



Cromarty and District Community Council

Minutes of the
Extraordinary Meeting
held on
Tuesday 12th May 2020, 7.30pm
via video link due to Covid-19 restrictions

Minutes
Approved
19.5.2020

Present

Community Councillors: Peter Ratcliffe (PR) Chair, Diane Brawn (DB) Secretary, Tiffany Jones (TJ), Kari Macgee (KM), Gabriele Pearson (GP) & Nigel Shapcott (NS)
Highland Councillor(s): & Cllr Craig Fraser (CF)
Community Council Minute Secretary: Gillian McNaught

1	<p><u>Chairman's Welcome</u> PR welcomed everyone to the video conference meeting.</p> <p><u>Apologies:</u> Alan Plampton (AP) Treasurer & Gregor Fox (GF)</p>	
2	<p><u>Approval of Extraordinary Meeting Minutes, 5.5.2020</u></p> <p>2.1 The Minutes were proposed for approval by DB and seconded by KM. End</p>	
3	<p><u>Matters Arising from Special meeting, 5th May 2020</u></p> <p>3.1 (2.2 Update Members on progress of Cromarty Food bank). Food parcels are now in Cromarty for distribution and KM will liaise with the GP Surgery. Ongoing.</p> <p>3.2 (2.5 Progress matter of voucher system to use in local stores for those who qualify for free school meals). Members noted supermarket vouchers appear to have been distributed universally, but wished to clarify how vouchers are accessed through the Post Office for local store use. KM will contact Sheila Mckandie, HC and Julie Dinwoodie, CPS Head Teacher. Ongoing.</p> <p>3.3 (2.11 Report back on second and future editions of the Guidance Leaflet). The second edition has been issued and work is beginning on the third. PR thanked KM for her work on this. Ongoing.</p> <p>3.4 (2.12 Report back to Members on future HC Conference Calls). PR & NS attended and noted their concerns about the lack of communication and coordination between the various groups. The lack of HC representation was disappointing and CF will ask that Managers running the services attend in future. Ongoing.</p> <p>(cont)</p>	<p>KM</p> <p>KM</p> <p>KM</p> <p>CF, PR & NS</p>

(cont)	(2.13 Complete an application for Tesco's "Bags of Help Fund" as minuted).	
3.5	Tesco funding application submitted and acknowledged. Ongoing.	AP
3.6	(4.9 Report back on future updates from Cromarty Stores). GP circulated an update from Marcel Gommers prior to the meeting. NS is meeting with Marcel this week to discuss voluntary support once Covid-19 restrictions change. Ongoing.	NS
3.7	(3.1 DB act as C&DCC Link person for Black Isle Partnership). Done. Discharged.	
3.8	(3.2 Report back to Asia Cielecka on BIP's incorrect Covid-19 information). Done. Discharged.	
3.9	(4.1 Update Members on process of appointing Assistant Youth Worker). Ongoing.	AP
3.10	(4.2 Report to HC Waste the fly tipping at Whitedykes & ascertain ownership of land). CF will follow up with HC about providing a skip for volunteers to fill and status of the Campsite planning application. Ongoing.	CF
3.11	(4.4 Progress Community Composting behind Townlands Barn). NS has had a mixed response locally. DB will write to John Nightingale to request the use of an alternative site. Ongoing.	DB
3.12	(4.5 Produce proposal and cost for potential 100 Steps path renovation project). KM walked the route and recommended that £1000 of materials and willing volunteers would cover the repair of the steps, slats and hand rails. DB will request permission in principal from John Nightingale and KM will look into possible funding. PR thanked KM for her excellent survey.	DB & KM
3.13	(4.5 CF contact Phil Waite, HC Access Officer for information on the 100 Steps). <i>Paths for All</i> a potential funding source. Discharged.	
3.14	(4.6 GM add grass cutting & fly tipping to 25.5.2020 meeting Agenda). Done. Discharged.	
End		
4	<u>Covid -19 Updates, including weekly Highland Council Conference Call</u>	
4.1	Weekly Highland Council Conference Call discussed under <i>item 3.4</i> .	
4.2	HC have announced on their website that <i>restricted</i> grass cutting in parks, burial grounds and essential road verges and roundabouts will begin. Cromarty volunteers have continued to mow general areas in town, leaving grass clippings, but Members agreed this practise was not appropriate in the burial grounds. CF will contact HC if these can be uplifted to assist the volunteer efforts.	CF
End		

5	<u>Any Other Business</u>	
5.1	NS reported that Cromarty Care Project is writing to Di Agnew to request HC representation at future Weekly Conference calls (<i>see item 3.4</i>). Members agreed the C&DCC write similarly.	DB & PR
5.2	TJ highlighted a fun scarecrow competition to help keep people occupied while at home, run by Groam House Museum. DB to post details on the CC Facebook.	DB
End		
6	<u>Date of next meeting</u>	
6.1	The next <u>Extraordinary meeting</u> is on Tuesday 19th May 2020 @ 7.30pm via video conference.	
6.2	The next <u>Ordinary meeting</u> as scheduled is on Monday 25th May 2020 @ 7.30pm via video conference.	
6.3	It was recognised that emergency meetings may need to be held at short notice for the time being.	
End		
	PR thanked everyone for attending and the meeting concluded at 8.40 pm.	

Summary of Matters Arising & Action Points

Reference	To whom allocated	Action
3.1	Kari	Update Members on progress of Cromarty Food bank
3.2	Kari	Contact Sheila Mckandie and Julie Dinwoodie about school meal vouchers through the Post Office
3.3	Kari	Report back on third and future editions of the Guidance Leaflet
3.4	Peter & Nigel	Report back to Members on future HC Weekly Conference Calls
3.4	Craig	Request HC represented at future HC Weekly Conference Calls
3.5	Alan	Report back on application to Tesco's "Bags of Help Fund"
3.6	Gabriele	Update Members on the Cromarty Stores as required
3.6	Nigel	Report back on meeting with Marcel at Cromarty Stores
3.9	Alan	Update Members on process of appointing Assistant Youth Worker
3.10	Craig	Request HC for a skip for volunteers to dispose of fly tipping & update on status of Campsite plans
3.11 & 3.12	Diane	Write to John Nightingale about alternative site for Community Composting idea and permission in principal for 100 Steps repairs
3.12	Kari	Source possible funding for 100 Steps repair project
4.2	Craig	Request HC uplift Burial Ground grass cuttings to assist volunteers
5.1	Diane & Peter	Request for HC representation at weekly conference calls
5.2	Diane	Add information to CC Facebook about scarecrow competition