



# Cromarty and District Community Council

Minutes of the  
Extraordinary Meeting  
held on  
**Tuesday 2nd June 2020, 7.30pm**  
via video link due to Covid-19 restrictions

## Present

**Community Councillors:** Peter Ratcliffe (PR) Chair, Diane Brawn (DB) Secretary, Alan Plampton (AP) Treasurer, Kari Macgee (KM), Gabriele Pearson (GP), & Nigel Shapcott (NS)

**Highland Councillor(s):** Community Council Minute Secretary: Gillian McNaught

**Minutes**  
**Approved**  
**9.6.2020**

1	<p><b><u>Chairman's Welcome</u></b> PR welcomed everyone to the video conference meeting.</p> <p><b><u>Apologies:</u></b> Tiffany Jones (TJ). No apologies received from Gregor Fox (GF) or Cllr Craig Fraser (CF)</p>	
2	<p><b><u>Matters Arising from 19th May 2020 Extraordinary Meeting, discussed on 25.5.2020</u></b></p> <p>2.1 (6a.5 Report back to Members on future HC Conference Calls). NS reported on discussions on lockdown and the effects on wellbeing and health in the community. Light easing of government restrictions has seen an increase in visitors and litter at Black Isle beauty spots. Following discussion and in line with national Covid-19 policy, Members <b>agreed</b> Cromarty public toilets have to remain <u>closed</u> until further notice. <b>Ongoing.</b></p> <p>2.2 (6a.8 Report back to Members updates from Cromarty Stores). No report this week. <b>Ongoing.</b></p> <p>2.3 (6a.9 NS report back to Members on CCP volunteer services discussions). Cromarty Stores will continue to take home delivery grocery orders, picked and delivered with the help of volunteers. Shop hours will gradually be extended. <b>Ongoing.</b></p> <p>2.4 (6a.11 Organise a skip for Whitedykes fly tipping when possible). <b>Ongoing.</b></p>	<p><b>CF, PR &amp; NS</b></p> <p><b>GP</b></p> <p><b>NS</b></p> <p><b>CF</b></p>
(cont)		

(cont)		
2.5	(6.12 Report on progress on community composting project). Sheila Currie has agreed to move this project forward. <b>Discharged.</b>	
2.6	(6a.13 Send 100 Steps repair proposal to Diane). Done. <b>Discharged.</b>	
2.7	(6a.13 Email 100 Steps repair proposal to John Nightingale). Done. No reply to date. <b>Ongoing.</b>	<b>DB</b>
2.8	(6a.13 Contact Zurich to enquire about cover for volunteers on the 100 Steps project). A quote to remove a tree before voluntary work could go ahead has been sought from Alex Grahame. KM will walk the route again to compile a risk assessment for AP to pass on to Zurich Insurers. <b>Ongoing.</b>	<b>AP &amp; KM</b>
2.9	6a.17 Report back to Members on Post Office school meal payments at HC weekly meeting). Not able to raise at meeting. <b>Discharged.</b>	
End		
<b>3</b>	<b><u>Covid -19 Updates, including weekly Highland Council Conference Call</u></b>	
3.1	NS will report back to Members following a meeting to discuss operational changes to the Dingwall Hub.	<b>NS</b>
3.2	GP reported her disappointment with progress to concerns following the standing down of First Responders. PR will email Cllr Gordon Adam and raise at next week's HC Weekly meeting.	<b>PR</b>
End		
<b>4</b>	<b><u>Any Other Business</u></b>	
4.1	<b>The Links</b> - Members discussed and <b>agreed</b> this area will remain closed.	
4.2	<b>Fly tipping</b> - KM has had difficulty ascertaining who is responsible for the waste dumped at Whitedykes and proposed writing to the CCDT and Kate Forbes MSP to clear up the matter of ownership. Members <b>agreed</b> to this action. Copy NS to take to the CCDT.	<b>KM &amp; NS</b>
4.3	NS suggested - <i>if all permissions are in place</i> - that CCP sponsor a “ mass haircut day” for Cromarty Primary School children with the help of a professional hairdresser, prior to schools re-opening. To be reviewed nearer the time.	<b>NS</b>
4.4	GP proposed that C&DCC ‘virtual’ meetings should allow Members of the public to take part. AP proposed that invitations for the two remaining video conference spaces are advertised one week prior to the 29th June meeting on CC Facebook and Agenda. The first applications received by DB will be able to join the meeting. All <b>agreed.</b>	<b>DB &amp; GM</b>
End		

<b>5</b>	<b><u>Date of next meeting</u></b>	
<b>5.1</b>	The next <u>Extraordinary Meeting</u> is on <b>Tuesday 9th June 2020 @ 7.30pm via video conference.</b>	
<b>5.2</b>	The next <u>Ordinary Meeting</u> is on <b>Monday 29th June 2020 @ 7.30pm via video conference.</b>	
<b>5.3</b>	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 8.30 pm.	

### Summary of Matters Arising & Action Points

Reference	To whom allocated	Action
2.1	Craig, Peter & Nigel	Report back to Members on future HC Weekly Conference Calls
2.2	Gabriele	Update Members on the Cromarty Stores as required
2.3	Nigel	Update Members on further CCP discussions about volunteer services
2.4	Craig	Organise a skip for Whitedykes fly tipping when appropriate
2.7	Diane	Report back on response from John Nightingale to the 100 Steps repair project proposal
2.8	Kari	Provide risk assessment for 100 steps project
2.8	Alan	Enquire with Zurich insurance about volunteer cover for 100 steps project following Kari's risk assessment
3.1	Nigel	Report back on any operational changes to the Dingwall Hub
3.2	Peter	Email Cllr Adam to raise concerns about standing down of First Responders and discuss ay HC weekly meeting
4.2	Kari	Contact CCDT and Kate Forbes MSP to clear up ownership of land at Whitedykes. Copy in Nigel to share with the Trust
4.3	Nigel	Review possibility of CCP sponsored hair cuts for children before schools open on 11th August
4.4	Diane	Advertise 2 places for the public one week prior to the next ordinary C&DCC virtual meeting on 29th June on Facebook
4.4	Gillian	Advertise 2 places for the public one week prior to the next ordinary C&DCC virtual meeting on 29th June on the meeting Agenda