

## Fortrose & Rosemarkie Community Council

**Wednesday 5th June 2024 at**  
Black Isle Leisure Centre Meeting Room, Fortrose and via Zoom

### Minutes

Item		Action by
1	<b>Welcome and Apologies</b> <b>Present in person:</b> <b>Community Council:</b> Theo Stratton (Chair) TS; Jo-Anne Pugh (Sec) JP, Bob Latimer (Treasurer) BL, Lucy Vaughan LV, Kerry Ward KW, <b>Ex-officio:</b> Cllr Morven-May MacCallum MMM (from item 3), <b>Residents:</b> Lysanne Reid LR (Fortrose Fun Day), Heather Alexander HA. <b>Apologies:</b> Anne Phillips AP	
2	<b>Minutes of the Last Meeting</b> Proposed LV, seconded KW. Agreed.	
3	<b>Matters Arising</b>	
3.1	<u>Fairy Glen.</u> HA reported that the RSPB had now updated their website to clarify that the core path from the car park is closed due to a landslide. MMM to discuss signage at top gate with RSPB, suggesting that walkers return via the glen footpath rather than using the road which is extremely dangerous for pedestrians. The FRCC is concerned that there will be a serious accident.	MMM
3.2	<u>Feddon Hill playpark.</u> JP said that she had linked up residents who had expressed an interest in improving the site. JP to pass on names to KW who has other potential volunteers in mind.	JP/KW
4	<b>Points from the public/correspondence</b>	
4.1	<u>Fortrose Union FC Fun Day.</u> LR updated the meeting on plans regarding a football fun day which would also raise money for the charity Mikeysline on Saturday 24th August at the King George Memorial Field in Fortrose. The organisers are keen for local charities and organisations to take a stall (FRCC will have one) to make the event enjoyable for all ages and raise the profile of local groups. It was agreed that FRCC should share the club's facebook posts to encourage applicants (JP to contact Lucy Tonkin to request). JP to pass on useful contacts to LR.	JP
4.2	<u>Mercat Cross.</u> The remains of the historic mercat cross in Fortrose had been damaged in an incident of vandalism. A letter of apology from the perpetrators has been received. TS to reply, thanking them for their apology and encouraging them	

4.3	<p>to make a contribution to the cost of repairs, which given its historical significance is likely to be expensive and time-consuming. TS thanked BL for arranging removal and safe storage of the pieces. TS said that he had been in touch with THC archaeology department who are keen to restore it, but that it is unlikely to be done in the near future. TS noted that the BBC's "Repair Shop" programme might be interested in restoration and he would investigate. MMM reported that THC proposed to move the cross, when restored, to a more secure and protected location, such as Fortrose Academy. There was some concern that this would restrict access and Cathedral Square was suggested as an alternative, although since the grounds are under the stewardship of Historic Environment Scotland that might present its own problems. BL agreed to send an image of the original complete cross (picture on display at the nearby Tavern public house) to MMM for ongoing discussions with THC.</p> <p><u>Vandalism.</u> Since the last meeting there has been another episode of vandalism at Fortrose public toilets, resulting in extensive damage, estimated at around £1,000, to the accessible toilet/baby changing. LV said that the local police had been helpful and had made various suggestions regarding security. She thanked all the volunteers and supporters who were helping restore it. In more encouraging news, there had been no recent incidents at Feddanhill Woods. JP noted on AP's behalf that images of rubbish, including bottles and cans, left on Rosemarkie Beach after a school leavers party had been sent to FRCC. JP to follow up with the Academy - possibly suggesting an early June school-organised beach clean each year.</p>	<p>TS</p> <p>BL/MMM</p> <p>JP</p>
5	<p><b>Police Report</b></p> <p>An email from the local constable regarding public toilet damage had been received, however no wider police report had been submitted. TS has already suggested to Police Scotland a short, Black-Isle wide monthly report which could be distributed to all CCs. MMM to follow up with the area Chief Inspector.</p>	MMM
6	<p><b>Treasurer's Report</b></p> <p>A full annual report, signed off by Paul McSorley, was presented at the AGM and is viewable on FRCC's website. The balance of all accounts stands at £6,350.40. A proportion of FRCC's income was from sales of the Cathedral book. TS to investigate if another local business would be prepared to stock it, given the closure of Fortrose Post Office.</p>	TS
7 7.1	<p><b>Planning</b></p> <p><u>Co-op extension</u> 24/02172/FUL An application has been lodged to extend the rear of the current shop in Fortrose to</p>	



9.5	way arrow on the tarmac to prevent vehicles turning left as they approached the seafront from Hawkhill Road. MMM to discuss this and ranger/traffic wardens with THC. <u>Public transport.</u> TS welcomed the new service, run by THC, to Dingwall from Cromarty via Culbokie and Fortrose. MMM said that the service was working well and that it would be helpful if FRCC could publicise the service and promote the “mytrip” app which tracked buses. JP to contact Lucy Tonkin re Facebook posts.	MMM
9.6	<u>Christmas Lights.</u> Research continues. JP to update at next meeting.	JP/LT
9.7	<u>Seniors’ afternoon tea/St Boniface Fair.</u> Report sent from AP. The afternoon tea will be held on Tuesday 25th June at the Gordon Memorial Hall, Rosemarkie. Sign-up sheets for older residents who would like to attend are in local shops, details on FRCC Facebook page (or contact the FRCC via email or text). Musicians will attend. AP arranging catering, JP school volunteers. St Boniface Fair subgroup has met again and planning has progressed - including bookings for stalls and street entertainment, Historic Environment Scotland has been contacted re Cathedral access etc. JP to link AP with MMM re more potential stallholders. The meeting hoped local food suppliers would be encouraged to take stalls. BL to arrange repair to broken stall. Next meeting: 19/7/24 at 7pm.	JP/AP/ MMM
9.8	<u>Rosemarkie &amp; Fortrose Trust (RAFT).</u> See 4.3.	BL
9.9	<u>ROGS.</u> Update on growing site in Fortrose next meeting.	
9.10	<u>Young Councillors.</u> Next meeting with JP on 14/6/24.	
10	<b>Community Meetings</b>	
10.1	<u>Place Plan.</u> TS reported that a finalising meeting with BICCs would take place 6/6/24 and the plan then submitted to THC for approval.	
10.2	<u>BICC.</u> See above.	
10.3	<u>BIT.</u> Local museums are bidding for heritage trail funding and will keep BIT informed.	
10.4	<u>BIP.</u> No update.	
11	<b>Any other business</b>	
11.1	<u>Information boards.</u> TS noted the information board at Chanonry Point was very weather-worn. JP said the condition of the board in Cathedral Square was also very poor. Discussion next meeting regarding repair/replacement/removal.	BL
11.2	<u>FRCC postbox in Library.</u> BL to install.	
11.3	<u>School bus stop.</u> MMM said there are concerns regarding the safety of the school bus drop-off point in Rosemarkie. THC is proposing to move the drop-off to the layby by the Slog. There is also concern over the size of vehicles used for deliveries to the Spar shop. THC investigating.	
11.4	<u>Slog footpath.</u> JP relayed information from AP regarding the	

<p>11.5</p> <p>11.6</p>	<p>footpath on the Slog in Rosemarkie. Improvements to the path have not been carried out due to a lack of clarity regarding ownership of the land. A resident has now paid for a land ownership search and has established that the land is in fact owned by THC. JP to contact Cllr Sarah Atkin to encourage action by THC.</p> <p><u>Station Road car park, Fortrose.</u> MMM said that THC estimates that it will cost £200,000-£250,000 to resurface and reline - money that THC does not have. One option would be to charge for parking, with money raised split between car park improvement and the local community (eg RAFT to run the nearby public toilets). It is proposed that this could be “an invitation to pay” which has been surprisingly effective elsewhere. It was agreed that this option should be explored if the result was a well-planned car park with clear bays and entrance/exit marked. MMM to discuss with THC. Regarding campervans using the Rosemarkie Mill Lane car park (especially overnight, or parking across two bays), JP asked if a height restriction bar would help prevent abuse or would conservation issues prevent this? MMM to investigate.</p> <p><u>Community Council furniture.</u> BL agreed to liaise with BI Men’s Shed regarding repairs to antique “Burgh Council” furniture in the Black Isle Leisure Centre meeting room.</p>	<p>JP</p> <p>MMM</p> <p>MMM</p> <p>BL</p>
<p>12</p>	<p><b>Date of next meeting</b> NOTE the July meeting will be held on <b>Wednesday 10th July</b> at 7pm via zoom.</p>	