

Fortrose and Rosemarkie Community Council Meeting Wednesday 5th October 2022
7pm Meeting room Black Isle Leisure Centre and zoom



Minutes

**Present: A Phillips AP, D Guthrie DG, J Pugh JP, A Jefferson AJ,
L Tonkin LT. Members of the public.**

Apologies : B Latimer BL, I Robertson IR, C Mackenzie CM

1. Welcome

AP welcomed everyone and asked to open with a tribute to Betty Marshall who had passed away at the age of 96. As author Elizabeth Sutherland she had written books about The Picts, Brahan Seer , novels and autobiographical stories, she had provided the Community Council with short guides to our villages which can be seen on our website and the profits from her book about Fortrose Cathedral had been donated to us to support community activities. She was a great community stalwart and will be sadly missed by many.

AP introduced Kenny Rodgers KR who had asked to address the CC about NHS services in the area. We are in Mid Ross and that covers a population of 26,000, NHS and Social Care, there is a desperate shortage of carers, there is funding to employ more but a shortage of people coming forward. It was suggested that his talk might be useful in schools to show the varied careers which are possible..AP asked for any suggestions of what might be needed over the winter such as heat banks or centralised services within the community. THC have voted not to support heatbanks. The Ross Memorial Hospital RMH will be 150 years old next year and needs to be

replaced. It used to have 18 beds but now only has 9 in patient beds. Services are being moved to the RMH to relieve the pressure on Raigmore. A new service being offered there is the endoscopy pill, a camera pill swallowed, less invasive than the usual endoscopy tube. We were asked about any recent experiences of the NHS , hospital and GP services, treatment when accessed was considered to be very good but the delay in

getting an appointment was worrying and the triage system was questioned. KP explained the system was being brought in before the pandemic and not a result of the pandemic and was meant to see that the most appropriate action was taken. He asked the CC to try and find out about any concerns in our community.

AP thanked him for an informative insight and will pass on the information to BICC.

Cllr Atkin arrived and confirmed THC had voted against heat banks while looking at ways to keep people warm and safe in their own homes. AP suggested BIC might be able to help but most community organisations are not party to information about needs of individuals , we can only help in a broader way such as sharing sheds.

2. Minutes of the last meeting. Proposed JP seconded DG Agreed

3. Matters arising –

3.1 Hedging AJ JP

Householders near the area where the hedge is planned have been leafletted. One response questioned the use of hawthorn as not child friendly but JP had responded with details of why it was chosen. The owner of the adjacent land has been informed and he has also responded to the question of land being used as a temporary car park.

The Jubilee Hedge planting will take place the third week-end in November, families are to be encouraged to join in. Article for the press JP

3.2 Verges AJ

Protection of the footpath along the verge of Marine Terrace will need the bollards extending after the lines have been painted. No date yet for

the lines .F&RCC have included protection of the footpath in a funding application.

3,3 Xmas lights and Tree DG BL IR

DG is arranging for the lights to be tested and a letter to go out to local businesses for donations. LT will help with checking and testing.

4. Points from the Public/Correspondence

4.1 Empty Council properties /Raddery Woods AP

There are still several groups interested in Raddery with diverse plans on offer.

Janitor's House is still empty SA to follow up.

Question raised about empty houses on Deans Road. THC have appointed officers for empty council properties and private properties. CC has invited officers to speak at CC meeting..

RAA has submitted a CAT for Mill Cottage to return it to housing at affordable rent for local workers..

4.2 PARK see-saw

We had been asked for a letter of support and then a request for our constitution. AP contacted the Ward manager DI Agnew. DA had telephoned that this was no longer an issue for F&RCC. AP to clarify the situation with DA we have no record of any application in our name..

4.3Place plan

Delay in appointing a consultant , timescale very tight but negotiations taking place.

4,4 Traffic Counter

We have been asked who put the traffic counter on Fortrose High Street where it misses the traffic going down Academy Street. We have not yet been able to obtain the information.

5. Police Report

No Report. Cllr McCallum is following up the arrangements for twice yearly meetings with BICC.

6. Treasurer's Report BL

BL is away for two months but has circulated accounts.

£3,468 much of which is due to the donation from the Fortrose cathedral book.

7. Planning DG

22/02681/FUL infil house refused.

22/02374/FUL change of use passed

8. Licensing AP

No issues referred.

SA confirmed that THC had approved licensing of Short Term Lets 9. Common

Good

9.1 Coastal Erosion

Meeting with Golf Club - Ap had sent a letter of support.
SA to meet Golf Club and Scottish Water.

9.2 Management of our Common Good funds. GD AP

No update from Nairn, waiting for further meeting.

10. Community Issues/ Consultation

10.1 Chanonry Point CPAG AJ , AP

AP and AJ had met with SA to explain what was being done re Chanonry Point. CPAG met with Warden and others and will collate reports into an annual report for this season.

We are still waiting for RNLI to complete the risk assessment..

10.2 Road Safety and traffic management.

Still waiting to hear from THC re parking lines and whether 20mph can be included in the TTRO..

10.3 THC consultations.

Public Consultation on spending priorities completed and initial findings issued.

10.4 School links and youth representation JP

JP working with three representatives who organised help with the Jubilee hedge leafleting. Feedback from school consultation has raised the key issue of all weather surface to enable activities to take place all year round., This is also a project being promoted by the local football

group which has about 100 young people involved. Quote is for £750k. Fortrose Academy is one of few schools without all weather facilities.

10.5 GDPR AP JP

JP has discussed with other bodies best practice for data collection. An email list will make it easier for us to communicate and consult with our community.

10.6 Community garden and growing /tree planting AP

AP to approach the allotment group, she has been put in touch with Inverness community growing group.

10.7 Footpath monitoring and maintenance AP

£10k allotted in tourism infrastructure plan for path to Chanonry Point but erosion needs to be addressed to avoid losing expenditure to the sea.

A local resident has been working on the path between Ryebank and Marine Terrace, he wants to erect a handrail. AP and AJ attended a site meeting with local parties and farmer who has access to fields. Ownership of the land adjacent to the path where a rail might be fitted is yet to be clarified. AP advised that land ownership must be clarified and CC unable to umbrella a project which they did not commission but advised consulting Paths 4 ALL and THC footpaths officer. CC constitution is very clear on responsibilities for other groups, only projects led by the CC with CC members involved and reporting to the CC are covered by our insurance and must have a risk assessment....

108 CC noticeboards AJ.

AJ has prepared funding application for new noticeboards.

10.9 Community Development Trust AP

We need to consult CC community and collect numbers in support.

10.10 RAFT AJ AP

The CC raised the question of the future of the toilets now that most of the trustees have stood down. Concern re the money from Parklands originally offered to the CC for community art which the CC chair had asked to be reallocated for community projects and used to keep the toilets open. Tenders have been made for the money as community art. AJ asked if money could be held in reserve until situation on a sounder footing. AS said that the funding for the toilets was covering costs. DG asked what the CC could do and could CC members become

trustees. AP said tha CC had been on the point of creating a body to take on the toilets when THC changed the date for a controlling body to be formed. .

10.11 Volunteer groups and BIG

AP and othersto man a table at BIG and hopefully gather volunteers for various projects.

11. Black Isle community meetings updates

11.1 BIP details on Black-isle.info

11.2 BICC AP JP F&RCC to organise the next meeting.

11.3 BITT AP AP attended meeting, new free map almost complete , next networking meeting to be planned and newsletter to be prepared.

11.4 BIAC SA Ward 9 Cllrs. Working on processes.

12 AOB

Grasscutting in Rosemarkie Churchyard, - grass is strimmed and left creating a trip hazard.and very unsightly, lack of respect for families visiting graves. THC responsible.

Rosemarkie Church Clock local resident used to help maintain the clock but he passed away several years ago. AP will ask Minister.

Discussion re trying to meet in person and others zooming in.. It was agreed to zoom only until sound problems could be fixed.

13 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday November 2nd.

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If you wish to join the meeting please email for Zoom link