat for sea grass – rocky seabed and relatively exposed and I have seen no evidence of there being or having been native oyster beds. That said, it is certainly worth focused examination. Additionally, it may well be there are</p> |       |

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| <p>4.9</p> | <p>other flora/fauna species which could be looked at with a view to engagement in a sea wilding project. This would be a great project to engage the schools and enthusiastic volunteers</p> <p>I suggest we look to a community project to complete both a desk study and intertidal zone survey identifying flora/fauna as a step towards possible engagement on this or associated initiatives to rewild – and it would make sense to work on this with the other Black Isle coastal CCs ... who may well be thinking the same and may have attended the meeting on 25/04.</p>   | <p>DG</p> |
| <p>4.9</p> | <p><b>Empty Council Property and Raddery Woods</b> - THC confirmed they could not delay the closing date on Raddery School and woods. A lengthy discussion followed about the demand for affordable and social housing and the inappropriateness of a museum having priority. F&amp;RCC will repeat our concerns to the new Cllrs.</p>   | <p>AP</p> |
| <p>5</p>   | <p><b>Police report</b></p> <p>A number of incidents in Fortrose including vehicle damage and the removal of 23 newly planted trees around St Andrew's Church.</p>   |           |
| <p>6</p>   | <p><b>Treasurer's Report</b></p> <p>BL was unable to attend and will circulate accounts .</p> <p>AJ and BL are now signatories and BL will proceed to online banking.</p>  | <p>BL</p> |
| <p>7</p>   | <p><b>Planning</b></p> <p>Report from DG</p> <p>There are 3 new applications in the FRCC area –</p> <p>22/01815/FUL – House extension at 3 Greenside Avenue, Rosemarkie – no apparent issues associated.</p> <p>19/04065/FUL – Amendment re planning permission 15/03033/FUL Greenside housing development for the formation of temporary construction access for the on-going building work ... see below</p> <p>Planning Reference: 19/04065/FUL</p> <p>Formation of Temporary Construction Access</p> <p>Approved Housing development 15/03033/FUL, Rosemarkie</p> <p>The above noted planning approval is for the formation of temporary construction access for housing development (planning permission 15/03033/FUL)</p> <p>Land NE of Scottish Water Treatment Works, off Rosemarkie Road,</p> |           |

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|   | <p>Rosemarkie</p> <p>1. In an effort to prevent construction traffic entering Rosemarkie, an agreement has been reached with the adjacent Landowner to occupy his land for the purpose of the site establishment and storage areas. This will restrict the volume of construction traffic entering Rosemarkie and therefore create a safer environment for members of the public minimal disruption to Rosemarkie itself.</p> <p>2. The duration of the development was expected to be two years, and the access established for the full duration.</p> <p>On completion of the works, the land will be top soiled and planted to make the approach to Rosemarkie visually acceptable.</p> <p>3. The amendments as outlined above do not increase or reduce parking, increase housing density or diminish the vernacular architecture as previously presented and approved.</p> <p>Under Planning Permission 19/04065/FUL Pat Munro Homes make application under Section 42 to amend Condition No.1 of the Planning Permission by way of amendment to the cessation date of 30.06.2022 by a further two years.</p> <p>The extension of time is due to the timelines taken to complete both the Archaeological works (one year) on commencement of site operations and in seeking amendment to Planning Approval 15/03033/FUL by way of Planning Approval 21/01332/FUL (9 months).</p> <p>The only issues could be the length of time proposed and the assurance the access will not be left in situ for further development on the works site once the development is completed.</p> |  |
| 8 | <p><b>Licensing</b></p> <p>No referrals to CC</p>  |  |
| 9 | <p><b>Common Good</b></p>  |  |

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| 9.1  | <b>Management of Common Good Funds</b> - there is a meeting organised by Nairn CC . GD to attend with AP  | GD AP |
| 9.2  | <b>Coastal Erosion</b> – Scottish Water have put in temporary gabions while looking at rock armour. They want to work with THC and the Golf club on a coordinated plan.<br><br>AP had seen where marram grass was planted along with armour to hold the ground stable. Along Marine sea has infiltrated the ground, getting behind the rock armour. AP to discuss with DG and THC.  | AP    |
| 10   | <b>Community Issues/Consultations</b>   |       |
| 10.1 | <b>Chanonry Point</b> – CPAG report AJ. Regular meetings are taking place looking at water safety, wildlife disturbance traffic management parking and litter. AP and AJ working on Inspiring Scotland project to reduce cigarette butt waste.  | AP AJ |
| 10.2 | <b>Road Safety</b> – no further report re 20mph.Awaiting Scot. Gov response.  |       |
| 10.3 | <b>St Boniface Fair.</b> AP to put out request for volunteers and ask for account details. Second Thursday in August.   | AP    |
| 10.4 | <b>School links</b><br><br>JP reported that she hopes to have four young people to join us at our next meeting. We all agreed that this would be very useful.   | JP    |
| 10.5 | <b>Verges</b> – THC Roads have confirmed we can put planters and benches along verges where appropriate. AJ reported that there are local people interested in improving the state of the verges. RAA has been working on green spaces in Rosemarkie and have put out ten hanging baskets. AP will look for a group to do this in Fortrose.   | AP    |
| 10.6 | Gulls- report DG<br><br><b>1. Gulls Project</b><br><br>We now have over 60 requests for help with gulls from across the two villages. This has been fed back to the contractor, North East Pest Management NEPM, with whom we have engaged (who is currently employed by Marine House for placing nesting deterrents and removal of nests) – and at this number, they would certainly be able to provide a service. The bottle neck is the licensing process on nest removal with each household requiring to apply to nature.scot (formally Natural History Scotland) – which NEPM would undertake on behalf of the residents. The next step will be to quickly map the households in each village to establish distribution patterns and provide NEPM with finalised household numbers for confirmation of service advised and costs. They can then take forward engaging directly with households. In advance of this and now needing immediate follow through, we must make further contact with all those who have requested help and advise the position.<br><br>It should be noted that we are still receiving requests and this would |       |

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|       | <p>suggest that some households did not receive the mail drop (some will be on 'no junk mail' service with Royal Mail), others may have put aside and forgotten and there may be spread of word and nudging with the build up a gulls starting to pair up and nest.</p> <p>On signage, we have ordered 10 x aluminium and 10 x rigid plastic 'Do not feed the gulls' signs for placement in key positions in each village. It is intended these signs will be permanent and they need to be fully weatherproof and durable. Alongside this, we will use a selected 10 posters (reproduced and laminated) from the schools' poster competition initiative which has been a great success with over 70 posters being drawn by pupils from Avoch Primary. The content and design of these posters clearly show that teachers have explained the reasons for not feeding gulls - the effect on gull health, behaviour etc. - and will be of real value in getting the message across to younger age groups and through parents.</p> <p>5 of the posters were short listed for the winning design with one taking the winner prize and a further 5 posters have been selected for use on the poster campaign.</p> |           |
| 10.7  | <p><b>Community Garden and Tree Planting</b></p> <p>5 Rowan trees have been donated to Rosemarkie . We hope to plant a suitable tree in memory of DM in the cathedral grounds for a future Christmas tree. LT to contact HES.</p>  | DG BL JP  |
| 10.8  | <p><b>Footpaths</b></p> <p>AP to liaise with rangers.</p>  | LT        |
| 10.9  | <p><b>Jubilee Celebrations</b> - TheBeacon at Chanonry Point is being managed by the Scout group . It will be lit at 9.45pm and is for local residents. There will be picnics in both villages and we will contribute £100 to each village.</p> <p>PARK, RAA and the Gordon Memorial Hall are organising in Rosemarkie</p> <p>AP asked which group might organise in Fortrose. LT will talk to the Brownies.</p>   | AP        |
| 10.10 | <p><b>Seniors' Lunch</b> is on 8th June. Jubilee theme.</p>  | AP LT     |
| 10.11 | <p><b>Community Development Trust</b> – This would create a body capable of taking on land/property for community use. We need to canvass support.</p>   | All F&RCC |
| 11    | <p><b>Community Meetings</b></p>   | All       |
| 11.1  | <p>BIAC – the next meeting is in June and will decide on the CAT for Mill Cottage.</p>   | BL        |
| 11.2  | <p>BIP no current information.</p>   |           |
| 11.3  | <p>BITT no recent meeting but plans to merge active travel map and tear off</p>  |           |

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| 11.4 | map to produce a folded Free map.<br>BICC Next meeting 19 May JP and AP to attend.   |  |
| 12   | <b>AOB</b><br>We need to prepare points for new Cllrs and BIAC.  |  |
| 13   | <b>Date of next meeting</b><br>Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> June 7pm Zoom<br>AGM could be the same night but has to be before 30 <sup>th</sup> June and we need scrutinised accounts. |  |