



Cromarty and District Community Council

Approved minutes of meeting held on

Monday 30th September 2024, 730pm

Virtually via Microsoft Teams and in person at The Victoria Hall

Present

Community Councillors: Paige Shepherd (PS) - Chairwoman, Alan Plampton (AP) – Treasurer, Alan Rycroft (AR) and Nigel Shapcott (NS).

Youth Member: Allan Munro (AM)

Highland Councillor(s):

Member(s) of the public: Sheila Currie (CCDT – director)

Minute Secretary: Claire Fraser (CF)

1. Chair's Welcome & Apologies

PS welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies from Andy Thurgood (Vice Chair)

PS, NS, AM, SC and AP were all present from The Victoria Hall.

CF and AR attended online via Microsoft Teams (although CF didn't join until 8pm).

2. Declarations of Interest

No changes to declarations since meeting of 26th October 2020

3. Approval of previous minutes, 26th August 2024

The minutes were approved by AP and seconded by AM

9. Any Other Business (brought forward by Chairwoman)

Cromarty Community Development Trust

East Church Hall

Longer time scale than they'd expected due to being a 'common good asset' resulting in a slower pace than they'd like. Is however giving them time to gather all business plans together and consider all options.

Unit 2 – Whitedykes

Scottish Land Fund have confirmed there is funding available for a community asset transfer. As with all community asset transfers a public engagement will be sought. Hopeful that the unit will be used in conjunction with the campsite given its location but open to the idea for an independent use also (provided it won't impact the campsite revenue – i.e. too much noise etc).

Campsite

Continues to do well, excellent reviews, still continuing to be busy throughout the colder months. Concerned re. the speed of traffic leaving and entering the town via the shore road – in discussions with us about this already (following up with THC).

Were looking for support for volunteers in the community for the odd weekend shift (as the employees they have are week-based only). Have had a good response to this and a rota is being prepared.

Have submitted an application to Crown Estate Scotland to fund an additional development officer post – they are optimistic about this. Have also been working alongside The Cromarty Harbour Trust with this application as THT were also putting a bid in and were looking for support from other community organisations. AP confirmed C&DCC also supported this.

As already mentioned in previous minutes Scottish Government confirmed there would be no more funding available for **new** positions but there is also no confirmation that they will continue their current funding from March 2025 for Julie Macrae's current position.

Next meeting

Monday 7th October at Cromarty Old Buoy Store at 6pm.
PS confirmed she will attend.

Goalposts

SC confirms that they are waiting for quotes from contractor to supply the goalposts. Hopeful this will be done soon so the goalposts can be purchased and delivered to the links.

Association of British Ports

SC confirmed she'd read about this in our last minutes and was interested to learn more as it was the first time anything had been mentioned about it. Could we advise the community about this soon. Discussion opened to provide SC more information on what was advised to us and how we came about the information however ALL members agreed that we don't have anything concrete to tell anyone yet (other than what was published in the minutes). Waiting for ABP to report back with updates.

Reeds Loop

NS advised SC of the more recent damage to Reeds Loop and advised that there needs to be a long term solution sought, we can probably deal with the short term. Everyone agreed that the original funding came via Nature Scot (with the help from CCDT), but SC is concerned that due to it being coastal erosion now, Nature Scot are unlikely to provide more funding.

NS asked if CCDT are in a position to help us source funding to maintain/come up with a solution for this walkway. SC to report back at their next meeting and come up with some suggestions. Also open to contacting Nature Scot first to see if they can support.

Nigg Pier

NS showed SC the pictures of Nigg Pier to confirm it's condition/deterioration. We aren't sure who owns it/has responsibility for it yet but looking for some support from CCDT and how we could go about improving its condition before it collapses completely (as this would cause obstructions in the waterway which would impact the ferry).

Although it's on the other side of the water to us, it's still a Black Isle issue and could impact our hope for a 'year round' ferry. C&DCC to find out who owns it, and to contact Nigg & Shandwick Community Council to see if they would like to be involved in our discussions.

SC will also report on this at CCDT next meeting and see if any of the directors have any other ideas for the repair work/can come up with a solution. We should be able to confirm the owner of the pier by the 7th.

Minute secretary note - SC left the meeting 20:05pm.

4. Matters Arising from previous minutes, 26th August 2024

1. (4.1 – Little movement with THC on TMP and 20mph in urban areas until 2025.) **On hold.**
2. (4.2 – To speak to Wanda re. redesign of Cromarty Sign). Ongoing. **Action – PS.**
3. (4.3 – To resubmit photos of fly tipping at Whitedykes to THC (more recent reports)). Ongoing. **Action – KM.**
4. (4.4 – Potential to involve the Primary School with Links Shrubbery continuous maintenance). **On hold.**
5. (4.5 – To confirm when funding from Stagecoach has been received). **Action – AP.**
6. (4.6 – New application submitted to SSEN for emergency resilience training). **DISCHARGED.**
7. (4.7 – To follow up the youth mentoring program with Dom post exams). **Action – KM**
8. (4.8 – To contact Lyndsey to clarify some points regarding housing qualifications for social housing poster). PS has spoken to Sarah – public information notice to be prepared. **Action – PS.**
9. (4.9 – To speak to THC re. replacing equipment in Victoria Park). Ongoing. **Action – PS.**
- 10.(4.10 – To catch up with Kari re. email to J Nightingale about Pirates Graveyard). **Action – PS.**
- 11.(4.11 – PS to follow up with SA re. Cromarty sign at bus shelter (who’s responsible?)). Meeting to be arranged. **Action – PS.**
- 12.(4.12 - To speak to Denis (resident) re. hedge options for the park). Ongoing. **Action – KM**
- 13.(4.13 – To discuss with AP where shouldn’t be mowed at the Hugh Miller Monument so stakes can go in, and posters put up to stop contractors). **Action – KM**
- 14.(4.14 – To speak to Ingrid and John at THC re. use of weed killer in the town & maintenance of the graveyards – meeting with SA to be arranged). **Action – PS**
- 15.(4.15 – To discuss later the idea of a composting toilet at The South Sutor Car Park). **Action - ALL.**
- 16.(4.16 – Public meeting to be held re. parking byelaws around Cromarty (include alongside Community Place Plan meeting)). **Action – ALL.**
- 17.(4.18 – To see if Kari is willing to be involved in tourism portfolio). Ongoing. **Action – PS.**
- 18.(4.20 – Awaiting response from Ingrid @ THC re. meeting about Townlands Park (Arranged via SA). **Action – PS.**
- 19.(4.21 – Rector of Academy to be asked to keep record of Stagecoach). **On hold.**
- 20.(4.22 – Awaiting a reply from Ian Moncrieffe at HTC re. Farness Road – meeting to be arranged via SA). Discussed in further detail amongst portfolios. **Discharged.**
- 21.(4.24 – To discuss recruitment for TVH committee). Ongoing. **Action – CF.**
- 22.(4.25 – Potential sub-committee to be created re. Freeport etc (long-term project)). **Action - AT.**
- 23.(4.27 – To be the communicator for the residents with CGU/Highland Broadband). Ongoing. **Action – AT.**

24.(4.29 – To contact waste management re. the oil spill kit that was dropped off to TVH). Ongoing. **Action – SA.**

25.(4.30 – To arrange a separate meeting re. noise monitoring). **Action – ALL.**

26.(4.32 – To recruit litter picker volunteers ASAP). Ongoing. **Action – ALL.**

27.(4.33 – To gather ideas to celebrate 50 years of community councils (in 2027))! **Action – ALL.**

28.(4.34 – Finance and location of additional defibrillator @ Townlands to be sought). Ongoing. **Action – AP.**

29. (4.35 – Awaiting guidance from THC re. what's their responsibility and what should fall to C&DCC to maintain around the town). Reply received and meeting arranged with AT/AP to walkaround town and discuss in more detail. Provisionally booked w/c 7th October). **Action – AP/AT.**

30. (4.36 – Rota being prepared for dog-bin emptying in town). Ongoing. **Action – AP.**

31. (4.37 – To follow up with THC re. grass cutting as certain areas are now so long cars can't see children round corners/has become hazardous). **Action – SA.**

32.(4.41 – To email SA re. dogs in the park and see if there's any preventative action we can take – meeting being arranged). **Action – PS.**

33. (4.42 – To follow up with Louise @ Cromarty Fire Service re. public consultation and recruitment information). Messaged today – response awaited. **Action – PS.**

5. Youth Issues

School bus

Continues to be late arriving at Fortrose Academy.

PS thanks AM for messaging her as and when the incidents happen – will continue to follow up with Stagecoach monthly until the issues are resolved.

For information:

Bus is meant to leave at 8.18am but even if it left on time it still gets to school late (8.45am) for those needing to attend Breakfast Club. AM thinks it would be better leaving Cromarty at 8.10am. There is a public bus that leaves at the exact same time, also going via the school in the morning. All members agree that there is no need for them both to go to the same location.

AM confirmed the same happens at the end of the day, there are 2 x buses waiting to pick the pupils up – only one is needed! Seems like such a waste of resources.

PS will bring all of this up with Stagecoach, Sarah Atkin (SA) and the acting rector of Fortrose Academy. **Action – PS.**

Streetlights

Streetlight @ entrance to Townlands is completely covered by trees creating a dark spot. AM to send photos to PS & what 3 words location. PS will then follow up with THC. **Action – AM/PS.**

Gritting

AP and AM discussed and agreed that the trikes should be out of the sheddie by the school holidays (week ending 11/10/24). This will give AM time to organize everything. AP to check this date is ok with Cromarty Care Project. **Action – AP.**

Confirmed that the new grit bins provided aren't in ideal locations. AP asked AM to advise Fraser Thompson at The Youth Café and he can contact THC about moving them to alternative places. One is on the Harbour (will deteriorate quickly here), the other has been placed by the Salmon Bothy. **Action – AM.**

Thanks were expressed to AM for his contribution and he left the meeting at 20.18pm.

6. **Treasurer's Report**

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

Only major movement this month was the receipt of our community council grant from THC.

AP also confirmed that (as per emails circulated) the establishment of community councils as a whole is about to be reviewed, and things are likely to change!

There were no further comments.

7. **Victoria Hall (VH) Report including Youth Café**

The Victoria Hall Report (**Appendix C**) that was prepared by AP, plus the Youth Café Powerpoint presentation prepared by Fraser Thompson (**available on Cromarty Live**) were circulated prior to the meeting.

Victoria Hall:

The sustainability project is on hold just now – there's now a smart meter installed at the hall. Reports are available to review if necessary. NS asked to see a copy so AP to pass round. **Action – AP.**

Use of hall is free residents in the event of a funeral. This is proving to be popular and there are no plans to change this arrangement.

PS was asked if we knew the location of a certain piece of equipment that used to be at the West Church – AP confirmed it hadn't come to TVH and to try the Courthouse. PS to look into. **Action – PS**

Aware the playgroup numbers have been down and AP advised that most of the attendees are from outwith the town. CF confirmed this to be correct, and most of the children will be starting nursery in 2025 so numbers will drop further next year. Members want to support but not sure how we can improve the attendance. To ask organiser if they'd like us to add something to the newsletter this month and to let us know if there's anything we can do. CF attending this week so will report back. **Action – CF.**

The Youth Café:

Not much to report - October programme is starting soon

There were no further comments or questions.

8. **Members' Reports**

8.1 **Portfolio Reports:**

Portfolio Reports prepared by AR, NS, AP, PS and AT (**Appendix D-H**) were circulated prior to the meeting.

Alan:

Pleased to confirmed PS has been nominated as a director of the governance group for the Black Isle Place Plan.

The next step is to advertise/recruit for people from the community to sit on the board of governance – this will be happening soon.

Nige:

Reeds Loop/South Sutor/Sign Damage:

See the recent damage to Reeds Loop and the surrounding areas, including the sign on the entrance that is no longer held in the ground (as reported to us by a resident).

Discussion started and all members agreed that NS should ask John Whyte to maintain the area as described in report and will follow the rest of the issues up with THC. **Action – NS.**

As previously reported – have reached out to CCDT for help as they may be able to secure additional funding to repair the coastal erosion.

Highland Local Access Group

NS confirmed he is a representative on the board of this group and is disappointed to report that the 2 applications from CCDT on behalf of Cromarty (in relation to The East Church Hall plus provision of a year round ferry) weren't funded.

Black Isle Swimming Pool

Have yet to receive a response to the letter that was sent

Nigg Pier

From recent correspondence NS reported that Nigg Pier is in a serious state of repair and is very unsafe to be left as it is. Could disintegrate in the next bout of bad weather. As already reported we are involving CCDT in this discussion too as impacts the Black Isle as a whole so helpful to involve all community groups. PS to speak to SA about the pier to see what she suggests. **Action – PS.**

Cromarty Harbour Trust

Crane out on Friday 4th October to remove the boats (weather permitting). Expect slight disruptions.

Paige:

Farness Road

Urgent email re. the state of Farness Road – to speak to SA about this as THC must repair it. THC previously been advised that it's not on the 2025 emergency plan/road map but the road is in really bad condition now so something needs done. PS to also respond to residents with an update. **Action – PS.**

Alan R:

Police Scotland

Is disappointed that there is still no update from Police Scotland re. the community liaison officer. Was hoping to be able to contact them directly about the recent situation at the community larder (misuse of the produce/theft). Will continue to chase this up.

There were no further comments on members' portfolios.

8.2 The Highland Council:

SA unable to attend tonight's meeting so no comments.

8.3 Correspondence Received:

Well Lane/Planning

Multiple residents corresponding with us re. the recent fence erection on Well Lane (2 x emails plus further non-documented complainants).

All members agreed that it should be referred to THC as it's a throughfare access road. We're not sure on whether planning was required or not so we just need to establish the position. PS to contact planning on behalf of C&DCC. **Action – PS.**

Reeds Loop

Correspondence from resident re. Reeds Loop (although directed to Phillip Waite @ THC). NS dealing with this under his portfolio.

9. **Any Other Business (continued..)**

Town bins

After recent discussion with a resident we are aware we need to explain to the public re. the emptying and the use of the town bins (as it differs to the residential bins). **Action – AP.**

Councillor Helen Crawford

C&DCC had supported Helen's motion (had been emailed to us earlier in the month). A decision on this motion was to be made today. CF checked Facebook for updates during the meeting and all members were delighted to see that it had been granted (33 votes vs 31)!

Remembrance

Invite Angus W (deputy left lieutenant) to our remembrance ceremony – he can only say yes or no (we've nothing to lose by inviting him). We aren't actually aware of the arrangements for this year's ceremony however so PS to speak to PR first and then pass the details on. **Action - PS.**

There were no further comments or questions.

10. **Date of next meeting**

Next meeting – Monday 28th October 2024 at 730pm

All members agree that we should invite The Courthouse to attend our next meeting – give them a slot of around 20 minutes, from 730pm (i.e. at the start of the meeting).

NS confirmed he will be away but can join via teams.

Meeting ended at 21.08pm.

APPENDIX A
Agenda Item 6
Treasurer's Report Notes

1. **AMOUNTS RECEIVABLE/PAID IN ADVANCE** still reflects the £150 planning fee STILL to be repaid by Stagecoach. **FOR INFORMATION ONLY**
2. **AMOUNTS PAYABLE** still reflects £4.50 p&p costs to possibly be repaid from our Paypal account for a publications sales overpayment, by an overseas customer, £200 that is to be used on a Primary School project possibly towards new goalposts (ex OG donation). **FOR INFORMATION ONLY**
3. **SURPLUS/DEFICIT TO DATE** reflects the costs so far this year having now received the annual £472.07 HC admin grant. **FOR INFORMATION ONLY**
4. **COMMUNITY AMENITIES FUND** reflects the latest funded cost of the Reeds Loop Path and 100 Steps maintenance. **FOR INFORMATION ONLY**
5. **COMMUNITY DEFIBRILLATOR FUND** reflects the latest donations from the community and visitors in Bakery collection tin. **FOR INFORMATION ONLY**
6. **TODDLER PLAYGROUP FUND** reflects takings less monthly hall hire. **FOR INFORMATION ONLY**
7. **CROMARTY RISING FUND** reflects donations received from General Public. **FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

Alan Plampton
29/09/24

APPENDIX B
Agenda Item 6
Treasurer's Report

| Statement of Financial Position at 29th September 2024 | | | | |
|---|----------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| | | £ | £ | £ |
| Net Assets | | | <u>Movement</u> | <u>at 25/08/24</u> |
| Bank & Cash in hand balances as at 29th September 2024 | | 13,376.51 | 461.41 | 12,915.10 |
| Paypal Balance as at 29th September 2024 | | 4.50 | 0.00 | 4.50 |
| Amounts Receivable/Paid in Advance | | 150.00 | -10.00 | 160.00 |
| Amounts Payable | | -204.50 | 0.00 | -204.50 |
| Total Net Assets at 29th September 2024 | | £13,326.51 | 451.41 | £12,875.10 |
| | | £ | £ | £ |
| Represented by: | | | | |
| C&DCC Accumulated Fund Reserves at 1st April 2024 | | 1,596.69 | 0.00 | 1,596.69 |
| Surplus/ Deficit for the year to date | | 51.92 | 422.07 | -370.15 |
| | | 1,648.61 | 422.07 | 1,226.54 |
| Provision for Guidebook reprinting at 1st April 2024 | | 211.75 | 0.00 | 211.75 |
| C&DCC Amenity & Event Funds | £ | | | |
| Community Amenities Fund | 1,428.18 | | -120.00 | 1,548.18 |
| Community Event Funds ex Bonfire/Gala/S&D | 5,073.84 | 6,502.02 | 0.00 | 5,073.84 |
| Community Resilience Fund | | 336.10 | 0.00 | 336.10 |
| Cromarty Live Fund | | 0.01 | 0.00 | 0.01 |
| Community Defibrillator Fund | | 1,856.05 | 52.34 | 1,803.71 |
| Net C&DCC Reserves | | 10,554.54 | 354.41 | 10,200.13 |
| Designated Community Funds | | | | |
| Open Gardens Fund | | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Gluren bij de Buren Fund | | 125.26 | 0.00 | 125.26 |
| Toddler Playgroup Fund | | 1,438.29 | 57.00 | 1,381.29 |
| Cromarty Rising Fund | | 1,208.42 | 40.00 | 1,168.42 |
| | | £13,326.51 | 451.41 | £12,875.10 |
| Alan Plampton 29th September 2024 | | | | |

APPENDIX C
Agenda Item 7
Victoria Hall Report

1. **Bookings** - The busy winter season with regular user bookings giving us a busy diary. **ACTION – Information only, no action required**
2. **Repairs & Maintenance** - Nothing new or major to report. **ACTION – Information only, no action required**
3. **Sheddie** - Awaiting a date for the CCP Trikes to be moved to winter quarters. SSEN application for renewed funding of our Community Resilience Fund submitted. **ACTION – Information only, no action required**
4. **Youth Café** - Latest monthly report is attached. **ACTION – Information only**

Alan Plampton - VHMC
29/09/24

APPENDIX D
AGENDA ITEM 8 - PORTFOLIO REPORTS
ALAN RYCROFT

Police Liaison

I am disappointed to report that *Police Scotland* remain unable to nominate a permanent liaison officer for us, and my efforts to finally achieve that aim are ongoing. However, pending that desirable outcome, my regular contact has provided me with a very brief verbal report for this month, the details of which were as follows:-

There was a minor disturbance in *The Plough* public house in Rosemarkie recently, but no issues to report in Cromarty itself at this time.

APPENDIX E
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NIGEL SHAPCOTT

HC Core Path report - Reeds Loop Path, Lady's Walk, 100 Steps

Reeds Loop Path has been mowed and tall growth at the far end has been cut back. As reported before, the path is now reopened and is in use with notices saying take appropriate care. The path is showing significant wear and tear due to poor weather but is still being used. We have carried out small alterations to the path to allow people to avoid sharp drop offs. But further repairs are required, please see attached photos. There is also a letter from a resident to discuss. Limited communication with THC.



100 Steps

See above. Following our meeting with CCDT we have produced a 1st draft of a generic grant proposal for significant path maintenance using ChatGPT. No change.

Highland Local Access Group Meeting

As reported before - there has been an announcement for grant applications on 17th June, deadline 17th July. 57 of about 100 grants were reviewed and later discussed by Team Meeting on 21st August. No Cromarty projects were funded: one was for a feasibility study for year-round ferry services to allow access to work and training opportunities in Nigg; the other was for renovation work of the East Church Hall.

Cromarty Harbour Trust (CHT)

The Cromarty Boat Club is planning the Crane-out for 4th October, subject to weather and closely involving the Harbour Trust. Three pontoons will be set down on the grass area as they need converting as per the two that were done last year. They may need to remain there for the winter.

Shed being erected in West corner of the grassy area at the harbour. This has been agreed with the Estate etc. This will be used to house our equipment such as our Oil Spill Kit and work tools. Also gives volunteers an area where they can repair things out of the rain. There is a further benefit that it tidies up an area that is frequent the host for debris.

The matter of a chair! The story went viral and whilst humorous, see <https://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/anger-chair-dumped-uks-most-33706326>, there is an element of seriousness about it. The last couple of weeks was tricky around the harbour due to incoming mackerel and those wishing to fish. We managed, but littering did happen, and lines and hooks again were left behind. We just want users to be responsible and to take their rubbish away with them. I have read the suggestion that we should put bins onto the harbour. This just isn't an option as it would be a commercial disposal. We do not have the same problem on the pontoon.

Black Isle Swimming Pool

We've written to the Black Isle Swimming Pool Foundation again and no reply has been received.

Cromarty Care Project (CCP) - Alison Sellar

Lunch Club

The Lunch Club will re-convene on Monday 7th October at the Fishertown Inn.

Classic Film Club Funding

As you may have noticed in the Sept Newsletter, we have been awarded funding from the Port Authority for one year, with a view to continuation beyond.

Community Larder

We are concerned that some people are stockpiling from the larder. We posted about this in the September Newsletter and on FB. If it were just a couple of local folk, it could probably be handled in the community. However, we also have reason to think that folk are coming from outside the Black Isle and clearing a substantial amount from the shelves. We don't have strong evidence of the culprits as yet, but Trustees are monitoring closely, with help from our Larder volunteers. We think it's important that the Larder is available to those in need 24/7 and we don't want to go down the route of locking it. We also don't want to make a huge issue in the community about stockpiling, because that might deter people who would otherwise donate. We'll keep you posted.

The collaboration with Cromarty Primary

CCP will try to access funding to help with costs of this session's school trips (as we did, so successfully, last year). As part of our intergenerational work, the school have invited the Lunch Club members to attend their panto in December. Also, in conjunction with the Four Ways, CCP are funding a panto, to which the whole school will be invited.

AGM

We intend to hold our AGM a little earlier this year, on 22nd October at the Old Buoys Store. Jim Templeton will be retiring and Alison Seller will be stepping down as Secretary, to be replaced by Jane Bentley. AS will continue to focus on fundraising and will take on Jim's role as reporter to OSCR.

APPENDIX F
AGENDA ITEM 8 - PORTFOLIO REPORT
ALAN PLAMPTON

1. BICC meetings took place on 3rd and 23rd September. Notes/Minutes from the last meeting are attached. **ACTION – Information, no action required**
2. Housing - No further updates from Albyn Housing re CM01. **ACTION – Information only, no action required**
3. Events - No further updates. **ACTION – Information only, no action required**
4. Defibrillators - The new Townlands unit to be installed. Liaising with Cromarty Arts over dates, as they are planning to install one up at the Stables. **ACTION – Information only, no action required**

Alan Plampton 29/09/24

APPENDIX G
AGENDA ITEM 8 - PORTFOLIO REPORTS
ANDY THURGOOD

Meetings attended

I attended the virtual Port of Cromarty Firth Community Councils Annual Public meeting on 26th September. The presentation was made available on YouTube, as a live stream, and can be accessed post-meeting.

Correspondence





I had email correspondence with Julie Macrae (CCDT) concerning the speed of vehicles entering Cromarty on the coast road. Cromarty Camping have received some complaints, and I have emailed the Roads team at Highland Council, requesting a site meeting to review both the speeding issue, and potholes on the road, as potentially these could be dealt with together, and deliver a potential cost benefit for the Highland Council. Disappointingly, after two emails, and three weeks, I have yet to receive a response. As an aside, a Roads team representative has been requested to attend the Ward 9 Meeting in October.

Noise and other nuisance from the Firth

A potential noise complaint has been identified from one of the known sufferers. This is to be investigated by Gregor MacCormick at THC Environmental Health. I've had email correspondence with Gregor this week about THC EH failing to investigate a similar complaint in July, and potentially report both to Port of Nigg and Port of Cromarty Firth, or indeed, trigger the next phase of noise monitoring. I have raised the point that the monitoring that has been undertaken to date, uses data from the winter period. The July complaint that wasn't investigated could have potentially trigger summer monitoring. Summer monitoring is influenced by factors such as open bedroom windows, to allow for airflow; this in turn would likely have seen elevated noise levels within the data collected. At best, this is a missed opportunity to collect and understand the nature of actual monitoring data around the specific complaint made in July.

Andy Thurgood
26/09/24

APPENDIX H
AGENDA ITEM 8 – PORTFOLIO REPORTS
PAIGE SHEPHERD

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| <p><u>Planning</u></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Internal alterations</u>  <p>The Kennels Causeway Cromarty IV11 8XJ Ref. No: 24/03890/LBC Received: Tue 10 Sep 2024 Validated: Thu 19 Sep 2024 Status: Under Consideration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Replace existing extension and conservatory with extension</u>  <p>5 Cromarty Mains Farm Cottages Cromarty IV11 8XS Ref. No: 24/03475/FUL Received: Thu 15 Aug 2024 Validated: Fri 23 Aug 2024 Status: Under Consideration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Repairs to thatch roof, reinstatement of flush ridge, renewal of gully and reharl gable</u>  <p>Miller Cottage Church Street Cromarty IV11 8XA Ref. No: 24/03432/LBC Received: Mon 12 Aug 2024 Validated: Mon 09 Sep 2024 Status: Under Consideration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Retrospective provision of dwelling unit (subdivision of larger dwelling)</u>  <p>Bellevue House Church Street Cromarty IV11 8XA Ref. No: 24/03173/CLE Received: Mon 22 Jul 2024 Validated: Tue 03 Sep 2024 Status: Under Consideration</p> |
| <p><u>Town Maintenance</u></p> | <p>The community payback scheme cut back the ivy and cleared the debris at the opening of the Graveyard. There have been several compliments of the work and I have thanked the officer in charge for their efforts and hard work.</p> |
| <p><u>Road Conditions</u></p> | <p>Farness Road has been of some concern to residents for some time now. A the time of first contact I was made aware by Highland Council that the road was not on there upgrade list. The road has now deteriorated further and we urgently need to speak to the Highland Council to made repairs. I have all photographs saved and will speak to Sarah A about where best to direct this further</p> |
| <p><u>Fortrose Academy Bus</u></p> | <p>4 Late Days for the Fortrose Bus document being made</p> |