Fortrose & Rosemarkie Community Council

Wednesday 4th September 2024 by Zoom Minutes

Item		Action by
1	Welcome and Apologies CC committee: Theo Stratton (Chair) TS, Jo-Anne Pugh (Sec) JP, Anne Phillips AP, Kerry Ward KW, Lucy Vaughan LV, Residents: Heather Alexander HA, Lois MacDonnell LM. Apologies: Bob Latimer (Treasurer) BL, Cllr Morven-May MacCallum MMM, Ann Jefferson AJ	
2	Minutes of the Last Meeting Proposed AP, seconded TS. Agreed.	
3	Matters Arising None.	
4.4.1	Points from the Public/Correspondence Traffic feedback: Comments from residents included concerns over speeding in Rosemarkie High Street and on Feddon Hill. There was positive feedback on the improvement to road markings in Rosemarkie. TS said that he was planning to meet Shane Manning from THC to explore funding for traffic calming measures, possibly through Fortrose Academy/Safer Routes to Schools. Separately, TS understood more roadworks were planned in the near future in the area. Blythswood clothing collection point: JP said there had been an inquiry from Blythswood regarding ownership of the land by Fortrose Town Hall. The charity was seeking a suitable location to site a clothing collection point. JP told them that the land was almost certainly Common Good but operated by THC. She also pointed out that the current collection point for recycling was in the nearby Station Road car park. LV said that	TS
4.3	the current collect area really required improvement and tidying. KW said that siting a collection bin in the Town Hall car park could make parking difficult for users and obstruct the trishaws stored there. It was agreed that JP would contact Blythswood and suggest they explore other locations, perhaps the Leisure Centre car park. <u>Library postbox:</u> The re-siting of a FRCC postbox from the Co-op to the library appeared to be working well. Comments received had been circulated to FRCC members, and included a request for safer routes between villages, a card payment option for the public toilets, a plea for affordable homes, speeding issues (see above) and a request for a larger, cheaper supermarket for Fortrose/other retail outlets.	JP

4.4 Mercat Cross: TS said that the BBC "Repair Shop" was keen to be involved in repair/restoration in conjunction with THC and is planning to film a roadshow in the Highlands. The timescale is challenging however, with filming 23/9/24 to 4/10/24. TS had grave doubts that THC and Historic Environment Scotland (the cross is listed) would be able to achieve the necessary sign-offs in time. TS is in touch with all parties and will update. 5 Police Report Once again, no report has been received. MMM has raised the joint report requested by all Black Isle councils with the area commander. 6 Treasurer's Report BL submitted a report in absentia, which was presented by TS. In summary, the total profit from the St Boniface Fair was £519.03. The total of all FRCC accounts at the end of August was £5929.78. (NB Money raised at the football fun day has yet to be paid in, see 9.8). 7 Planning A consultation regarding a wind farm development near Evanton had been shared. TS to establish if there is any associated community benefit money for the Black Isle. 8 Licensing No update. 9 Community issues/consultation Community Funds: MMM to update at next meeting. AP noted that there seemed to be no recent information available regarding Community Regeneration Fund/Coast Community Fund. 9.1 Coastal Erosion: No update. Coastal Erosion: No update. Coastal Erosion: No update. Common Good: A meeting of the sub-group is planned shortly. THC Common Good officer has been invited. AP to update next meeting. 9.4 Chanonry Point: The action group (CPAG) had reviewed the recent access day at the Point. An access day event is now planned for Rosemarkie Beach (see 9.13). CPAG is in the process of assessing problems and issues at the Point, with a view to a funding application. Meanwhile, volunteers will be sought to help cut back vegetation on the roundabout. 7 Traffic/Parking: See 4.1 9.6 Public Transport: TS to seek information regarding the uptake on the new Dingwall route. AP said that younger residents had noted there were no seatbe			
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9.8	Fun Day/Ceilidh: JP reported that FRCC's stall at the recent Fortrose and Rosemarkie Union FC football fun day had raffled a Man City football shirt signed by Kevin De Bruyne. It raised £380 with the proceeds split equally between FRCC and Mikeysline. FRCC congratulated the organisers, who had raised £2540 for the mental health charity. Ceilidh tickets for the fundraiser at the Gordon Memorial Hall, Rosemarkie on the evening of Friday 13th September were now on sale at Rosemarkie Spar and via FRCC email/mobile phone for delivery. JP to organise a sales push.	JP
9.9	Rosemarkie and Fortrose Trust (RAFT): LV said that the accessible toilet was now open 9am-6pm. The external walls of Fortrose toilet had been repainted. Funding had been found for electric hand-dryers to reduce the cost of paper towels. A digital card payment was now in use and had raised £60 in the first month (see 4.3).	
9.10	Young Councillors: JP was delighted to report that there are now 8 Young Councillors for this academic year: Jessica Sinclair and Katie Rutter (S2), Sol Wilson and Saffron Barton (S3) and Jess Davidson, Isobel Fox, Ava Goldie and Kate Knight (S6). Additionally, Andrew McMichael, who does not live in the FRCC area but is an S6 pupil at Fortrose Academy, is keen to volunteer and has been accepted as an Associate Young Councillor on that basis. They are currently helping to publicise the ceilidh and set up/run raffle on the night. The next routine meeting of the group with JP will be in early October at Fortrose library.	
9.11	Regenerate Our Green Space (ROGS): JP reported that talks are ongoing with Tullochs/Springfield regarding land on Ness Road. The creation of a wildflower patch in a corner of the cathedral grounds (with the co-operation of Historic Environment Scotland) was proceeding with volunteers raking	
9.12	and removing yellow rattle. Feddon Hill Playpark: KW said that a group of interested residents, including one of our young councillors (Jessica Sinclair) had now met, and work had started on clearing and improving the overgrown site. Raddery Sawmill had very kindly agreed to donate wood for fence repairs and a sign. KW and the team were congratulated on the progress made. It was agreed that publicity should be arranged when "before and"	
9.13	after" photographs were ready. KW/JP to liaise. <u>Beach Clean/Access Day</u> : A Rosemarkie beach clean/marine litter survey, and Access Day for those with mobility issues, will be held on Saturday 21st September. Volunteers will be sought for both (1000 for beach clean, 1130 onwards for access day). On Saturday 28th September there will be a beach clean and marine litter survey between Chanonry Point and the Golf Club, organised by a local resident. Volunteers are invited to join from 1230.	KW/JP

10 10.1/ 10.2 10.3 10.4	Community meetings Place Plan/BICC: AP said that she had attended a BICC meeting on 3/09/24 at which Place Plan governance had been discussed. Documents circulated. The Community Councils as a group needed to put forward five elected members to become board members. Training in advocacy etc would be given. The deadline for names is 23/9/24. An advert for board members with specialism and for a Chair is also being drafted. BIP: A meeting to discuss constitutional changes required by THC is scheduled for w/c 9/9/24. BIT: No update.	
11 11.1 11.2	Any other business Hi-vis jackets: A request for funds towards 12 Hi-Vis jackets with "Community Council Volunteer" on them for use at future events was agreed in principle. AP to get quotes. Fairy Glen Path: HA asked if there had been an update. She said there was now information on the RSPB website and in the car park itself, indicating that the bridge was unusable and to follow the path on the opposite bank, but that it was clear that people were fording the burn and damaging the banks near the defunct bridge. It was noted that repair may be difficult to progress quickly since it involves three parties: the RSPB, THC and the owner of the land. TS to seek update from MMM.	AP
12	Date of next meeting Wednesday 2nd October 2024 via Zoom.	