

Fortrose & Rosemarkie Community Council

Wednesday 3rd April 2024 by Zoom

Minutes

Item		Action by
1	Welcome and Apologies <u>Present:</u> Theo Stratton TS (Chair), Jo-Anne Pugh JP (Sec) Bob Latimer BL (Treasurer), Anne Phillips AP, Kerry Ward KW, Lucy Vaughan LV, Cllr Morven-May MacCallum MMM, Ann Jefferson AJ, Heather Alexander HA, Shelley McEwan SM. <u>Apologies:</u> None.	
2	Minutes of the Last Meeting Proposed AP, second LV. Agreed.	
3	Matters Arising	
3.1	<u>Beach clean/village tidy.</u> AP thanked volunteers who had turned out that morning in appalling weather for the marine litter survey and Rosemarkie village tidy. The survey was tide dependent. Future litter picks will be more weather sensitive.	
3.2	<u>Fairy Glen.</u> LV noted concerns for pedestrians walking back down the road when on a “circular” walk up the Fairy Glen. JP agreed, saying it was highly dangerous given no pavement and blind corners and suggested a warning sign was placed at the top of the steps by the gate to the road. HA note the damage done to the core path in the Glen itself.. She suggested the RSPB updated its website regarding the route. MMM to contact THC and RSPB to discuss.	MMM
3.3	<u>Village noticeboards.</u> KW said that the Fortrose noticeboard needed maintenance. It was agreed she would liaise with the Men’s Shed to see if they would carry out work and get an estimate regarding the cost of necessary materials.	KW
4	Points from the public/correspondence	
4.1	<u>Feddon Hill woods.</u> TS reported that there had been incidents of vandalism including setting fires and leaving litter. The police have been made aware. The owner is happy to show the damage. MMM to contact police to see what more can be done.	MMM
4.2	<u>Highland Broadband.</u> LV had contacted the company with resident’s concerns regarding the installation work, including traffic management and damage to roads, pavements, verges and flowerbeds. The reply has been circulated to FRCC members. TS to follow up asking about remedial work. MMM said that other areas of the Black Isle had raised concerns including emergency services access. She noted that the	TS

	company had an obligation to rectify on-going issues . TS to collate issues from Fortrose and Rosemarkie and send to MMM.	TS/ MMM
5	Police report Once again, no report had been received. TS said that he along with other BICCs proposed that Police Scotland deliver a pan-Black Isle report in the hope that this was deliverable. TS was also continuing to make enquiries regarding the abandoned boat at Chanonry Point - to update at next meeting.	TS
6	Treasurer's report See attached document, presented by BL. The balance at the end of the financial year, 31/3/24 £6,300.40. BL intending to move £3,000 to an interest-bearing deposit account as a reserve and thus delineated. BL has approached an appropriately-qualified person (a former HMRC inspector) to survey the accounts before the AGM and submission to THC.	
7	Planning <u>House on site at Wards Farm.</u> On a former house site. <u>Garden building as hair salon, Rosemarkie.</u> No objections. <u>Doric House.</u> Railings being installed. Heat pump application withdrawn.	
8	Licensing Nothing to report.	
9	Community issues/consultations	
9.1	<u>Coastal erosion.</u> Work is ongoing and no major update. MMM said that the Golf Club is seeking avenues for funding work, including the obligation to restore the footpath. JP to reply to a concerned local resident. MMM explained that financial constraints have meant gabions and not preferable rock armour used in places.	JP
9.2	<u>SEPA/flooding.</u> The Scottish Environmental Protection Agency has identified areas of Rosemarkie and Fortrose as potentially vulnerable (flood) areas. It's similar to work published in 2018. TS to circulate.	TS
9.3	<u>Common Good.</u> AP reported the sub-committee meeting had to be postponed. Report next meeting.	
9.4	<u>Chanonry Point.</u> AP awaiting reply from Nature.Scot re low-growing indigenous plants suitable for the location that would discourage people toileting on site. MMM confirmed that Scottish Government funding was no longer available for a ranger service at the Point or elsewhere, and said that it was a horrendous loss for the whole of the Highlands. AJ said the ranger's presence at the Access Open Day had been essential in the past and asked what could be done regarding the planned access day this July? MMM to contact Shane Manning.	MMM
9.5	<u>Traffic/parking.</u> MMM said that the planned meeting with THC's	

9.6	<p>Cllr Ken Gowans was being rescheduled due to illness. She would discuss overflow car park options with him. AJ said that she had had no reply to her query regarding yellow lines/parking restriction signs on Marine Terrace. MMM to follow up.</p> <p><u>Fortrose PO/Royal Mail.</u> TS confirmed that Fortrose Post Office is expected to close and he had been in touch with MSPs, and with Bank of Scotland regarding mobile banking options - the latter has not yet replied. LV noted the increased traffic if people were expected to travel to Inverness to collect missed deliveries. JP asked about a mobile post office service, and wondered if Avoch Post Office could offer a missed delivery collection service. HA highlighted collection points offered by other delivery companies outside supermarkets and wondered if the Co-op could offer something similar. TS to update.</p>	MMM
9.7	<p><u>Public Transport.</u> TS to liaise with other BICC's regarding possible improvements and integration of services.</p>	TS
9.8	<p><u>Christmas Lights.</u> JP presented a short budget document, with a proposal to spend £2000 on new lights and brackets - with a projection that FRCC would recoup at least £1250 within the year to replace the funds spent. LV to circulate spreadsheet plan to members. LV/JP were given approval to proceed. Update next meeting.</p>	TS
9.9	<p><u>Seniors' afternoon tea/St Boniface Fair.</u> A "Strawberry Tea" for senior citizens will be held at the Gordon Memorial Hall on the afternoon of Tuesday 25th June. JP liaising with the Academy re helpers, AP with musicians and the care home. KW to see if Trishaw involvement is possible. The St Boniface Fair will be held on Saturday 3rd August. AP drafting letter to stall holders. Sub-committee (next meeting tba AP) working on musicians, entertainment, catering etc. Volunteers to help plan both are very welcome.</p>	JP/LV
9.10	<p><u>RAFT</u> LV has sought an answer via Cllr Atkin regarding plans to introduce a voluntary parking charge in local car parks. THC has no programme to implement and is aware of the impact donations would have on donations from those using the toilets. Police have been informed of the latest vandalism incident.</p>	AP/JP/ KW
9.11	<p><u>Young councillors update.</u> JP said she hoped her team would help leaflet the Feddon Hill estate linking up residents interested in improving the abandoned play park. Active steps are being taken to replace the two members who will leave for university this autumn.</p>	AP
9.12	<p><u>ROGS update.</u> JP said that ROGS had held two successful "spring tidy ups" - on the Feddon Hill Path and in Cathedral Square. A new resident who had acquired land had been in touch hoping for assistance in turning a large field on Wards Hill into a wildlife-friendly area. The group remained optimistic about acquiring land in Fortrose as a community growing space. JP to update at the next meeting.</p>	

10	Community meetings	
10.1	<u>Place Plan.</u> AP has attended the second meeting regarding governance and the related BICC meeting. A draft document regarding governance had now been circulated. TS to collate comments and attend BICC meeting on 8/4/24.	TS
10.2	<u>Black Isle Community Councils.</u> See above.	
10.3	<u>BIT.</u> No meeting	
10.4	<u>BIP.</u> No communication.	
11	Any Other Business	
11.1	<u>Prom damage, Rosemarkie.</u> AP said that Rosemarkie Amenities Association is raising £60,000 to improve to “the prom” walkway by Rosemarkie beach cafe, replacing grass mats to provide a wheelchair-friendly accessible surface. A “Just Giving” page had been set up. JP to include in next FRCC mail out.	JP
12	Date of next meeting/AGM The next meeting will be held via zoom on <u>Weds 1st May</u> . The AGM, which must be held by the end of June will be held at the same time as the scheduled June meeting on <u>Wednesday 5th June in person</u> . JP to book Leisure centre room and liaise with BL regarding wifi/those who wish to join remotely. JP to contact THC regarding which personal information may be redacted when details of FRCC membership is published.	JP