Fortrose & Rosemarkie Community Council

Wednesday 7th August 2024 by Zoom

Minutes

| Item | | Action by |
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| 1 | Welcome and Apologies Present: Theo Stratton TS (Chair), Bob Latimer BL (Tres), Jo-Anne Pugh JP (Sec), Anne Phillips AP, Kerry Ward KW, Ann Jefferson AJ, Cllr Morven-May MacCallum MMM (from item 5) Apologies: Lucy Vaughan LV | |
| 2 | Minutes of the Last Meeting Proposed AP, seconded BL. Agreed. | |
| 3 | Matters Arising Black Isle Swiming Pool: TS said as yet no response. He has emailed a second contact. He will update at the next meeting along with any information regarding the Tulloch /Springfield land earmarked. | TS |
| 4 4.1 4.2 | Points from the Public/Correspondence Traffic feedback: One resident had emailed with concerns regarding speeding on Fortrose High Street. One verbal response regarding speeding on the Rosemarkie/Fortrose straight, especially at night. TS/MMM exploring Safer Routes to School funding for roads near the Academy. Trust enquiry: AP said that the BI Mens' Shed was making enquiries regarding a historic trust set up to assist the poor and over 55s on the Black Isle. It was understood to have around £13,000 before it was wound up. AP to advise BIMS to check with OSCR, the Scottish charity regulator. TS to investigate any list of local funds THC aware of/responsible for. | TS/MMM AP TS |
| 5 | Police Report MMM said that she had met Police Scotland earlier in the week and had requested that a report was provided, either written or in person, via the BICC once a month. She will follow up. BL said that a dog-on-dog attack had occurred recently in Rosemarkie. One dog appeared to be off the lead and uncontrolled, and seriously injured another. The dog warden attended. Unclear if this would appear in a police report. | МММ |
| 6 | Treasurer's Report BL noted outgoings this month beyond the usual - a donation | |

| | to the BIMS for £50 as agreed at the last meeting, and £500 as complete payment to the band for the September ceilidh. Details of income and expenditure from the St Boniface Fair will be provided at the next meeting since counting was not complete. The balance of all accounts on 31/7/24 was £6102.22. | |
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| 7 | Planning 8 houses near 1 Matheson Drive, Fortrose (aka Dr Fraser's field). TS declared an interest; the site is near his home. The CC could see no grounds on which to object, since the designs for the houses are not included on the plans. The FRCC noted that limiting the site to 8 large houses means that the developer is under no obligation to provide any affordable housing, which is disappointing. TS to comment, requesting that the undeveloped strip either side of the sewer site is landscaped as a wildlife corridor, since it links two existing green spaces. MMM took no part in this discussion. | TS |
| 8 | Licensing TS to follow up enquiries regarding licensing for Short Term (holiday) Lets. | TS |
| 9 9.1 9.2 | Community issues/consultations Community Funds: AP had circulated an email from Nairn West & Suburban CC suggesting that the distribution of the Community Regeneration Fund and the Coastal Community Fund should be examined and made fairer. Nairn feels that it, and the Black Isle, lose out under the current arrangement. It was agreed that JP would send MMM and our other two councillors a copy of Nairn's email endorsing their call for change. TS to contact the chair of NWSCC. Coastal erosion: AJ noted concerns over rocks placed near the caravan site to prevent parking. She suggested extending the posts along Marine Terrace in both directions instead would prevent illegal parking, would avoid the trip hazard posed by rocks and would protect the coastal footpath. TS/MMM to discuss. TS noted dredging activity in the firth and the need to monitor and assess any forthcoming storm damage which may be | JP TS |
| 9.3 9.4 | connected. JP mentioned damage to the seawall in Rosemarkie. AP to send photos of the damage to the harbour wall at Fortrose to MMM for her to raise with THC. Common Good: Sub-group meeting date to be set. Chanonry Point: AP welcomed the return of a Ranger for 17 hours per week. She said the recent Access Day had gone extremely well - visitors had come from as far as Strathpeffer and Lossiemouth. She thanked THC for their invaluable help with car parking, the Trishaw team for providing transport and | AP/MMM |

| | all those who helped on the day. An Access Day at | |
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| | Rosemarkie Beach is planned for September. Date tbc. | |
| | AP said that wooden posts at the point used in the | |
| | landscaping are now rotting and falling over, including one | |
| | indicating no overnight parking. KW said that damage to the | |
| | stone tables and the benches at the point was making the | |
| | area shabby, and in turn, would mean it would not be treated | |
| | respectfully by visitors. The area needed refreshing and | |
| | refurbishing with disabled access improved. BL wondered if | |
| | stone fittings were good value for money, given the expense | |
| | and the short time the tables in particular appear to have | |
| | lasted. It was agreed that CPAG with any necessary support | |
| | of FRCC would investigate and apply for possible funding. | KW/AJ/AP |
| 9.5 | Traffic/Parking: AJ said that the Chanonry Point Access Day | |
| | was the latest example of why an overflow car park was | |
| | desperately needed. She also said that a sign indicating that | |
| | there was no parking for motorhomes at Chanonry Point was | |
| | needed BEFORE motorhomes set off along Ness Road to the | N 4 N 4 N 4 |
| | Point. MMM to speak to Shane Manning at THC. | MMM |
| | KW noted that the dropped kerb by the Anderson has no yellow lines preventing parking, which makes access to | |
| | Cathedral Square difficult for those with mobility issues or | |
| | pushing a pram. JP asked about the long-promised yellow | |
| | lines for Rosemarkie and asked if yellow lines in Fortrose | |
| | were also planned. AP noted that THC had requested | |
| | feedback on 20mph limits and Temporary Road Traffic | |
| | Regulation Orders but that part of the plan had been to paint | |
| | yellow lines so the process had not yet been completed. | |
| | MMM to speak to Shane Manning. TS to submit feedback. | MMM/TS |
| | TS noted that parking tickets had started being issued on | |
| | Marine Terrace and he welcomed any action to prevent | |
| | inconsiderate parking. | |
| 9.6 | Public Transport: No update. Continuing unhappiness with the | |
| 9.7 | lack of a late-night bus service from Inverness. <u>Christmas Lights</u> : No update. JP to report at future meeting. | JP |
| 9.8 | St Boniface Fair report/Fun Day/Ceilidh: | JF |
| 0.0 | St Boniface: JP proposed a vote of thanks to AP for her | |
| | commitment and organisation which had led to an extremely | |
| | successful day. AP said the weather had held, and that the | |
| | amount of help from volunteers had been fantastic. She | |
| | particularly thanked the drivers who provided vehicles and | |
| | trailers for moving stalls: Hugh Neagle, Ryan Mackenzie and | |
| | lain MacDonald. JP to include thanks in next FRCC mailout. | JP |
| | Historic Environment Scotland's John Fountain attended, and | |
| | there was discussion about opening the Chapterhouse at a | |
| | future event, with the opportunity to sell copies of Elizabeth | |
| | Marshall's book, proceeds of which go to FRCC funds. AP to write to thank stallholders. | AP |
| | Fortrose & Rosemarkie Union FC Fun Day: FRCC has a stall | |
| | 1 TOO Has a stall | |

| 9.9 | at the fun day event on Saturday 24 August - set up from 0800, fun day commencing 1100. It was agreed a St Boniface stall will also be lent to the football club for use. Volunteers would be needed to erect. JP to run FRCC stall; AP on RAA stall next to it. Ceilidh: Friday 13 Sept. Tickets/promotion from Sat 17 August. JP had been briefed by BL, who would be abroad. BL to pay Gordon Memorial Hall in advance and has already paid for the band. JP to arrange ticket distribution/volunteers on the night/raffle etc. Rosemarkie & Fortrose Trust (RAFT): LV sent a report in absentia. RAFT had received funds from North Highland Initiative for a test electric hand-dryer and to help with running costs. Repairs following fire damage to the Fortrose accessible toilet would be completed shortly but it would now be closed overnight (8pm-9am). Young Councillors' update: Meeting when school resumes. | AP/JP BL JP |
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| 10 10.1 10.2 10.3 10.4 | Community meetings Place Plan: This has been submitted to THC via the Black Isle and Easter Ross (BIER) area committee. Black Isle Community Councils: KW and AP had attended the recent meeting. Notes were circulated on Place Plan governance terms of reference: five representatives from Black Isle community councils will be required. Details to follow. Black Isle Tourism: No update. Black Isle Partnership: An extraordinary general meeting had been held to amend its constitution and thus enable the Place Plan submission. No further update. | |
| 11 11.1 | Any Other Business Roskill layby: BL noted the increasing overnight use of the layby on the Avoch-Munlochy road by campervans. Unclear if this was causing a nuisance or generating waste. TS to enquire via Knockbain CC. Village walks: Updated self-guided village walks are now on the FRCC website, which can be accessed on a mobile phone via a QR code. JP to provide posters for village noticeboards. | TS JP |
| 12 | Date of next meeting Wednesday 4th September 2024 via zoom. | |