

Fortrose & Rosemarkie Community Council

Wednesday 1st October 2025 at 7pm by Zoom Minutes

Item		Action by
1	<p>Welcome and Apologies <u>Committee:</u> Theo Stratton (Chair) TS; Bob Latimer (Treasurer) BL; Jo-Anne Pugh (Sec) JP; Anne Phillips AP; Heather Alexander HA; Kerry Ward KW; Susan Munro SM. <u>Ex-Officio:</u> Cllr Lyndsey Johnston LJ <u>Residents:</u> Penny Scott PS <u>Apologies:</u> None received</p>	
2	<p>Minutes of the Last Meeting The minutes were approved. Proposed HA, seconded TS.</p>	
3	<p>Matters Arising</p>	
3.1	<p><u>Fortrose High Street:</u> SM has identified the addresses of two properties in Fortrose High Street in need of repair/gardening attention. Details passed to LJ for THC action.</p>	SM/LJ
3.2	<p><u>Chain of Office:</u> AP is liaising with Lynn Baumeister regarding a library display (permission, insurance etc). JP to contact Black Isle Men's Shed regarding a secure display case when confirmed.</p>	AP JP
3.3	<p><u>Burgh Provost:</u> Suggestion to appoint. SM asked for clarification of the role. LJ said that a Provost was an ancient Scottish title attached to Royal Burghs which today is a ceremonial role at civic events. There are no financial implications and it could be used to promote the area. Civic events might include the St Boniface Fair, a school prize giving, Royal proclamations (in conjunction with the Lord Lieutenant) etc. SM asked if there were ever "junior" Provosts. LJ said that some areas have a Deputy Provost. AP said that there was a Provost at the Quincentenary in 1954 and the chain of office dates from that time. HA asked who appoints a Provost. LJ said the Community Council can nominate, but modern provosts are elected by and from THC councillors, not directly by residents. They do not need to live in the Burgh. HA said that LJ is the current nominated representative for Fortrose and Rosemarkie so it would make sense for her to be our nominee. It was agreed that TS would explore the process with THC.</p>	TS
3.4	<p><u>Fortrose Phone Box:</u> TS thanked Heather for organising FRCC's successful purchase (for £1) of the old-style phonebox in Fortrose High Street which is to be decommissioned by BT. HA said the paint, provided free by BT, had been delivered. JP to check contents. HA said that we now needed to engage residents via Facebook/email/website for suggestions for its</p>	JP

<p>3.5</p> <p>3.6</p> <p>3.7</p>	<p>future use AND, ideally, to arrange a working party to refurbish it/volunteers to maintain it. HA/JP to action. BL enquired about a defibrillator but it was agreed that Fortrose already had a number nearby.</p> <p><u>Website Photo Competition</u>: It was agreed that a competition would be held to collect photographs of the FRCC area for use on the improved website. All entrants would be asked to give permission for free use in perpetuity. JP suggested a £50 voucher for an adult winner and £50 voucher for an under 18 winner. JP to arrange prizes. HA/JP to arrange publicity for the competition and set a deadline. KW said that some material on the website is out of date. HA asked for all corrections and other material to be sent to her.</p> <p><u>Janitor's House</u>: It was noted that the garden is still untended. LJ said a stakeholders' meeting regarding the Academy estate is scheduled for this month. LJ to report back.</p> <p><u>Co-op closure</u>: (NOTE closure now 1/11/25-3/12/25 with restricted carparking from evening of 15/10/25). It was noted that the "pop-up" replacement is due to be sited near the fire station. It was agreed that TS would compile details of alternatives (including supermarkets which deliver, opening hours of shops in Rosemarkie and Avoch, Shopmobility service, bus times to Dingwall, cashpoint alternatives etc). SM to check on possible use of Ferintosh Wee Bus service. HA would put details/links etc on Facebook and JP on FRCC website. Residents would also be encouraged to check on neighbours, especially the elderly or those without transport or access to the internet. JP to produce posters for noticeboards (specifically aimed at those without internet access).</p>	<p>HA/JP</p> <p>JP HA/JP KW/HA</p> <p>LJ</p> <p>TS SM HA/JP</p> <p>JP</p>
<p>4</p> <p>4.1</p> <p>4.2</p> <p>4.3</p>	<p>Points from the Public/Correspondence</p> <p><u>Trishaws</u>: KW took no part in this discussion. Martin Ward, Treasurer, Fortrose and Rosemarkie Trishaws, had contacted FRCC to explain that a battery replacement for one of the bikes costs £800 and donations were being sought. £100 had been donated by Parklands. It was noted that the Trishaws provide assistance at FRCC events such as the Senior's Afternoon Tea and St Boniface Fair, as well as trips out for care home residents. It was agreed that FRCC would donate £200 (KW to provide bank details to BL) and, if required, a letter of recommendation would be supplied by JP.</p> <p><u>Feddan Woods visit</u>: JP said that she, HA, KW, AP and SM had visited the woods at owner Graham Tuley's request to see the work he had undertaken to improve the site. Mr Tuley is keen that the public visit and use the woods responsibly. It was agreed that JP would draft an invitation via the mailout, and that public access would be promoted via Facebook by HA.</p> <p><u>Hanging Baskets</u>: AP said that a resident had suggested hanging baskets in the villages next year. AP said that cost and</p>	<p>KW/BL</p> <p>JP</p> <p>JP/HA</p>

	<p>maintenance/watering were issues. AP to investigate. SM noted the poor appearance of Fortrose High Street. It was agreed that it was hard to improve without owner co-operation.</p>	AP
5	<p>Treasurer's Report BL presented his monthly report. Total money held: £7504.12. Cash from Fortrose Fun Day (£115 minute £30 float) to come - TS/BL action. BL to action gifts for St Boniface transport helpers and remaining musician group (AP to advise).</p>	TS/BL AP/BL
6	<p>Community Issues and Consultations</p>	
6.1	<p><u>Common Good Consultation</u>: Following a drafting meeting, FRCC has now submitted its response. Copies sent separately to Ward Councillors and THC council officers. LJ thanked FRCC for its input. SM suggested a "lessons learnt" session in terms of approaching future consultations. It was agreed that this would be an agenda item at the next meeting. SM also asked what the FRCC's response would be in the face of a hostile reaction from some local residents. It was noted that the FRCC's response would be made fully available (via website and noticeboards, JP to action). TS said that the FRCC had discussed the issue at length and was happy to field residents' questions.</p>	JP
6.2	<p><u>Young Councillors</u>: The FRCC thanked Ann Jefferson for all her work maintaining cigarette butt bins along the seafront, and thanked Young Councillors Katie Rutter and Diana Lloyd for taking over emptying duties. JP supervising. A poster designed by another Young Councillor, Jessica Sinclair, was now on display on village noticeboards encouraging smokers to use the bins.</p>	
6.3	<p><u>Cathedral Square noticeboard</u>: SM noted the very poor condition. AP said it had been provided by a footpath trust that no longer exists. JP to investigate provision/cost of a replacement.</p>	JP
6.4	<p><u>Avoch Public Toilets</u>: SM to follow up a resident's query regarding the toilet's future with Ward Councillor Morven-May MacCallum, who attends the relevant Community Council.</p>	SM
7	<p>Planning LJ took no part in the discussion.</p>	
7.1	<p><u>Ward's Farm house site</u>: Amendment to plan. No comment.</p>	
7.2	<p><u>Greengates Place</u>: House, plot 5. Submitted by owner not the site developer. No comment.</p>	
8	<p>Licensing No applications.</p>	
9	<p>Police Report TS said there had been no monthly report so far but that he would circulate when available. He thanked AP for attending</p>	TS

	<p>the quarterly meeting on behalf of FRCC. The next scheduled meeting is Tuesday 13/1/26. AP said that the meeting had been told there were fewer incidents of anti-social behaviour. She expressed concern that incidents locally (such as recent anti-social behaviour in Cathedral Square) and elsewhere were not being recorded. TS to follow up. LJ said that there was concern that “cuckooing” was occurring within the Ward. It was agreed TS would circulate any police advice regarding raising awareness.</p>	<p>TS</p> <p>TS</p>
<p>10</p> <p>10.1</p> <p>10.2</p> <p>10.3</p> <p>10.4</p> <p>10.5</p> <p>10.6</p>	<p>Community Groups/Meetings</p> <p><u>Chanonry Point Action Group (CPAG)</u>: TS noted that Ann Jefferson had submitted suggestions for signs to indicate that there are no toilets at the Point. TS to reply and ask if she would investigate manufacture/costs etc. Re abandoned boat, TS to liaise with LJ and/or Environment Agency regarding removal. AP said that a CPAG meeting will be scheduled shortly. TS to inspect the current state of picnic tables/chairs and circulate pictures.</p> <p><u>Regenerate Our Green Space (ROGS)</u>: JP said that the group had held its AGM. It expects to take possession of the Ness Road site from Tullochs at the end of October/early November. Wildflower project at the Cathedral “rake up” will be held morning 11/10/25.</p> <p><u>Black Isle Men’s Shed (BIMS)</u>: Update on furniture and discussion of donation next meeting.</p> <p><u>Black Isle Community Councils (BICC)</u>: TS and AP to attend meeting on 7/10/25. Re Place Plan - “Opportunity Black Isle” inaugural meeting date to be set. TS will be one of two representatives of the area’s Community Councils.</p> <p><u>Rosemarkie Amenities Association</u>: FRCC congratulated RAA on the community effort to lift the mats on the Promenade and the money raised from their re-sale.</p> <p><u>Raddery House Project</u>: Organisers are seeking local sponsors - details on website/facebook page.</p>	<p>TS</p> <p>TS/LJ</p> <p>AP</p> <p>TS</p>
<p>11</p> <p>11.1</p> <p>11.2</p> <p>11.3</p>	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p><u>RAA bonfire</u> will be on Saturday 9/11/25. Time tbc.</p> <p><u>Winter resilience</u>: TS/JP to find and circulate THC recent communication re grit bins and volunteer pavement gritters. It was agreed that FRCC should start to compile an “emergency” document with which residents could familiarise themselves in the event of incidents such as power cuts, water supply failure, flooding, major transport disruption etc. AP to liaise with SM. LJ to provide any THC contacts/information as required.</p> <p><u>Carols at the Cathedral</u>: Planning required. Discussion at next meeting.</p>	<p>AP/SM</p> <p>LJ</p>
<p>12</p>	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>Wednesday 5th November at 7pm via Zoom.</p>	

