

Fortrose and Rosemarkie Community Council Meeting

Wednesday 7th December 2022 7pm by zoom



Minutes

Present: A Phillips AP, D Guthrie DG, J Pugh JP, L Tonkin LT, A Jefferson AJ

Highland Council Cllr.S Atkin AS

Members of the public.

1. Welcome and apologies

Apologies from B Latimer BL, G Davies GD, I Robertson IR, C Mackenzie CM

Cllr Atkin requested to address her points at the start the meeting because she had to leave early/

4.1 Empty Council Property -

Janitor's House Fortrose she is still waiting for clarification of position

Council poetry fortrose High Street lying empty - SA to follow up on empty sheltered housing.

SA to follow up any reports of empty unused housing.

10.3 Road Safety - SA and DG will check we are still on the 20mph list.

We need to check that recent accidents have been recorded and are on the police report.

SA said that if a road closure was required for the accessible day at Chanonty Point an application should go in now.

9.1 Coastal Erosion - SA to arrange a meeting through the ward 9 manager with THC and relevant stakeholders. Scottish Water has been working on their area near the golf club.

9.2 Common Good - SA to arrange a meeting with Sarah Murdoch.

10.10 Place Plan - SA encouraging all CC's to take part ,she spoke to last BICC meeting.

2. Minutes of the last meeting.

Proposed DG seconded AP

3. Matters arising – not covered elsewhere

3.1 Chatterbox Article - 10th Feb deadline for next issue JP to draft and circulate.

3.2 Churchyard Rosemarkie - Ap to give JP contact details.

3.2

Rosemarkie Bonfire - two people had approached JP with concerns about pollution. AP to ask RAA to respond about plans to make the bonfire more environmentally friendly.

4. Points from the Public/Correspondence

4.1 Empty Council properties /addressed above.

4.2 Reporting Streetlight faults - AP had reported to THC three lights out in Rosemarkie High Street using report a fault.system- not the most user friendly system but you do get a reference number and they did respond the next day. 4.3 AP had contacted Cromarty CC for clarification about posts on social media indicating the Albyn housing had approached THC to swap land for Victoria park to build houses there.. It is believed that Victoria Park was left to the community and should be protected..

Protecting our green space should be a priority for BICC

5. Police Report

No report. Ap to check if recent accidents are recorded.

6. Treasurer's Report BL

Report circulated.

Opening balance £4204.34

Income £496.00

Expenditure£199243

Closing balance £2,707.91

Our account included a substantial donation from Mrs Marshall's Book about the cathedral..

Our grant from THC is £675pa we MUST do more fundraising if we are to progress community activities.

7. Planning DG

No issues for CC.

8. Licensing AP

Nothing referred.

9. Common Good All items addressed above.

9.1 Coastal Erosion

9.2 Management of our Common Good funds.

Proposal for meeting with THC Officer.

10. Community Issues/ Consultation

10.1 Christmas Activities DG, LT

CC grateful to M Galloway for the donation of the tree. New lights are due to go up tomorrow after being delayed by a postal strike.

New streetlights are needed but this will require serious fundraising and we need to contact THC about the old supports which need to be renewed. LT reported on Carols at the Cathedral scheduled for Xmas Eve. Song sheet have been located and will be digitised to be accessible on phones.

Meeting with HES on Friday and meeting with volunteers Sunday 18th 11am at the Cathedral.

10.2 Chanonry Point CPAG AJ Accessible day event.

RNLI Still no report from RNLI.

Accessible day should not require a road closure just reserved parking.

There isn't room to take a large number of wheelchairs at Rosemarkie side, our main concern is borrowing matting to allow access to the water's edge. K Adam who was the CP warden has been retained over the winter to create a Local Action Plan LAP, and will be at our CPAG stakeholder meeting.

10.3 Road Safety and traffic management TTrO and 20mph- see above

10.4 Jubilee Hedge

JP reported on an amazing community turnout, Cubs, Scouts, Brownies, families and Fortrose Academy. Thank-you to Aardvark for doing the ground preparation and supervision and guidance from A woodhouse.

We do have some extra saplings to do a further project next year.

10.5 School links and youth representation JP

JP will be meeting with the volunteers who have offered to monitor and maintain the hedge and the three CC reps.

10.6 Footpath, verges monitoring and maintenance AP, AJ

Funding applications were not successful. We need to look at ways we can protect our paths and verges.

10.9 CC noticeboards

Funding application unsuccessful AP and AJ to look at other options.

10.10 Place Plan

There has been some confusion over CC involvement. The consultant N Wright will speak to the next BICC meeting. There are three CC's

represented on the steering group. Community Consultation will start in the new year and cover as many local groups as possible.

11. Black Isle community meetings updates

11.1 BIP - AP minutes will be circulated.

11.2 BICC AP JP

Minutes to be circulated and once agreed published.

Mutual support on issues affecting all our communities .

11.3 BITT AP

Newsletter to go out shortly. New free map, pocket friendly prepared

Consultation with communities about how tourism affects them and with businesses about their plans . This will feed into the new strategy for the Black Isle.

11.4 BIAC SA will keep us updated about issues but meetings are online to view.

12 AOB

JP confirmed plans for a letter drop in January.

JP asked when the railings at the Cathedral would be mended. HES had expected this to be done before Xmas but still waiting. We will have the area monitored during carols.

13 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 1st February 2023 by zoom

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