



## Present

**Community Councillors:** Paige Shepherd (PS) - Chair, Alan Plampton (AP) - Treasurer, Peter Ratcliffe (PR) - Secretary, Kari Magee (KM), Gregor Fox (GF) – Youth Member, Tilly Grist (TG) – Youth Member & Nigel Shapcott (NS).

**Youth Representative(s):** N/A

**Highland Councillor(s):** - Cllr Craig Fraser (CF)

**Member(s) of the public:** - N/A

**Community Council Minute Secretary:** Claire Fraser

## 1. Chair's Welcome & Apologies

PS welcomed everyone to the video meeting.

Apologies received from Teagan Young (TY) – Youth Representative.

## 2. Declarations of interest

Declarations unchanged from meeting of 26th October 2020.

## 3. Approval of previous minutes, 31st May 2021

The minutes were approved by NS and seconded by PR.

## 4. Matters Arising from previous minutes, 31st May 2021

*Minute secretary note – THC means The Highland Council.*

- 4.1 (4.2 - To continue to discuss the neighbourhood questionnaire re. Townlands parking areas being white lined). **Ongoing. Action CF & FT.**
- 4.2 (4.3 - Follow up with THC contact re. Community Pay Back Scheme). **Ongoing. Action CF.**
- 4.3 (4.4 – Contact Di Agnew (ward manager) re. TMP proposals as previously minuted (Due to no correspondence from THC)). Email sent. **Ongoing. Action – KM.**
- 4.4 (4.5 - To continue to discuss redesign of the Welcome sign for Cromarty). **Ongoing. Action – CF & FT.**
- 4.5 (4.6 – Continue to update the data on Cromarty Live Website). **Ongoing. Action AP, PR, GF, TG & Claire.**
- 4.6 (4.8 – Re-submit new photos to THC re. waste to be removed at Whitedykes). **Ongoing. Action – KM.**

- 4.7 (4.9 - Continue to discuss how to ensure the fence at Reeds Loop is portioned off, to prevent roam of livestock on a public walkway). Funding hasn't been approved for the fencing to be repaired by C&DCC. What do we do now? Further discussion needed. **Ongoing. Action – all.**
- 4.8 (4.10 - To request one free-standing hand sanitiser unit, as a trial, with the potential to purchase more if successful). Order placed, to be situated outside public toilets in Allan Square. **Ongoing. Action – AP.**
- 4.9 (4.11 - Environment Impact Assessment to be conducted once the proposal re. Advanced Manufacturing Facility at GEG has been submitted to TSG. KM to maintain contact). Not yet received. **Ongoing. Action – KM.**
- 4.10 (4.12 - Bus shelter proposal forwarded to THC & Stagecoach. Await response). Awaiting a quote for cost of work. Is to be done before winter sets in & will be wheelchair accessible. Potential to also ensure LED lights are added (solar powered). **Ongoing. Action CF.**
- 4.11 (4.13 - To follow up on further training for Cromarty 1st responders). Another email sent to David Roger / Ricky Laird re. further training for Cromarty 1<sup>st</sup> responders and progress news in general. Previous email had been read on receipt. **Ongoing. Action – PR.**
- 4.12 (4.14 - Regular meetings still ongoing re. weekly covid updates). **Ongoing. Action – CF.**
- 4.13 (4.15 - Await final decision from THC re. pump track, ahead of finalising funding). BI Ward meeting carried out a land search and it came back that although land owned by THC, the responsibility lies with Albyn Housing. Now having to write to them to progress the pump track further. **Ongoing. Action AP & GF.**
- 4.14 (4.16 - Dog bin rota to be finalised, further organisation required. 1 existing bin, in storage for replacing on site). **Ongoing. Action – PR.**
- 4.15 (4.17 - To discuss with plumber the water supply to Sheddie once summer is over). **Ongoing. Action – AP & NS.**
- 4.16 (4.18 - Confirm dates with Di Agnew re. previous letter in respect of omission of charging points). **Ongoing. Action – PS.**
- 4.17 (4.19 - Awaiting appropriate officer to respond from THC re. survey of the Links shrubbery as haven for lots of wildlife). Survey to be conducted in the Autumn months. CF to request THC continue to cut the shrubbery back. **Ongoing. Action – CF.**
- 4.18 (4.20 - Signs re-erected. Redundant post removed from location). **Discharged.**
- 4.19 (4.21 - Meeting with Smilie Music (organisers of event proposed on links during 2022) scheduled for 1 June 2021. To be discussed further by members). Discussed further in AOB. **Discharged.**
- 4.20 (4.22 - Respond to residents when issues re. dog fouling in the community are raised (continuous)). **Ongoing. Action – PR.**
- 4.21 (4.23 - Organise contractor to repair damaged steps at the start of The Ladies Walk). **Ongoing. Action – CF.**
- 4.22 (4.27 - Response still to be received from Gordon Adam re. IMFDP comments, submitted in March 21 (not expected to be rejected)). Comments approved and shared with all members of C&DCC. **Discharged.**

- 4.23 (4.30 - Seeking advice from THC re. Byelaw as requested by CDT). Email sent to the CDT but still awaiting advice from HC regarding hot spot areas. **Ongoing. Action – PS.**
- 4.24 (4.36 - Identify who at PoCF that is of 'higher authority', as we might need to contact them re. the noise in the firth). **Ongoing. Action – KM.**
- 4.25 (4.38 - Awaiting feedback from THC re. recent noise monitoring and discussions with GEG and PoCF). No feedback yet received – email sent to chase THC. **Ongoing. Action – KM.**
- 4.26 (4.42 - Additional volunteers for litter pick up received. Further email to be sent out, but needs methodology. Additional equipment received). **Ongoing. Action – PR.**
- 4.27 (4.46 - To approach JN re. addition of signs to the South Sutor re. no overnight camping/fouling). To follow up on this issue. **Ongoing. Action – PR.**
- 4.28 (4.49 - Investigate how to create an out of hours service when electricity needed after the Co-op in Fortrose closes. AP to put on website asking for resident feedback). **Ongoing. Action – AP.**
- 4.29 (7.5 - To calculate the PDBC of the Victoria Hall) **Discharged.**
- 4.30 (7.8 - Email THC asking for help with the work involved in re-opening village halls. Then to contact Kate Forbes). **Ongoing. Action – CF.**
- 4.31 (7.9 - To discuss further re. the re-opening of the hall, once guidance received and the PDBC has been calculated). **Ongoing. Action – AP & CF.**
- 4.32 (8.2.2 - Claire to pass on contact details of resident starting own business servicing bikes on the harbour, Nige to make contact re. servicing of the gritters). Contact made, but no response. PS to follow up in Any Other Business. **Discharged.**
- 4.33 (8.2.3 - Nige to write a discretionary fund as finance needed to ensure regular servicing). **Ongoing. Action – NS.**
- 4.34 (8.3.2 - To look into the legal obligations regarding JN/the tenant at Reeds Park Loop). **Ongoing. Action – KM.**
- 4.35 (8.3.4 - To email THC re. further information on how to approach THC lawyers re. Reeds Park Loop). **Ongoing. Action – CF.**
- 4.36 (9.1.1 - To look into tree planting for the Queens Jubilee & see if C&DCC will follow up). Need to source a location for the trees. The new campsite needs new trees anyway, so this is a potential. **Ongoing. Action – PS.**
- 4.37 (9.2.2 - To email Ian Moncreiff at THC re. the condition/speed on the road at The Sutors). **Ongoing. Action – CF.**
- 4.38 (9.2.3 - To identify the source of the noise driving through Cromarty late at night so C&DCC can action the noise complaints). **Discharged as noise has stopped.**
- 4.39 (9.3.2 - To discuss with The Newsletter team re. preparing a video detailing/sounding out the words of the monthly newsletter). Editorial team are considering this idea. **Discharged.**
- 4.40 (9.3.3 - To use the VHMC notice board in addition to The Post Office). **Discharged.**

- 4.41 (9.3.4 - Look into the use of the C&DCC noticeboard, as The Post Office is becoming too busy).  
**Discharged.**

## **5. Youth Issues**

- 5.1 Fraser Thompson's (FT) reports were not circulated prior to the meeting due to pressure from the Youth Café's Summer Programme. FT not present, but he was as ever, spoken very highly of and thanked and complimented for all his reports to date previously.
- 5.2 GF and TG put forward a suggestion for the C&DCC work with local businesses to advertise current vacancies. They are both aware that there are lots of youth looking to summer jobs, and businesses either aren't advertising or aren't capturing the audience.
- 5.3 All members agree that it would be easiest to list all jobs in one place, for everyone, not just the youth. Can also request information from Wanda and Fraser as they should be aware of current vacancies also.
- 5.4 To contact local businesses and ask them about current vacancies. **Action PS.**
- 5.5 Gather all the information together and advertise on C&DCC Facebook, plus The Youth Café Facebook. To add an announcement in the newsletter welcoming businesses to approach C&DCC with vacancies. Also to add an insert to the Cromarty Live Website for a 'New Vacancies' board. **Action AP.**
- 5.6 GF and TG to think of a Youth replacement for GF as he leaves for Uni in September. August will be his last meeting. **Action GF & TG.**

TG & GF were thanked for their input and all members agreed this would be of great benefit.

## **6. Treasurer's Report**

- 6.1 The Treasurer's Report Notes (**Appendix A**) & Treasurer's Report (**Appendix B**) were prepared by AP and circulated prior to the meeting by The Minute Secretary.
- 6.2 £1k has been received by The Ward Discretionary Grant towards the work on the 100 steps.
- 6.3 Two Small Hall Grants received, for both 2020 and 2021 Financial Years (to 31<sup>st</sup> March).

There were no further questions and AP was thanked for his reports.

## **7. Victoria Hall Report including Youth Café**

- 7.1 The Victoria Hall Report (**Appendix C**) that was prepared by AP was circulated prior to the meeting by The Minute Secretary.
- 7.2 The goalposts are yet to be put up. THC don't have the staff to do this. Di Agnew suggests that C&DCC hire someone to do the work and THC will refund us for the cost. Waiting for John Mackay at THC to confirm if this will be ok. **Action – AP.**
- 7.3 Re-opening the hall would also mean that hirers would have to have their own Track & Trace and there are different forms they'd have to fill out for hiring the hall, in addition to new, online risk-assessments.

- 7.4 PDBC has had to be redone but based on the current calculation. The Hall can hold a maximum of 62 people just now, following the 2m distancing rule. However, after 19 July 2021 this will increase to a maximum of 100 people.
- 7.5 All bookings are still subject to all other conditions, previously minuted and risk assessments still need to be carried out. A wedding reception that was booked for August has cancelled, understandably.
- 7.6 The Victoria Hall Committee is currently in preliminary discussions with Transition Black Isle re. holding Community Markets.
- 7.7 Finally, it should be noted that all the above measures are dependent on The Scottish Government, and its ever-changing guidelines.
- 7.8 All members hope that the Vaccine programme is working, and Covid-19 will reduce (although the current cases are rising).

There were no further comments and AP was thanked very much for all his hard work.

## 8. Members' Reports

### • Portfolios

Portfolio Reports prepared by NS (**Appendix D**), PR (**Appendix E**), AP (**Appendix F**) and PS (**Appendix G**) were circulated prior to the meeting by The Members.

#### 8.1 BICC Meeting

- 8.1.1 PS & AP are attending the BICC meeting. They request that any agenda items for discussion are be sent over by 15<sup>th</sup> of July 2021.
- 8.1.2 Minutes from previous BICC meeting are to be circulated to all members. **Action – AP.**

#### 8.2 Wellbeing Event

- 8.2.1 Wellbeing Event to be held on The BI on 31<sup>st</sup> July and 1<sup>st</sup> August. Funding has been received for this event and NS has put some ideas forward as to things that can be done at the festival to boost morale, encourage socializing etc. All ideas seem to have been met with positive opinion from other parties. NS was hoping the C&DCC would be in support of this also. All members think it's a good idea, and NS should follow this up. **Action – NS.**

#### 8.3 Gritters

- 8.3.1 No correspondence received back from resident re. maintenance of the Gritters. Not sure why, as Claire messaged on Facebook after the previous meeting and contact was immediate. PS to follow this up, as maybe emails aren't working. **Action – PS.**

There were no further comments regarding portfolios from members and all were thanked for their efforts and work done to date.

- **Highland Council** - Cllr Craig Fraser

- 8.4.1 CF was queried if there is any restriction for dogs being on leads. A resident has approached the C&DCC as they were approached by a dog off the lead, and they are very nervous around dogs. The owner turned on the resident in an aggressive manner.
- 8.4.2 All members agreed that there's no reason for the aggression. All members agreed that we should all know our rights, especially when around young kids. KM avoids the links and the 100 steps at peak times for this exact reason. PS to email CF and he will forward onto THC and ask them for advice. PR requested that the advice from THC is shared with all members. **Action – PS & CF.**
- 8.4.3 It has also been brought to C&DCC attention that there was a bit of an issue at the slip at Bayview Crescent where there was a van with a trailer parked on the junction, causing traffic flow issues.
- 8.4.4 This particular area is in the Road Traffic Management Plan for Cromarty, which has recently been followed up with Di Agnew. If no response is received, then KM will go to the head of THC as it's becoming a big issue. **Action – KM.**
- 8.4.5 All members agreed that the use of the slipway should be looked at also. PS to email CF so that he can follow this up. **Action – CF & PS.**

There were no further comments and CF was thanked for his continued support of the C&DCC and the local community.

- **Correspondence Received**

No correspondence received that has not already been passed on.

## **9. Any Other Business**

### **9.1 Hugh Miller Monument**

- 9.1.1 The railings are split and badly damaged. A quote has been received to have them repaired. CF however would like to have them painted also and will see if one contractor can do the whole job lot. Quote has been requested from a local contractor. CF is going to try and request funding from THC for this job once quote has been received. **Action – CF.**
- 9.1.2 CF also seeking a drone to take footage from the top of the monument. In urgent need of weed suppression and then for some bark to be put down to prevent it from becoming overgrown again. To discuss this next stage once quote received for the painting, as it could become part of one bigger project.
- 9.1.3 CF has also had a discussion with 'Friends of Hugh Miller' who have said they could contribute something towards this.

### **9.2 Music Event – Smilie Music**

- 9.2.1 Various discussions were carried out. Some members support the event, and some are against it. John Nightingale said he'd like C&DCC to support it before he will consider it so we have to make a decision soon, to enable planning to commence (if supported by JN).
- 9.2.2 Main reason against is due to the number of people it will bring to Cromarty (whether they have a ticket or not).

- 9.2.3 Some members are for it as believe it will benefit local businesses and it appears to be an event that will be run by professionals. Just what the community needs after the last 16 months or so.
- 9.2.4 All members agree that we need to go to community and should prioritise those closest to where the event will potentially take place (the links).
- 9.2.5 To prepare a document to go to the community with, then all members need to come to some kind of agreement. Further discussion needed. **Action – PS.**

*Minute secretary note – Discussion concluded at 21.20. Nige left the meeting shortly after 21.00 (mid-discussion) and Craig left the meeting at 21.17.*

### 9.3 East Church Hall

- 9.3.1 Have been approached by various people re. the future of The East Church Hall. Lots of residents have fond memories of it for differing reasons. Can it be used for the future of the town? It is owned by the common good, but it is run by THC.
- 9.3.2 Has been run as a pre-school, youth café etc, but has always been subsidised by THC. THC are looking to cut costs and if they are to let it out AP suspects it must include the repairs and maintenance also. This would be a great expense to any future user.
- 9.3.3 AP suggest the C&DCC write to THC to ask what their plans are for The East Church Hall. PR agrees with this. AP to contact Di Agnew. **Action – AP.**

## **10. Date of next meeting**

Next Ordinary Meeting, **Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> August 2021 @ 7.30pm via Whereby.**

PS thanked **everyone** for attending and the meeting concluded at 21.34pm.

## Summary of actions points

Reference	To whom allocated	Notes
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4.2	Craig	Follow up with THC contact re. Community Pay Back Scheme
4.3	Kari	Await response from Di Agnew (Ward Manager) re. TMP proposals.
4.4	Craig and Fraser T	To continue to discuss redesign of the Welcome sign for Cromarty
4.5	Alan, Peter, Gregor, Tilly and Claire	Continue to update the data on Cromarty Live website
4.6	Kari	Re-submit new photos to THC re. waste to be removed at Whitedykes.
4.7	All	Discuss the fencing at Reeds Loop, to prevent roam of livestock on a public walkway (funding not approved).
4.8	Alan	Awaiting delivery of free-standing hand sanitiser unit, to be situated outside public toilets.
4.9	Kari	Await proposal re. Advanced Manufacturing Facility at GEG has been submitted to TSG so that Environment Impact Assessment can be conducted.
4.10	Craig	Awaiting quote to be received for bus shelter works
4.11	Peter	Training for Cromarty 1 <sup>st</sup> responders to be followed up on, as no response yet rec'd
4.12	Craig	Regular meetings still ongoing re. weekly covid updates
4.13	Gregor & Alan	To speak to Albyn housing re. the pump track, as they have responsibility to the land
4.14	Peter	Dog bin rota to be finalised, further organisation required. 1 existing bin, in storage for replacing on site.
4.15	Nigel & Alan	To discuss with plumber the water supply to Sheddie once summer is over
4.16	Paige	Confirm dates with Di Agnew re. previous letter in respect of omission of charging points
4.17	Craig	Survey of the Links shrubbery to be done in Autumn. To request that THC continue to cut shrubbery back so the path is passable.
4.20	Peter	Respond to residents when issues re. dog fouling in the community are raised (continuous).
4.21	Craig	Organise contractor to repair damaged steps at the start of The Ladies Walk
4.23	Paige	Responded to the CDT re. the Byelaw as advised by THC but still awaiting further advice re. hot spot areas.
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5.4	Paige	Contact local businesses and ask them about current vacancies
5.5	Alan	Gather info together re. vacancies and advertise on facebook x2, newsletter and website
5.6	Gregor & Tilly	To think of replacement for Gregor as he leaves for uni in September
7.2	Alan	Await response from THC re. C&DCC resurrecting the goalposts
8.1.2	Alan	Circulate minutes from previous BICC meeting to members
8.2.1	Nige	NS to proceed with his ideas for wellbeing event, as all members supported
8.3.1	Paige	Follow up with contact re. servicing of gritters for C&DCC as no response to Nige
8.4.2	Paige & Craig	Email to CF re. residents concern re. dogs off leads and CF to follow up with THC
8.4.4	Kari	To follow up with Di Agnew re. Road Traffic Management Plan (as per 4.3) but if still no response rec'd – to go to head of THC.
8.4.5	Paige & Craig	Email to CF re. the use of the slipway due to recent events and CF to follow up with THC
9.1.1	Craig	Await quote for Hugh Miller Monument works and then see if THC will fund it
9.2.5	Paige	Prepare a document to approach the residents with re. music event on links. Discuss further with members once done.
9.3.3	Alan	Write to Di Agnew re. THC plans for the use of The East Church Hall
	<b>COVID 19</b> items from Minutes 30.11.20	<b>C-19</b> Matters Arising can only be dealt with after restrictions are lifted.
4.7	Alan <b>C-19</b>	Report back on request for information re: discrepancy of ownership records for Hugh Miller Monument
4.8	Alan <b>C-19</b>	Arrange for refresher resilience training workshop for the C&DCC when appropriate
4.9	Alan <b>C-19</b>	Report back on progress of the change of Bank of Scotland Mandates after lockdown
4.11	Alan <b>C-19</b>	Revisit discussions with C&DCC sub-committee Events groups once current situation eased
4.12	Craig <b>C-19</b>	Report back on HC response ref the repairs required urgently on the Davidston to Farness Road

## **Cromarty & District Community Council Ordinary Meeting – 28<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

### **Agenda Item 6 – Treasurer's Report Notes**

- 1. AMOUNTS RECEIVABLE/PAID IN ADVANCE** reflects that we have now received more funding for our online Covid-19 meeting costs, from the Black Isle Ward Covid-19 Resilience Fund.

**FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

- 2. COMMUNITY AMMENITIES FUND** shows that we have received Black Isle Ward Discretionary Fund money towards our '100 Steps' work.

**FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

- 3. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** for period ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021, approved at the AGM, have now been lodged with the Highland Council and we have applied for our Community Council Maintenance Grant for 2021. **FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

Alan Plampton  
25/06/21

<b>Agenda Item No 6 - Treasurer's Report</b>				
<b>Statement of Financial Position at 25th June 2021</b>				
		£	£	£
<b>Net Assets</b>			<u>Movement</u>	<u>at 28/05/21</u>
Bank & Cash in hand balances as at 25th June 2021		14,494.00	948.79	13,545.21
Paypal Balance as at 25th June 2021		0.00	0.00	0.00
Amounts Receivable/Paid in Advance		17.00	-33.79	50.79
Amounts Payable		0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Net Assets at 25th June 2021</b>		<b>£14,511.00</b>	915.00	<b>£13,596.00</b>
		£	£	£
<b>Represented by:</b>				
C&DCC Accumulated Fund Reserves at 1st April 2021**		2,077.44	0.00	2,077.44
Surplus/Deficit for the year to date		-101.50	-85.00	-16.50
		1,975.94	-85.00	2,060.94
Community Amenities Fund		1,021.19	1,000.00	21.19
Emergency Resilience Centre Fund		87.66	0.00	87.66
Covid-19 Resilience Fund		0.00	0.00	0.00
Provision for Guidebook reprinting at 25th June 2021		78.75	0.00	78.75
Gritting Fund		809.52	0.00	809.52
Cromarty Live Fund		25.13	0.00	25.13
Community Defibrillator Fund		63.85	0.00	63.85
<b>Net C&amp;DCC Reserves</b>		<b>4,062.04</b>	915.00	<b>3,147.04</b>
<b>Community Event Funds</b>				
Bonfire Night Fund	2,272.14		0.00	2,272.14
Gala Fund	4,215.73		0.00	4,215.73
Splash & Dash Fund	126.00		0.00	126.00
Open Gardens Fund	6.86		0.00	6.86
Gluren bij de Buren Fund	202.06	6,822.79	0.00	202.06
<b>Designated Community Funds</b>				
West Church Playgroup Fund		1,350.00	0.00	1,350.00
Monday Lunch Club Fund		422.75	0.00	422.75
Cromarty Rising Fund		1,853.42	0.00	1,853.42
		<b>£14,511.00</b>	915.00	<b>£13,596.00</b>
Alan Plampton 25th June 2021				

## **Cromarty & District Community Council Meeting – 28<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

### **Agenda Item 7 – Victoria Hall Report**

1. **Repairs & Maintenance/Sheddie** Work finished and trikes in their summer quarters (see attached photo). Replacement of the fire door from the kitchen to the Park will commence soon after acceptable quote received. **ACTION – Information only, no action required**
2. **Youth Cafe** The latest Report will follow, from Fraser, the Assistant Youth Worker. Life is very busy planning for the start of a very exciting Summer Programme on Monday 28<sup>th</sup>. The full programme is attached.  
**ACTION – Information only, no action required**
3. **Hall Bookings/Reopening Plans** The latest update to the Victoria Hall Possible Re-Opening Proposals is attached. The key changes are –
  - 1) The PDBC is calculated at 62 on 155sqm based on 2m social distancing.
  - 2) SG is planning to reduce social distancing to 1m from 19<sup>th</sup> July when we will move into Level Zero. The PDBC would then increase to 100.
  - 3) Following the removal of most restrictions on 9<sup>th</sup> August, it is hoped that regular user bookings may restart.

#### **ACTION – INFORMATION AND POSSIBLE DISCUSSION**

Alan Plampton - VHMC  
25/06/21

**Portfolio Report to C&DCC- Nigel Shapcott, for Meeting 28th June 2021**

Cromarty Harbour Trust

- Vegetation removal planned for East Pier for survey prior to major repairs.

Cromarty Care Project

- Community Larder- use being monitored.
- Trikes in Sheddie and should be re-launched very soon.

Cromarty and Community Development Trust- please see statement at end of document.

- The CCDT encourages young people to participate and invites individuals to contact us to apply to a Directorship or other project roles- any offers?
- Campsite
  - Still looking to recruit interested people in the Campsite project
  - Tenders have been received
  - Still negotiating with HC on the number of pitches.
- Townlands Barn
  - Gin- Sutors Gin has expressed an interest in the Barn as part of the development of a Cromarty Gin brand- talks are ongoing- community consultation will be pursued before any agreement.
- Reeds Loop- shoreside path.
  - Work has started due to finish path work this week (30th June)- limited shore line reinforcement to be completed later in the season.

Black Isle Partnership meeting-

- Wellbeing Festival- Planned for 31st July and 1st August in major communities in the Black Isle. Each Community Council would need to know the outline of the event and in particular the budget. Becky Richmond said she would write a formal letter to each Community Council, outlining the plans for the weekend and her hopes of what each community could aspire to.
- The meetings apparently are a two weekly timeframe now, minutes of the meeting on 18th have not yet been approved for circulation. Much time was spent discussing the A9 safety issue, reported on elsewhere. The applications put in for grants to NatureScot. Phil Waite (Highland Council Outdoor Access and Long Distance Route Manager) was now training 17 Highland Rangers and that these folk would be hoping to get local volunteers to provide backup and local colour.
- A9. No real progression of the discussions with the Scottish Transport , many volunteer hours have been spent. Very risk adverse process, does not seem to take into account current risks of badly designed roads systems. Monitor the plan to follow up with BIP and BICC groups.
- Community larders continue.

Gritting

- Gritting- following agreed recommendations that we engage someone local to maintain the gritters NS was unable to contact the persons identified and therefore it would be premature to apply for a Ward Discretionary Grant to do this. ONGOING
- Sheddie- modifications to hang the gritters are now finished and will allow summer use of the Sheddie by the Trikes. Trikes are now in the Sheddie. Thanks to Alan for this.

### **Cromarty Ferry.**

- Ongoing.
- Ferry appears to be running satisfactorily, weather and tides permitting. Notice is given in advance for any changes, e.g. no cars when there is a low tide or stormy weather.

### **Dog Fouling.**

- Ongoing.
- New rota not distributed yet. The red bins were/are located out of town area. But there are signs that the Town bins are still being well used, as requested by Highland Council signs.
- One red bin that fell off its post being held in custody of Jeremy Price.

### **Links & Links Events Diary / Beaches and Litter.**

- Ongoing.
- Vehicular access to The Links still closed and locked, by C&DCC decision..
- Proposal for having a musical event (large) by Smillie Music (Elephant Sessions) is under current discussion by the Community Council. John Nightingale (Cromarty Estate) has been approached for use of the Links, he is looking for C&DCC commitment and approval.
- The area in front of Bob Maclean's house (old ice rink) is marked off by bollards to stop parking and let the grass grow. However still being used!
- Water safety redundant signpost now removed from site.

Litter – Communication with H.C. (Katrina Taylor) ongoing.

- Additional H.C. Operative comes to town to "top off" the bins and empty. (South Sutor also).
- There are some "missing" bins, which is being looked into.
- Sutor Creek have offered use of one of their spare bins, this is under discussion.
- Cromarty Litter Pickers – not up and running yet. (My fault). List of volunteers prepared, issued with map showing where town bins are.
- Additional equipment received and stored in the Sheddie.
- Benches – request from local family – survey on Town Benches prepared and issued, email sent to John Nightingale, location proposed. ONGOING.
- Beach Litter – instances of uplift and removal – e.g. Craig Fraser.

### **Nigg Liaison, Rig Noise & Freeport Proposal.**

Main Report issued by Kari Magee.

Cromarty Firth Freeport Proposal – ongoing.

Emphasis on Green Hydrogen, MS Teams seminar held by PoCF. Number of C&DCC members had attended.

## Cromarty & District Community Council Meeting – 28<sup>th</sup> June 2021

### Agenda Item 8 – PORTFOLIOS

#### 1. Housing

Our Inner Moray Firth Development Plan response from the C&DCC has now been published along with all the other submissions. A copy is available on Cromarty Live. A detailed response to John Nightingale's appeal on the Daffodil Field application was submitted, confirming our continued opposition to this type of 'build for profit' scheme and the SG have appointed a Chair to consider this appeal.

**ACTION – Information only, no action required**


#### 2. BICC

C&DCC take over as Chair for the next 6 months. If Members would like any subject included on the next Agenda for the meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> July, please let Paige or me know before 15<sup>th</sup> July.

**ACTION – Information only, no action required**

Alan Plampton  
26/06/21

**Agenda Item G**  
**Portfolio Report – Paige Shepherd**

<p><u>Bus Services and Road Surfaces</u></p>	<p>Craig and I have had some reports of incidents regarding the Cromarty- Inverness route. Full details are to be confirmed but members of the public are encouraged to speak to us if any bus issues.</p>
<p><u>Planning</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Construction of a Sun-Room extension</a> </li> </ul> <div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>1 Davidston Canon Street Davidston Cromarty IV11 8XD          Ref. No: 21/02751/CLP   Received: Fri 04 Jun 2021   Validated: Fri 04 Jun 2021   Status: Under Consideration</p> </div>
<p><u>Police Liaison</u></p>	<p>PC Hector MacDonald has invited a member of the CC to attend a meeting from the Preventions and Interventions Team in respect of Fraudulent activities effecting our communities. Date to be confirmed.</p>