



Present

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

Youth Representative(s): N/A

Highland Councillor(s): - N/A

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

Minute Secretary: Claire Fraser

1. Chair's Welcome & Apologies

PS welcomed everyone to the video meeting and thanked them all for changing the date at such short notice.

Apologies received from, Highland Councillor Craig Fraser, Youth Member Gregor Fox (GF) & Youth Representative, Teagan Young (TY).

2. Declarations of interest

Declarations unchanged from meeting of 26th October 2020.

3. Approval of previous minutes, 30th August 2021

The minutes were approved by NS and seconded by PR.

4. Matters Arising from previous minutes, 30th August 2021

Minute secretary note – THC means The Highland Council.

- 4.1 (4.1 - To continue to discuss the neighbourhood questionnaire re. Townlands parking areas being white lined). **Ongoing. Action CF & FT.**
- 4.2 (4.2 - Follow up with THC contact re. Community Pay Back Scheme). **Ongoing. Action CF.**
- 4.3 (4.3 – No response from Di Agnew /Ian Moncrieff or Laura MacAllister re. TMP proposals so official complaint submitted to THC). No response received within 20 working days. Chased with an email and received a response on 24 Sep 21. Unfortunately, the investigation has only resulted in an apology, rather than a response to original email. Will re-engage with the Complaints team as they did not read email to Ian Moncrieff (IM) in October 2020 and only looked at the number of emails sent over past 12 months without response. Will also email IM again to ask original questions and highlight the state of the road markings in front of the school. **Ongoing. Action – KM.**
- 4.4 (4.4 - To continue to discuss redesign of the Welcome sign for Cromarty). **Ongoing. Action – CF & FT.**
- 4.5 (4.5 – Continue to update the data on Cromarty Live Website). **Ongoing. Action AP, PR, TG & Claire.**

- 4.6 (4.6 – Re-submit new photos to THC re. waste to be removed at Whitedykes). Need to take photos again. **Ongoing. Action – KM.**
- 4.7 (4.7 – Contact farmer (in writing) re. erecting fences at Reeds Loop). This has been superseded as NS spoke to JN re. the path, which has been widened @ his own expense to allow the trikes access. JN is keen on getting the 100 steps sorted, so agreed with NS that applying for funding for this and the cost for the other side of Reeds Loop fencing was a good idea. See any other business. **On hold until application complete – PS.**
- 4.8 (4.8 – Await delivery of free-standing hand sanitiser unit, to be situated outside public toilets and TVH). **Ongoing. Action – AP.**
- 4.9 (4.9 – Await guidance from the Scottish Government on the freeport/greenport proposals, before PoCF can conduct an Environment Impact Assessment). **Ongoing. Action – KM.**
- 4.10 (4.11 – No progress yet re. training for Cromarty 1st responders – in discussion with previous member). **Ongoing. Action – PR.**
- 4.11 (4.13 – Await response from Albyn housing re. the pump track (time limit given). No response received so funding is being secured. **Ongoing. Action AP.**
- 4.12 (4.14 - THC don't want to continue to use the dog bins. Bowing green bin has been removed, await response re. request for it's return!). Bins are continuing to be emptied & the big bins continue to be used. **Ongoing. Action – PR.**
- 4.13 (4.15 - To discuss with plumber the water supply to Sheddie once summer is over). Plumber to review options during hall work. **Ongoing. Action – AP.**
- 4.14 (4.16 - Confirm dates with Di Agnew re. previous letter in respect of omission of charging points). **Ongoing. Action – PS.**
- 4.15 (4.17 – Survey of the Links shrubbery to be done in the Autumn. To request that THC continue to cut it back so the path is passable in the meantime). CF has emailed contact at THC re. this. **Ongoing. Action – CF.**
- 4.16 (4.18 - Respond to residents when issues re. dog fouling in the community are raised (continuous)). **Ongoing. Action – PR.**
- 4.17 (4.19 - Organise contractor to repair damaged steps at the start of The Ladies Walk). **Ongoing. Action – CF.**
- 4.18 (4.20 – Hot spot areas identified, going to have to work with THC re. the Bylelaw etc). **Ongoing. Action – PS.**
- 4.19 (4.21 - Identify who at PoCF that is of 'higher authority', as we might need to contact them re. the noise in the firth). No higher authority found with which community councils could engage meaningfully. The only routes appear to be formal complaints via THC or legal action. **Discharged.**
- 4.20 (4.22 – Await response from Mr Ratter/Mr Thornton at THC re. noise monitoring and discussions with GEG and PoCF). Noise report received. Need to read in detail as there is a lot of technical data. **Ongoing. Action – KM.**
- 4.21 (4.23 – Litter pickup equipment has been provided to residents, but no volunteers yet for main organisation). Additional grippers ready to be distributed, also a number being

- kept in The Sheddie for other usage. Individual residents continue to action. **Ongoing. Action – PR.**
- 4.22 (4.24 - To follow up with JN re. addition of signs to the South Sutor re. no overnight camping/fouling). Has been discussed, to no conclusion, but needs to be part of a bigger Project. Suggest we remove this action and discuss further. **Discharged.**
- 4.23 (4.26 - Email THC asking for help with the work involved in re-opening village halls. Then to contact Kate Forbes). **Discharged.**
- 4.24 (4.28 – To write a discretionary fund as finance needed to ensure regular servicing of gritters). **Ongoing. Action – NS.**
- 4.25 (4.30 - To email THC re. further information on how to approach THC lawyers re. Reeds Park Loop). **Discharged.**
- 4.26 (4.32 - To email Ian Moncreiff at THC re. the condition/speed on the road at The Sutors). **Discharged.**
- 4.27 (4.33 – Draft letter for local businesses re. current vacancies to be agreed with members then sent out). Draft Letter drawn up – to be distributed to members for discussion. **Ongoing. Action – PS.**
- 4.28 (4.34 – To update facebook page, newsletter and website once letter above has been sent out). VACANCIES PAGES SET UP – await 4.27 to be actioned. **Ongoing. Action – AP.**
- 4.29 (4.35 - To think of replacement for Gregor as he leaves for uni in September). **Ongoing. Action – TG.**
- 4.30 (4.36 – Goalposts ordered and paid for, awaiting delivery). Funding agreed with THC. **Ongoing. Action – AP.**
- 4.31 (4.44 – Prepare a document to approach the residents with re. music event on links. Discuss further with members once done). Event not going ahead as lack of time availability. PS thanked the C&DCC for all their support. **Discharged.**
- 4.32 (6.1 – Apply for discretionary ward/common good funding to bring community assets up to date). See treasurers report. **Discharged.**
- 4.33 (7.2 - Set up rota with caretaker to ensure aware when cleaning, maintenance etc will occur). See Victoria Hall Report. **Discharged.**
- 4.34 (8.2.4 – Finalise the bus shelter repair costs as material prices changing weekly). Has emailed builder for an estimate. **Ongoing. Action – CF.**
- 4.35 (8.2.7 – Find out who is responsible for the HMM before we can finalise costs/funding). See CV-19 4.7 below. **Discharged.**
- 4.36 (8.2.8 – Apply for discretionary ward funding for HMM work, once the responsibility has concluded). **Ongoing. Action – PS.**
- 4.37 (8.2.9 – C&DCC decide how to proceed with bench for Martin Goswick). **Ongoing. Action – ALL.**
- 4.38 (9.1 – Respond to resident who emailed asking re. contact for future electrical needs in Cromarty). **Discharged.**

- 4.39 (10.1 – To contact THC re. regular maintenance for reeds loop/shore path). **Ongoing. Action – PS.**
- 4.40 (10.2 – To calculate figures for the maintenance of gritters/trikes to see how much funding is required). **Ongoing. Action – NS.**
- 4.41 (10.4 – Monitor the potential gas leak at Cromarty Harbour Slipway). Not experience further, haven't spoken to Scottish Water. **Discharged.**
- 4.42 (10.5 – Circulate A9 consultation document). **Discharged.**
- 4.43 (10.6 – Contact Di Agnew re. the repairs required to the equipment in The Victoria Park). **Ongoing. Action – PS.**
- 4.44 (10.7.3 – Arrange meeting with John Nightingale (post 5pm)). Peter met with John Nightingale (JN). There was no real progress, except for the new bench. Any changes to the Sutor approach road etc would have to be part of a Project. JN suggested that we approach HC again. But a congenial meeting was held on site location, on the Links. JN asked about possible musical event, advised him that discussions and planning were still in progress. No further action needed, as JN only in Cromarty for brief spell. Further communications can be done via email. **Discharged.**
- 4.45 (CV-19 4.7 – Report back on request for information re. discrepancy of ownership records for HMM). Awaiting answer from Sara Murdoch (Common Goods Officer) **Ongoing. Action - AP.**

5. Youth Issues

- 5.1 Wanda & Tilly have been tasked with finding a replacement for Gregor. Has to be someone who's aged 16 to 18 years old. Already part of the action points.
- 5.2 Various discussions were had, including if the C&DCC could do anything to make the role seem more appealing to the youth team! Discussion summarised as follows:
 - 5.2.1 The length of the meetings isn't the issue and is aware they can attend and then leave the meeting at any time if they've other things on.
 - 5.2.2 Approaching the schools might work (PS as chair was volunteered to speak at an assembly), NS can discuss with Jacquie Ross if need be.
 - 5.2.3 Need to highlight the benefits of being a C&DCC member to them. These include counting towards volunteer hours, adding to saltire hours, increasing chance of a Young Scot award. Plus being recognisable by UCAS on university applications.
 - 5.2.4 Confirmed that anyone interested was more than welcome to join for a tester first.
 - 5.2.5 TG to discuss all with Wanda and report back. **Action – TG.**

6. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report Notes (**Appendix A**) & Treasurer's Report (**Appendix B**) were prepared by AP and circulated prior to the meeting.

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

7. Victoria Hall Report including Youth Café

The Victoria Hall Report (**Appendix C**) that was prepared by AP was circulated prior to the meeting.

- 7.1 A couple of issues arose after the initial opening, including the recent surge in cases, so reopening has been delayed until October. A new booking form was also needed to be prepared, which should iron out any issues/misunderstandings going forward. Still only open for regular users/Cromarty residents.
- 7.2 New residents! There has been a lot of maintenance in the hall in the recent months and whilst the electricians were replacing the lights in the roof, the resident bat (plus presumed family members), was disturbed. The bat answers to the name of Victor (although, if you happen to see him at dusk, we don't recommend starting a conversation). Works can't continue until Nature.Scot have confirmed it is safe to do so (due to bats being a protected species). There is only around a week or so of maintenance left, so once the professionals have reviewed the situation, the works should still be completed ahead of reopening. **Action – AP.**
- 7.3 A cleaning protocol has been arranged with the caretaker (appraisal held on 29th September). Although the cleaning costs are doubling to align with Covid regulations, there will be no change to the charges to members.
- 7.4 Arranging a QR code for the hall was discussed, but it would still require the persons to report that they had tested positive for Covid to allow the track and trace system to work.

There were no further comments and PS thanked AP again for his continuous hard work.

8. Members' Reports

8.1 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.

- 8.1.1 AP confirmed that he's had a verbal update re. Cromarty Bonfire Night and it has been cancelled after communications with THC and Scottish Fire & Rescue.
- 8.1.2 It was also confirmed that Di Agnew will attend the Black Isle Community Council (BICC) meetings from October.
- 8.1.3 NS attended a recent Black Isle Partnership (BIP) meeting, and the issue of democracy & the residents' concerns were discussed in detail. THC are willing to take a step back. NS also advised that he pushed for the meetings to be moved to the evenings, now that everyone is going back to work, and to ensure communication across the Black Isle can be made much more efficiently. Has had confirmation that the next meeting (Tuesday 12th October), will be held at 7pm.

No further comments made. All were thanked by PS for their efforts and work done to date.

8.2 The Highland Council (Cllr Craig Fraser)

Other than a written update to PS re. the matters arising, there were no comments made by Craig re. THC.

Thanks were expressed by all to CF for his continued support of the C&DCC and the local community.

9. Correspondence Received

Nothing received.

10. Any Other Business

10.1 Rural Funding Opportunity

- NS to apply for Rural Funding on behalf of Cromarty Development Trust. This funding will include works to 100 steps, plus cost for fencing repairs on road side of Reeds Loop path, to prevent the livestock from roaming around. Applications can be from £3k - £50k, which is too much money for the C&DCC to be involved with. JN has agreed this with NS (see 4.7). **Action – NS.**
- AP is putting in a separate application for up to £3k for the pump track.

10.2 Music Event on the Links

- Organisers have decided not to go ahead with this as there's not enough time. Discussions were had at the meeting including if we should ask community for their opinion for future events, should such a thing be requested again. Also discussed speaking to other locations (i.e. local farmer fields), to see if they'd agree to rent out their land for such an event. ES (organisers) suggested that usually the license etc is secured first, and then the public are approached.
- **All members** agreed there's too much else going on just now so we shall revisit again in the new year and decide how we approach such a request in the future. **Action – ALL.**

10.3 TMP proposals

- Small update from KM – THC replied and just said they've had other commitments (they didn't answer any of original questions). They did mention that the points raised were in the proposal, however KM is concerned that things are about to suddenly happen as there should be a proposal before a plan but hasn't seen or had an update to any proposal! Is being followed up in 4.3, this is just for information.

10.4 Hugh Miller Institute

- There is a large structural issue that is currently preventing this listed building from being used. THC are aware the C&DCC are awaiting an update. Does mean that no meetings can be held so we will be continuing electronically for the time being!

11. Date of next meeting

Next Ordinary Meeting, **Monday, 25th October 2021 @ 7.30pm via Whereby.**

PS thanked **everyone** for attending and the meeting concluded at 21.07pm.

AGENDA ITEM A – TREASURER’S REPORT NOTES

Cromarty & District Community Council Ordinary Meeting – 28th September 2021

Agenda Item 6 – Treasurer’s Report Notes

- 1. AMOUNTS RECEIVABLE/PAID IN ADVANCE** reflects publications income receivable as well 2 months of our online Covid-19 meeting costs (from the Black Isle Ward Covid-19 Resilience Fund).
FOR INFORMATION ONLY
- 2. FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE (Surplus/Deficit for Year)** for period ending 31st March 2022 to date reflects that we have received our Community Council Maintenance Grant for 2021 from the Highland Council.
FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Alan Plampton
26/09/21

AGENDA ITEM B – TREASURER’S REPORT

Cromarty & District Community Council Meeting				
Held on Monday 28th September 2021				
Agenda Item No 6 - Treasurer’s Report				
Statement of Financial Position at 26th September 2021				
		£	£	£
Net Assets			Movement	at 29/08/21
Bank & Cash in hand balances as at 26th September 2021		14,170.26	8.50	14,161.76
Paypal Balance as at 26th September 2021		0.00	0.00	0.00
Amounts Receivable/Paid in Advance		76.50	39.50	37.00
Amounts Payable		0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Net Assets at 26th September 2021		£14,246.76	48.00	£14,198.76
		£	£	£
Represented by:				
C&DCC Accumulated Fund Reserves at 1st April 2021		2,077.44	0.00	2,077.44
Surplus/Deficit for the year to date		508.07	48.00	460.07
		2,585.51	48.00	2,537.51
Community Amenities Fund		1,021.19	0.00	1,021.19
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 29th August 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		90.04	0.00	90.04
Net C&DCC Reserves		4,697.80	48.00	4,649.80
Community Event Funds				
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
Designated Community Funds				
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		953.42	0.00	953.42
		£14,246.76	48.00	£14,198.76
Alan Plampton 26th September 2021				

AGENDA ITEM C – VICTORIA HALL REPORT

Cromarty & District Community Council Meeting – 28th September 2021 Agenda Item 7 – Victoria Hall Report

1. **Repairs & Maintenance/Cleaning** Extensive repair work continues while the Hall is delaying re-opening. The main fuse board is being upgraded and replaced. The main Hall lighting has been replaced with a more energy efficient solution. The stage lights are being replaced with a more energy efficient solution. The male toilets are having replacement fittings to remedy extensive leaks. External kitchen fire door is rotten and being replaced. Security lighting has been repaired. The cooker was accidentally damaged by the wedding caterer, who has agreed to make a contribution towards a replacement. The new cleaning protocols have been organised and, from the start of October, will involve 4 separate weekly cleaning sessions. This is flexible and depends on the bookings calendar. **ACTION – Information only, no action required**

2. **Caretaker** The caretaker's post is being taken off furlough from the start of October and a job appraisal meeting is arranged for 29th September. The job will be an important part of the new cleaning protocols. **ACTION – Information only, no action required**

3. **Youth Cafe** The latest Report attached, from Fraser, the Assistant Youth Worker. As long as the weather holds, meetings will be outside. Meetings now on Wednesday until Christmas, due to staff college commitments. Temporary Assistant Youth Worker post (John Munro) has been extended until at least 31st March 2022. The application for the latest round of Middleton Trust funding for the year from 1st April 2022, to provide the Assistant Youth Worker post, has been submitted. **ACTION – Information only, no action required**

4. **Hall Bookings/Reopening Plans** The intended reopening took place from 1st September took place, but has now been suspended until 7th October because –
 - A) Various essential maintenance issues became apparent after re-opening.
 - B) New Booking and Event Risk Evaluation Forms needed to be in place.
 - C) A delay was felt to be sensible with a rise in local Covid cases.The new Booking and ERA forms with T&Cs are attached, for information and record. **ACTION – INFORMATION AND POSSIBLE DISCUSSION**

Alan Plampton - VHMC
26/09/21

AGENDA ITEM D – PORTFOLIO REPORTS (NIGE SHAPCOTT)

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

Cromarty Harbour Trust- Chair's report extract for full version- <http://www.cromartyharbour.org/>

- Following on from last year, it has again been an incredibly busy year in and around the harbour. Obviously Covid-19 restrictions had an impact on activity both financially and on harbour activity. It wasn't until the beginning of June that restrictions eased to a level that allowed leisure users to again launch their boats into the harbour. Regrettably, the ferry did not operate during 2020 and this and the delay in leisure usage, did have an impact on revenues. However, this was somewhat mitigated by being successful in applying for a Small Business Grant (received in 2019/20). During 2020, the Working Group has focussed their efforts in continuing the repair and restoration progress, completing the shed development and expanding leisure capacity in the harbour. When we reported last year, Covid-19 restrictions had actually stopped the repair work then being carried out in the harbour. This meant that the final part of that phase of the repair, which was related to the fendering work on the Inner Admiralty Pier, did not get completed until later in the Summer with the installation of new greenheart fenders and moorings. The pier area is now ready to receive commercial vessels and so far, we have seen some activity from workboats operating on contracts within Cromarty Firth to Cromarty as an alternative base within the firth. The new sheds have now been completed in the same look and feel as those that were demolished. These are a great addition to the harbour and allows us the opportunity to develop an additional revenue stream. All three are now let out to tenants. Turning to newer matters, the harbour now plays host to five additional ten metre pontoons. Each extends out from the main pontoon, with two on the west side and three on the more sheltered east side. The two on the west do present some challenges to us given our prevailing weather conditions and these have been reinforced to dampen movements. With this new additional capacity available to us, we expect that all available berths will be occupied during the summer season. The new pontoons were financed in part from own funds, reallocation of our FLAG grant and securitising three berth spaces for a period. Returning to the repair and restoration project, we were additionally successful in gaining grants from Historic Environment Scotland's Coasts and Waters Community Fund, FCC Scottish Action Fund, Cromarty Trust, Friends of Cromarty Harbour and Marine Scotland to effect repairs to the Mole surface, West Pier surface and where identified, voids in the pier and repointing on the quay wall. The contract works came to around £80,000 and whilst some remediation remains outstanding, most of the work was completed by the end of our financial year. We are most grateful to the support and guidance offered by our funders, especially around their understanding of the issues we faced during the post December lockdown period and the impact Covid-19 restrictions had on the roll out of our plans. It is to great credit that the team can align a number of funders to a common programme of work. The team will continue with their efforts to secure more grant funding to continue the restoration work around the harbour.

Cromarty Care Project

- Community Larder- closed until further notice as usage
- Trikes in Sheddie and have been re-launched but there seems to be reluctance to use them.

Cromarty and Community Development Trust

- 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
 - Still negotiating with HC on the number of pitches. Further paperwork has been requested by HC planning department.
- Townlands Barn
 - Gin- no update.
- Reeds Loop- shoreside path.
 - Of note is the fact that the Trikes can now safely negotiate the refurbished Reeds Loop shore path after repair work initiated by John Nightingale. Trimming of vegetation is in progress.

Black Isle Partnership meeting-

- Wellbeing Festival- Planned for 31st July and 1st August in major communities in the Black Isle. Cromarty's talk/walks were led by Jon Palmer, Dave Newman
- The meetings apparently are a two weekly timeframe now, they will be held alternatively in the morning and the evening in an attempt to make them more accessible and minutes of the meetings are now available. The last meeting minutes are to be approved tomorrow after which they will be available.
- A9. More questionnaires and they are now being assessed. The process is depressing.
- Community ladders- no update other than Cromarty above..

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. HOWEVER another individual has been contacted and shows interest. ONGOING
- Sheddie- modifications to hang the gritters are now finished and have allowed summer use of the Sheddie by the Trikes. It is much easier to access now that the paving job has been completed.

Notes: Ready for Tourist Arrivals

- 100 Steps- a C&DCC proposal has been submitted to NatureScot for restoration of the 100 steps, 14th May. Unsuccessful- but £1000 has been received from Ward Discretionary Grant. Current Reeds Loop contractor has been informally approached to cost some priority work (eg Gabions at base of walk where there is undermining of the first four steps. NS ONGOING
- Toilets- submitted by Black Isle Tourist Team with HC. Unsuccessful. NS

AGENDA ITEM E – PORTFOLIO REPORTS (PETER RATCLIFFE)

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. Notified and reminded by email to C&DCC by Mrs. J. Price.
 - Highland Council operatives are currently emptying these bins.
 - The Red Bin that was located at the Bowling Green car park has been removed by Highland Council. I have requested that it be returned.
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Links & Links Events Diary / Beaches and Litter.

- Ongoing.
- Vehicular access to The Links still closed and locked, by C&DCC decision.. However there are two removable stanchions at the Cinema end that can be removed at time of emergency to allow access.
- Recent event by Cromarty Rowing Club was very successful and well managed. A section to the South of the Links was used for parking and overnight stay and there was open access at both ends.
- Proposal for having a musical event (large) by Smillie Music (Elephant Sessions) is has been cancelled.
- 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.

Litter.

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

- Additional H.C. Operative comes to town to “top off” the bins and empty, most days of the week. He also carries out litter picking on the streets. (South Sutor also).
- There are some “missing” bins, which was investigated. A number of bins have been rotated in location. (Ongoing)
- Photos have been taken on a regular basis of the litter bin contents in order to gauge the usage. It is found that the bins most used and overflowing, are due to local food and drink takeaways, evident campervan refuse, and other items. It is noted that there have been items from the beach also left at the bins for removal and uplift, e.g. tyres.
- The Bins most at issue are :-
 - The Harbour Area.
 - The Cinema Area.
 - The Bins (now 2) on Shore Street, in the vicinity of “Old Fish Store”.
- Proposal to be reviewed further is the use of Metal Enclosures as is done in places like Ullapool and Skye. But these would need to be sponsored locally, e.g. by local businesses. Needs to be planned and arranged for uptake. (Ongoing)
- Cromarty Litter Pickers – not up and running as a group yet, no volunteers for leading a group. Equipment has been distributed, some is on hold for use on other projects such as 100 Steps Project. Map was issued confirming where town bins are for offloading. There are a number of active individual litter pickers in the town.
- Additional equipment is stored in the Sheddie. Have received additional, yet to be distributed.
- Beach Litter – instances of uplift and removal.

Nigg Liaison, Rig Noise & Freeport Proposal.

Main Report issued by Kari Magee.

Cromarty Firth Freeport Proposal – ongoing.
Green Hydrogen Plant – planning and preparations continue.
PoCF – No recent virtual meeting..

Gritting and Machine Maintenance.

Main actors are Corrie and Nige.
Work activities on hold for the season. Maintenance programme on equipment is under discussion.
Equipment is currently stored in “The Sheddie.”

Other.

Cromarty First Responders.

No further action taken regarding the required re-training, as O have been advised.
However, I have been advised that there is a new Training Co-ordinator, by name of Susan Ness, who has been in touch with the local appointees to organise updated training which is expected to start soon.
(Ongoing – no change)

Cromarty Dog Waste Bins.

Ongoing. Also reported elsewhere here.
Issue at contention is that Highland Council do not want/intend to support these. Local intention is to continue using these bins with volunteers.
Dog waste is being dumped in town bins, which are collected on a Tuesday. All this waste goes to landfill.

John Nightingale Follow Ups.

Meeting held with John, friendly and a few matters were discussed. No real objectives were realised. Sutor approach road will need to be part of a Project, involving Highland Council.
Bench Location Approval. Agreement reached on the site in question. Applicant was notified and will follow up.

Music Festival. (Ongoing) Was discussed and an update given but now cancelled.

Sutor Car Park.

Will we get the same numbers of incoming tourists next year?

No action ongoing at this time.

Are Cromarty Community Development Trust following up on this?

Craig Fraser Projects - 2021:-

Hugh Miller Statue Enclosure.

Craig has received painting quotation.

Gaelic Chapel.

On site meeting was held with Craig Fraser, HITSI Rep and myself. Virtual meeting with MS Teams planned for Monday 27th September.

E.V. Charging points.

Emails – Craig Fraser has raised the issue. Needs to be followed up.

Are CCDT following up with this issue?

Other Meetings.

Black Isle Communities Zoom Meetings – new schedule has been notified – bi-weekly. Open to other C&DCC Members.

AGENDA ITEM F – PORTFOLIO REPORTS (ALAN PLAMPTON)

Cromarty & District Community Council Meeting – 28th September 2021

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5. **Housing** No further developments re the Inner Moray Firth Development Plan. The independent arbiter, on the Daffodil Field appeal against the refusal to grant planning permission, has requested various information from the Highland Council (see below). As previously reported under MAs, the MTB Pump Track will now proceed as Albyn Housing has not objected to the proposals. Funding is now being secured.

ACTION – Information only, no action required

6. **BICC** No further news or updates. **ACTION – Information only, no action required**

7. **Community Events** The Bonfire Night Sub-Committee has requested guidance as to whether it was a sensible decision to proceed with this year's event, following the cancellation of the Rosemarkie and Inverness events. A verbal update will be given.

ACTION – Information only and possible discussion

Alan Plampton

26/09/21

PLANNING PERMISSION APPEAL: DAFFODIL FIELD, MILLER ROAD, CROMARTY, IV11 8XH

1. The reporter requires further information on the following matters:


- **Matter 1:** A plan showing the boundaries of the designated Cromarty Conservation Area.
- **Matter 2:** Details of any conservation area appraisal and planning guidance for development in Cromarty Conservation Area.
- **Matter 3:** Details of the listing description of Clunes House and Burnside Cottage.
- **Matter 4:** A plan showing the location of all listed buildings, and their listing description, within Cromarty Conservation Area situated east of Hugh Millers Cottage, including confirmation of the listing status of the wall south of the appeal site on Miller Road.
- **Matter 5:** A copy of the Historic Environment Scotland publication 'Managing Change in the Historic Environment: Asset Management' published in April 2019.
- **Matter 6:** A copy of the Historic Environment Scotland publication "Managing Change in the Historic Environment; Setting".

2. **The following party is being asked to provide this information:** The Highland Council (Matters 1 - 6)

3. **What do you do now?** Can The Highland Council please send the requested information to this office by **13 October 2021** and at the same time send a copy to the appellant c/o Bidwells. Please note you should only provide the information requested and do not need to repeat any earlier points as all previous correspondence will be taken into account by the reporter.

4. **What happens next?** On receipt of the information, this office will circulate the information to all of the interested parties. The appellant and all interested parties will then have 14 days to comment on the information supplied by The Highland Council, if they wish to do so. We will write to all parties confirming the deadline for comment on the new information. These comments should be sent to me. Following the final round of comments and circulation, the written submissions procedure will be brought to a close, and you may only provide any additional information beyond this date if specifically asked to do so by DPEA

AGENDA ITEM G – PORTFOLIO REPORTS (PAIGE SHEPHERD).

<p><u>Bus Services and Road Surfaces</u></p>	<p>No new updates regarding bus services.</p> <p>There have been a number of repairs done to the road surfaces in Cromarty but people are encouraged to report problems on the road to the Highland Council https://www.highland.gov.uk/info/20005/roads_and_pavements/96/road_faults</p>
<p><u>Planning</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Erection of house and garage  <div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>1 Sutor Court Cromarty Mains Cromarty Ref. No: 21/04322/FUL Received: Fri 10 Sep 2021 Validated: Fri 10 Sep 2021 Status: Under Consideration</p> </div>