

# **Fortrose and Rosemarkie Community Council Meeting**

## **Wednesday 1st March 2023 7pm by zoom**

### **Draft Minutes**



### **1. Welcome and apologies**

**Present: A Philips AP, B Latimer L Tonkin LT, A Jefferson AJ, J Pugh JP**

**M Bramwell MB, ROGS**

**A Thomas AT, TBI**

**Members of the public.**

**Apologies: D Guthrie DG, G Davies, C Mackenzie CM, I Robertson**

**THC - Cllr S Atkin**

**DG and Cllr Atkin have both sent reports.**

**Speaker1 : Regenerate our Green Spaces ROGS**

**M B gave a brief presentation of the plan by ROGS which is at an early stage of development. There are links with Fortrose Academy and Rosemarkie Allotments. The importance of liaising with all possible interested groups is vital. AT suggested TBI as a link for funding. AP reported that the CC had already met with THC to look at green spaces and community growing, identifying a possible site for a community**

**garden, the next step being to consult locally. We agreed that the project was an excellent one to support and suggested that ROGS make representation at the Place Plan consultation 30th March in the Gordon Memorial Hall.**

## **2. Restarting Fortrose community market**

**AT spoke about restarting the Fortrose community market, possibly using the Town Hall and Free Church Hall. TBI would support the initiative but could not take the project forward without a local volunteer group. September is the target month for a restart. F&RCC said that with their new database a request for volunteers could go out to start looking at possibilities. The stall holders at the other markets could be contacted to assess interest. The proposal would be for the first Saturday of the Month.**

**Cromarty, Kessock and Culbokie all have markets.**

**SA sent support for a Fortrose market in her report.**

## **2. Minutes of the last meeting.**

### **Proposed JP Seconded AJ**

#### **3. Matters arising – not covered elsewhere**

**Brought Forward - Black Isle Community Meetings and CC discussions**

## 11.1 Place Plan

F&RCC area, 30th March 3.30-630pm  
Gordon Memorial Hall Rosemarkie

Community Consultation on their priorities. F&RCC will help circulate information and members will be there on the night.

## 11.2 BICC

Police Scotland gave an update. The report can be seen in the documents for the last BIAC meeting. Link to be put on Facebook.

A number of questions were raised about repeated bridge closures in two areas.

1. Mental Health support to those involved. Three doctors needed to approve secure referral.

2. Whatever the reason for closure there should be a better system of redirecting traffic to avoid gridlock around the city centre, The only alternative route north is known to be restrictive and it was surprising that an emergency plan did not already exist.

Police, THC and other agencies are going to meet to discuss plans.

## 11.3BITT

New maps for distribution to members. Folded version will be free and much easier to use.

Seminar to be held for members and local consultation about tourism and communities.

## 1.4 BIAC

Link to be posted on facebook.  
Report from Cllr. S Atkin.

Budget meeting will be difficult. THC has a legal duty to balance it's budget.

Roads- there is positive news with a different operational approach and more money invested. Total Capital budget for 23/24 £20m. £7.2m by area location (current system) topped up by £5.1m with a remaining £7.7m directed strategically to those areas most in need. as evidenced by the Roads Condition Survey outcomes. A further £1.266m to provide a rapid Road Repair team. The Hope is for more efficiency by targeting larger areas than just one pothole at a time.

SA has stressed to THC that BI roads have deteriorated massively following cold snaps.

### Chanonry Point

The budget proposals reduce Phil Waites team. Warden Ranger for CP yet to be decided . SA looking at all options to fund a ranger.

F&RCC back this totally. Having a Ranger there has been hugely beneficial.

Comfort Scheme for toilets - no change and toilets will remain open.

Ward 9 business meeting will discuss Place Plan, Active Travel and Education Trusts.

George Vth Park- Cllr Maccallum is leading on this and liaising with residents. Hedge being cut back, old fencing removed in the hope that being more open will discourage anti social behaviour and make the area more attractive to users.

F&RCC are pleased to see work being done but would expect the double entrance gates to remain locked to prevent cars driving over the pitch as has happened in the past

#### **4. Points from the Public/Correspondence**

##### **4.1 UHI Engineering Survey**

Feedback day and presentation 7th March online. AP and DG  
Former CC chair TH offered to also make contact.

##### **4.2 Memorial Bench**

AP has contacted THC about guidance because of an increasing number of requests.

##### **4.3 railway path Fortrose/Avoch**

AP had given brief outline of F&RCC involvement and passed to A&KCC and Avoch Primary.

##### **4.4 Rosemarkie church chimes.**

DG is following up enquiries with the sessions clerk

##### **4.5 Coronation Celebrations**

Senior's Lunch will be linked to Coronation celebrations. Picnics proposed in PARK Rosemarkie, LT to contact Brownies re Fortrose.

##### **4.6 Gritting**

Maildrop database will allow volunteer requests to go out. 4.7 Grass cutting Rosemarkie Churchyard.

JP liaising with GP. If volunteers are used a full risk assessment is needed, many of the headstones are precarious.

##### **4.8 Fire and Rescue**

AJ has been liaising and circulating notices. One volunteer has already come forward.

##### **4.9 Ability Net**

This is an organisation helping people get online and the link is on our maildrop.

##### **4.10 Flowers in cathedral Grounds**

A group contacted us about planting wild flowers in the cathedral grounds and wondered if it would interfere with St Boniface Fair. AP had referred them to HES. F&RCC would be careful of any planting if using the Cathedral grounds. LT to follow up with

HES

## **5. Police Report**

No recent report.

## **6. Treasurer's Report BL**

**Income YTD £2498.65**

**Expenditure £2108.99**

**Closing balance £4594.00**

## **7. Planning DG**

No issues to report

## **8. Licensing AP**

Nothing referred

## **9. Common Good**

### **9.1 Coastal Erosion**

We are looking forward to the UHI report.

### **9.2 Management of our Common Good funds.**

Proposal to invite the THC Officer to our next meeting.

## **10. Community Issues/ Consultation**

### **10.1 Chanonry Point CPAG AJ**

Accessible day event plans are progressing well..

RNLI report has been produced and should be with

us  
soon.

#### 10.2 Traffic management TTrO and 20mph

No date yet for work to start.

#### 10.3 Gulls

Slips on the maildrop to collect names of those who wish to participate. DG , BL, GD following up. Fortrose Academy to be approached after several complaints last year about marauding gulls.

#### 10.4 School links and youth representation JP

Progressing well and JP hopeful they can encourage young people to Place Plan meeting.

#### 10.5 GDPR JP

Signed up to ICO.

#### 10.6 Community garden and growing /tree planting/ Hedging AP AJ LT

Extra saplings to be planted up Kincurdy Drive 13  
March . JP

Flyer to be drafted re community gardenAP

#### 10.7 Footpath, verges and maintenance AP, AJ

Local volunteers continue to clear paths.

#### 10.8 Engagement and Recruitment - Mail Drop Social media and Noticeboards

Mail drop taking place and we hope this will improve  
engagement. 10.9 St Boniface Fair.

Last year we floated the suggestion of moving to a Saturday which  
received a positive reaction especially from exhibitors. 10.10

#### Community Development Trust AP

This would really help to develop community interaction.

#### 10.11 Volunteer groups / sub committee rules in constitution. Guidelines to be issued.AP

#### 10.12 Christmas Activities

Call out on database for volunteers.

#### 10.13 Chapter House Project.

AP has met with MM and been given background. MM to contact HES and volunteer group to be formed.

#### **11. Black Isle community meetings updates**

Moved to start of meeting.

#### **12 AOB**

JP has been told by GP the Rosemarkie Xmas tree is dying and they will expect to CC to supply a tree similar to Fortrose.

AP to check with foresters about the health of tree and report any action to be taken.

We hope that meeting CC in at Place Plan consultation will encourage people to join at next election.

#### **13 Date of Next Meeting Wednesday 5th April.**

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**join the meeting please email for Zoom link**