

Fortrose and Rosemarkie Community Council  
MINUTES  
Meeting Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2023 7pm by Zoom

ITEM		ACTION BY
1	<p><b>Welcome and Apologies</b></p> <p>Present: CC A Phillips AP, L Tonkin LT, D Guthrie DG, G Davies GD</p> <p>THC Cllr. S Atkin</p> <p>Apologies: J Pugh JP report supplied, B Latimer BL accounts circulated, C Mackenzie CM report given. A Jefferson AJ report given.</p> <p>AP apologised for the late correction to the zoom link.</p>	
2	<p><b>Minutes of the last meeting</b></p> <p>Proposed DG seconded LT</p>	
3	<p><b>Matters Arising</b></p>	
3.1	<p>Fire Service Recruitment</p> <p>Cllr. L Johnston contacted Senior Fire Officer about the possibility of shortening the length of time training took. Training schedule is set nationally so cannot be changed, currently 18 months.</p>	LJ/AJ
4	<p><b>Points from the Public</b></p>	
4.1	CAT Reports deferred to the end of the meeting.	
4.2	Memorial Benches	

	<p>AP has asked THC for a meeting to discuss a clear way forward and consistent advice. We have a guidance letter from THC which we send out but would appreciate a clear pathway with a name at THC to refer requests to so that THC can supply details of approved suppliers.</p> <p>F&amp;RCC has received a number of requests and every one is important to family and friends so clarity would be very helpful. Chanonry Point is a designed area therefore it is important that any benches fit the existing design. Cllr S Atkin has been following this up and will ask for a policy to be agreed by THC.</p>	AP/AJ/SA
4.3	<p>Safe Routes to School/Road Safety</p> <p>Cllr Atkin has received a safety complaint about the school bus stops for Canonbury Terrace.</p> <p>F&amp;RCC has raised concerns over Fortrose High Street and THC were very open to moving school stops as long as all parents agreed. Cllr. Atkin to follow up.</p>	AP/AJ/SA
4.4	<p>Rosemarkie Church Chimes</p> <p>DG has spoken to the Minister and the subject has been discussed at the church sessions. There is a mechanical problem and he will keep us informed of progress.</p>	DG
4.5	<p>Coronation Celebrations</p> <p>There is to be a Community picnic in Gollanhead Park Rosemarkie but CC has been unable to form a group in Fortrose to organise a picnic.</p>	AP/LT
4.6	Empty properties	

4.7	<p>Concerns raised about the length of time properties are lying empty. Cllr. Atkin confirmed THC now had an empty property officer. F&amp;RCC had tried to invite the officer to a meeting last year.</p>	AP/SA
	<p>Grass cutting and hedges</p> <p>JP to contact GP after the coronation re Rosemarkie Churchyard.</p> <p>Road Safety concern raised about overhanging branches obscuring give way sign at junction Ness Road and Wester Greengates JP has been in communication with D Agnew and I Moncrieff of THC. Awaiting response.</p>	JP
4.8	<p>Fireworks Consultation</p> <p>Proposals to limit sale of Fireworks to general public and only allow organised events.</p>	AP
5	<p><b>Police Report</b></p> <p>No report received</p>	
6	<p><b>Treasurer's Report</b></p> <p>BL circulated draft accounts for the year which will now go to be scrutinised before the AGM</p> <p>Fundraising</p> <p>CM has been looking at events. Cost of bands and hall rental make it hard to organise an event and keep the ticket price reasonable. He is also looking at a quiz night. CC agreed to ask BL about a second account for community donations.</p> <p><b>Cllr. Atkin left the meeting</b></p>	BL/CM

7	<b>Planning</b>	
7.1	<p>Co-op and Flats</p> <p>F&amp;RCC has received a consultee request about the flats but not the co-op. Details have been posted on facebook asking community to make their comments. Planning considerations have not changed. Flats are very small and only seven parking spaces for eight flats, CC acknowledges move to use public transport but bus service is not reliable. CC wants to see starter flats available but only on this site if co-op is to be built in designated area on local plan.</p>	
7.2	<p>Liaison re access to 12 houses beside Greengates AP to contact THC to see if better acces plan can be formed.</p>	AP/DG
8	<p><b>Licensing</b></p> <p>Nothing referred.</p>	
9	<b>Common Good</b>	
9.1	<p>Coastal Erosion – report from meeting at golf Club Scottish Water shared their plans for protection of their pipeline. THC, CC and Golf Club all concerned about rapid erosion along the promontory. Agreed to work together to ensure consistent approach. Rep from MSP K Forbes office will look at possible funding streams.</p>	AP/AJ
9.2	<p>Asset Management</p> <p>Three volunteers now to form sub group on all aspects of Common Good.</p>	AP

10	<b>Community issues/ Consultations</b>	
10.1	<p>Chanonry Point</p> <p>Access day July 7<sup>th</sup> CPAG group members organising but cost of matting/track a problem. THC have said we can have 8 parking spaces, Firefighters will help with any heavy work. Height limiter going up which will restrict overnight parking by motorhomes. No word yet on an overflow car park.</p> <p>Part time Ranger /wardens to cover peak periods.</p>	AP/AJ
10.2	TTRO/20mph – Lines to go down May/June but no date yet for 20mph.	
10.3	<p>Gulls – DG reported on response to Mail Drop. Over forty enquiries with 15 definite, each property need a separate licence application. First visit has taken place with another planned for two weeks time. Fortrose Academy had 18 nests and roof covered in guano. Sterling work from DG and GD .</p>	DG/GD
10.4	<p>School Links – JP and AP to meet young councillors 18.5.23 to discuss new village leaflets and updating website. F&amp;RCC litter picking equipment loaned to the academy for a litter pick next month and senior staff were very enthusiastic. JP to liaise with school early June to recruit new young councillors , first project a litter awareness campaign especially focussing on non biodegradable items such as cigarette butts ( as suggested by AJ) No Butts Bin it.</p>	JP/AJ/AP

10.5	Mail Drop/Communication – 112 contacts on list many of which cover couples, so around 200 residents, 1 in 12 in our area and growing. Second e-mail update has gone out covering St Boniface , joining the CC and note of Co-op planning.	JP
10.6	Community Growing /Planting- Thanks to Fortrose Brownies and all other volunteers, the Jubilee hedge has been weeded and mulched . Thanks to Black Isle Tree Services for donating woodchip. Saplings doing well and community response has been very positive. ROGS scoping sites for community growing/garden area and site for community hub for Men's Shed, Trishaw storage. JP liaising with M Bramwell and will update CC.	JP
10.7	Verges/parking – THC has circulated document on possible sites for Invitation to pay meters. Black Isle Leisure Centre is proposed in F&RCC area. This car park is used for school, library, leisure centre and Nursery often just for drop offs.	AP
10.8	St Boniface Fair – proposed date of Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> August on Facebook and vendors have already been in touch.	AP
10.9	Community Development Trust – CC has joined Development Trusts Association .	AP
10.10	Volunteer groups and sub committees – requests for volunteers on Facebook and through database.	JP
10.11	Xmas Activities – DG reported that an audit of lamp post fixings would take place in order to assess how many lights and fixings needed for	DG/BL/CM

	Christmas.	
10.12	Chapter House Project AP and LT to meet HES officer about use of cathedral.	LT/AP
10.13	Fortrose Community Market – one volunteer so far to be referred to TBI. Pro- Fish van interested.	AP
10.14	Litter Campaign – Academy campaign as in 10.4 World Ocean day 8 <sup>th</sup> June Big Beach Clean Scotland 8-11 <sup>th</sup> June. Litter picks to be arranged. DG concerned about litter on verges Fairy glen Road and the Straight. AP has contacted THC, CC needs to let them know which date volunteers will be on the roads..	DG/AP/LT
11	<b>Community Meetings</b>	
11.1	BICC – Place Plan aims fit alongside aims for BICC agreed minutes will go on CC website.	AP
11.2	BIT- Second network day postponed. Black Isle intro document and walks being prepared.	AP
11.3	BIAC – Ward 9 Cllrs will let CC's know when agenda and papers go out.	SA
11.4	Place Plan – main points to go online for discussion prior to two public meetings. Dates to go Facebook.	AP/LT
4.1	CAT updates – Raddery House Ltd application has been publicised but CC has not yet had consultee request.  Mill House in limbo due to THC lack of staff in CAT department.	AP
12	<b>AOB</b>	

13	<b>Date of Next meeting</b> <b>Wednesday June 7<sup>th</sup> 7pm by zoom</b>	
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