



# Cromarty and District Community Council

Minutes of meeting held on  
Monday 24th June 2019, 7.30pm  
in the Hugh Miller Institute

**Minutes**  
**Approved**  
**26.8.2019**

## Present

**Community Councillors:** Jacquie Ross (JR) Chair, Diane Brawn (DB) Secretary, Estelle Quick (EQ) Treasurer, Rosemarie Hogg (RH), Gabriele Pearson (GP)

**Youth Representative(s):** Teagan Young (TY)

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

**Police Scotland: -**

**Member(s) of the public:** Natalie Murray (NM), Assistant Youth Worker, Jon Palmer (JP), Editor of Cromarty Newsletter

**Community Council Minute Secretary:** Gillian McNaught (GM)

<b>1</b>	<b><u>Chairman's Welcome</u></b> JR welcomed everyone to the meeting following the AGM.  <b><u>Apologies:</u></b> Kenneth MacFarlane (KM), Tilly Grist (TG) Youth Representative & PC Scott Cameron (PC SC).	
<b>2</b>  End	<b><u>Declarations of Interests</u></b>  None	
<b>3</b>  <b>3.1</b>  End	<b><u>Approval of previous Minutes, 27th May 2019</u></b>  The minutes were approved by DB and seconded by RH.	
<b>4</b>  <b>4.1</b>  <b>4.2</b>  <b>4.3</b>  <b>4.4</b>  End	<b><u>Youth Issues</u></b>  TY reported to Members that Cromarty Rowing Club was presented with an award for adult learning at a recent ceremony at the UHI, Inverness.  NM had been approached with a suggestion for summertime activities or social opportunities for older residents. JR will make contact with Nigel Shapcott of Cromarty Carers in the first instance.  (Matter Arising minutes 27.5.20189, item 4.2) 'Slow' traffic signs in hand and when complete, local press will be contacted.  (Matter Arising minutes 27.5.20189, item 6.8). Discussion with young people about the possibility of a bike or skate park are ongoing.  NM & TY were thanked and left the meeting at 7.35pm.	    <b>JR</b>    <b>NM</b>   <b>NM</b>

<p><b>5</b></p> <p><b>5.1</b> End</p>	<p><b><u>Police Report</u></b></p> <p>No report this month, although Members noted the large police presence in the town during the recent Greenpeace rig protests.</p>	
<p><b>6</b></p> <p><b>6.1</b></p> <p><b>6.2</b></p> <p><b>6.3</b></p> <p><b>6.4</b></p> <p><b>6.5</b></p> <p><b>6.6</b></p> <p><b>6.7</b></p> <p><b>6.8</b></p> <p><b>6.9</b></p> <p><b>6.10</b></p> <p><b>6.11</b></p> <p><b>6.12</b></p> <p>(cont)</p>	<p><b><u>Matters Arising</u></b></p> <p>(4.2 Involve Juniors in making an A3 ‘slow down’ sign for Townlands). Discussed under 4.3. <b>Discharged.</b></p> <p>(4.2 Laminate the above sign). <b>Discharged.</b></p> <p>(6.2 Report back on request via Chris Ratter about CFPA keeping community informed in advance of rig movements). No reply, DB will follow up again. <b>Ongoing.</b></p> <p>(6.3 Follow up on a response from HC about siting of bench at sheltered housing). HC responded but the proposal has to be more detailed. Restrictions about the type of bench would apply. <b>Ongoing.</b></p> <p>(6.5 Request additional deer warning signs for Learnie). Two signs are already in place but CF will request another for Learnie Red Rocks area. <b>Ongoing.</b></p> <p>(6.7 Continue to liaise with gritting squad over outcome of hand gritter test and purchase of best option). <b>Ongoing.</b></p> <p>(6.8 Follow up with school and YC on proposal for skate or bike park provision). (see item 4.4). <b>Discharged.</b></p> <p>(6.9 Continue to monitor burial procedures). No issues. <b>Ongoing.</b></p> <p>(6.10 Organise a visit to Youth Cafe ref CCDT). <b>Ongoing.</b></p> <p>(6.11 Continue to monitor the emptying of graveyard waste bin) <b>Ongoing.</b></p> <p>Request uplift of ivy cuttings. Done. <b>Discharged.</b></p> <p>(6.12 Follow up on alternative market stalls storage). EQ made enquires to HC about vacant Townlands Garages. No response to date so JR to raise with Ward Manager Di Agnew this week. <b>Ongoing.</b></p> <p>(6.13 Keep Members informed of ‘Choose Life’ events). One year on from the first ‘Conversation Cafe’, an event on Thursday 27th June will look at key areas of the community in need of support and a presentation by Ross shire Voluntary Action will highlight assistance available for community groups. <b>Ongoing.</b></p>	<p><b>DB</b></p> <p><b>CF</b></p> <p><b>CF</b></p> <p><b>EQ</b></p> <p><b>JR</b></p> <p><b>JR</b></p> <p><b>JR</b></p> <p><b>EQ &amp; JR</b></p> <p><b>JR</b></p>

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6.13	(6.15 Follow up Tractor Insurance reimbursement from HC). No satisfactory resolution to date, so JR to raise with Di Agnew this week. <b>Ongoing.</b>	JR
6.14	(6.20 Keep Members informed of Townlands Barn Architect visit and plans in discussion with Albyn and HC). <b>Ongoing.</b>	EQ
6.15	(6.21 Report to Members once Townlands Barn plans received). <b>Ongoing.</b>	EQ & JR
6.16	(6.23 Liaise with Jon Palmer and produce a trial run of hard copies of the June Cromarty Newsletter). This will be done for the July newsletter. EQ will check how many newsletters were picked up from outlets in May and JR will liaise with Cromarty Carers for advice about distributing the hard copies. <b>Ongoing.</b>	EQ & JR
6.17	(6.27 Organise a pre meeting after August to bring CCDT & C&DCC together for discussions). <b>Ongoing.</b>	JR & EQ
6.18	(6.33 Prepare for Public Meeting to discuss proposed Traffic Management Plan and Nigg Development and opportunity for community to vote). Done. <b>Discharged.</b>	
6.19	(6.34 Write to resident as minuted about extra waste bins). Done. <b>Discharged.</b>	
6.20	(8.4 Register C&DCC as consultee for Inner Moray Firth Plan). Done. GP to forward log in details already set up to DB). <b>Discharged.</b>	
6.21	(8.5 Organise meeting with Tim Stott, Principal Planner at HC Planning & Development Team& C&DCC). A date has provisionally been set for August to discuss community issues relating to the Inner Moray Firth consultation ( <i>see minutes 27.5.2019, item 8.4</i> ). <b>Ongoing.</b>	CF & ALL
6.22	(10.2(c) Object on behalf of C&DCC to Biomass Boiler planning as minuted). Done. <b>Discharged.</b>	
6.23	(10.4(b) Send details to Cromarty Newsletter editor of new CFPA reporting system for rig issues). Done. <b>Discharged.</b>	
6.24	(10.5(a) Organise temporary cordon to manage Links parking). Sourcing appropriate cordon ongoing. Members noted that the Links area absorbed a great deal of parking requirements over the Gardens Open weekend and if this had been restricted the town may have been unable to cope with parked vehicles. <b>Ongoing.</b>	JR
6.25	(10.5(b) Jacquie pass on details and Gillian email C&DCC representative Harbour Trustees in order to send them C&DCC meeting information). <b>Ongoing.</b>	JR & GM
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6.26	(11.2 Update Members on progress of East Church repairs). <b>Ongoing.</b>	CF
6.27	(11.3 Progress maintenance of Links shrubbery). <b>Ongoing.</b>	CF
6.28	(11.4 Follow up poor grass cutting with HC). CF sent photographs to HC and has noticed improvements, although there are still complaints about grass cutting in Townlands. This requires further monitoring and CF encourages residents to report poor standards of ground maintenance. <b>Ongoing.</b>	CF
6.29	(11.5 Contact Stagecoach about their insurance covering links bus shelter damage and ask HC about moving kerb). Discussed under item 11.2. <b>Discharged.</b>	
6.30	(11.6 Follow up on Braehead potholes). Photographs sent to HC. Will follow up again. <b>Ongoing.</b>	CF
6.31	(12.1 Follow up on what is required and then sourcing accommodation for tv series). Accommodation found. <b>Discharged.</b>	
6.32	(12.3 Look further into the BT Adopt a Kiosk scheme). DB has done initial research. <b>Ongoing.</b>	DB
6.33	(13.1 Request an arial view of Nigg development for clarity). Requested. <b>Ongoing.</b>	JR
End		
7	<b><u>Treasurer's Report</u></b>	
7.1	EQ circulated her report prior to the meeting, and presented to Members ( <b>Appendix A</b> ).	
7.2	The Cromarty Guidebook reprint is complete. Expenditure will be recouped through sales.	
7.3	The Data Protection annual renewal has been paid.	
	EQ was thanked for her report.	
End		
8	<b><u>Cromarty Community Development Trust (CCDT)</u></b>	
8.1	The <b>Thrift Shop</b> has made just over £2000 in ten Saturday openings.	
8.2	The <b>Rural Transport Infrastructure Fund</b> awarded £300,000 for the project to repair slipways and create campsite facilities at Whitedykes. Further support and match funding has yet to be confirmed, but preparatory work is being carried out on plans and costs by architects.	JR
8.3	EQ reported that the CCDT is now VAT registered.	
End		

<p>9</p> <p>9.1</p> <p>End</p>	<p><b><u>Victoria Hall Management Committee (VHMC) Report</u></b></p> <p>Alan Plampton (AP) informed Members it had been another quiet month.</p>	
<p>10</p> <p>10.1</p> <p>10.2</p> <p>10.3</p> <p>(a)</p> <p>(b)</p> <p>10.4</p> <p>(a)</p> <p>(b)</p> <p>10.5</p> <p>(a)</p> <p>(b)</p> <p>End</p>	<p><b><u>Community Councillors' Portfolios</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Estelle Quick</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 'No Dogs Allowed' signs for the Victoria Park is on order with McBride Signs, but delayed due to staff illness. EQ will follow up.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Rosemarie Hogg</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complaints received from residents about the poor grass cutting in areas around Townlands. (<i>Discussed in 6.28</i>)</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Gabriele Pearson</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Planning Report</b> - objection to Biomass Boilers submitted on behalf of the C&amp;DCC (<i>Minutes 27.5.2019 item 10.2(c)</i>). No new plans.</li> <li>• A recent letter has been added to the HC planning page relating to the <b>Daffodil Field</b>, indicating that the six Traffic Management objections in place last November are now reduced to two.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Diane Brawn</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DB gave apologies for the next <b>Joint Port Authority</b> meeting on 24th July. CFPA now compiles a newsletter which DB will forward to Jon Palmer for inclusion in the Cromarty Newsletter.</li> <li>• DB to forward Stagecoach's Bus Timetable consultation to JP for newsletter and NM for the younger bus users.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Jacquie Ross</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HC Planning has sent a letter to John Nightingale following the high volume of visitors using <b>The Links</b> as a campsite. Discussions are ongoing at HC and John Nightingale will keep JR informed.</li> <li>• The old sheds are demolished and the next phase of work will begin at <b>The Harbour</b>. Some temporary traffic measures will be in place for the filming of the Landscape Artists of the Year (<i>see Minutes 27.5.2019, item 12.1</i>).</li> </ul>	<p><b>EQ</b></p> <p><b>DB</b></p> <p><b>DB</b></p> <p><b>JR</b></p>

<p>11</p> <p>11.1</p> <p>11.2</p> <p>End</p>	<p><b><u>Highland Councillor (HC) Report</u></b></p> <p>Discomfort for Trishaw passengers has highlighted several road defects, particularly the uneven surface at the junction of High Street and Church Street. CF has sent an invitation to HC officials take a hurl and experience the issues.</p> <p>CF has received several complaints about the <b>Stagecoach</b> bus service, causing serious disruption to passengers travelling to work or appointments. CF is liaising with Stagecoach about their poor reliability and working with Cllr Gordon Adam to get Black Isle CC's and passenger representatives together.</p>	<p>CF</p> <p>CF</p>
<p>12</p> <p>12.1</p> <p>12.2</p> <p>12.3</p> <p>12.4</p> <p>12.5</p> <p>12.6</p> <p>12.7</p> <p>12.8</p> <p>End</p>	<p><b><u>Correspondence</u></b></p> <p>Information received from the <b>Glasgow Science Centre On Tour</b>, bringing science shows to communities. Bookings in July or August 2019 will receive a third discount.</p> <p>The <b>Ross shire Voluntary Action</b> June newsletter received.</p> <p>Media release from Highland Council launching a Call for Sites and Core Paths for the Inner Moray firth area. This provides interested parties the opportunity to highlight priorities for places and to suggest sites for future development. The Call for Sites and Core Paths lasts for 8 weeks, running from <b>Monday 3 June until Monday 29 July</b>. Feedback received will form part of the evidence for a new Local Development plan for the area.</p> <p>John Duncan, Chair of <b>Highland Historic Buildings Trust</b> sent a draft copy of a publication, <i>Cromarty Firth Kirkyard Trail</i>, written by Dr Jim Mackay of the Kirkmichael Trust to promote interest in the history and culture of the area.</p> <p>Summer newsletter received from the <b>Highland Senior Citizens Network (HSCN)</b>.</p> <p>Information received from Stagecoach North Scotland regarding timetable consultations in June with new timetables planned to take effect from <u>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2019</u>.</p> <p>Email received from a resident highlighting Highland Dogblog's campaign "My Walk, My Bag", which encourages dog walkers to carry an extra bag and help the environment by collecting litter.</p> <p>JR was copied into an email of concern from <b>Cromarty Rising</b> sent to the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) following a cement cloud from a rig close to Cromarty. No response has been received and at the group's request, Members <b>agreed</b> that C&amp;DCC would contact HSE to ask for a reply.</p>	<p>JR</p>

<b>13</b>	<b><u>AOB</u></b>	
<b>13.1</b>	Following enquiries from residents about the new <b>Cromarty Cinema</b> , Members <b>agreed</b> it would be helpful to meet with representatives of the Cromarty Film Society for an update on the project. DB will contact the group to organise a date.	<b>DB</b>
<b>13.2</b>	JR will analyse and collate information gathered at the recent public meeting ( <i>see minutes 27.5.2019, item 6.33</i> ) and submit to the HC.	<b>JR</b>
End		
	<b><u>Date of next meeting</u></b> <b>Monday 26th August 2019 @ 7.30pm at the Hugh Miller Institute, Church Street, Cromarty.</b>	
	JR thanked everyone for attending and the meeting concluded at 8.40pm.	

### Summary of Matters Arising & Action Points

Reference	To whom allocated	Notes
4.2	Jacquie	Contact Nigel Shapcott, Cromarty Carers to discuss summer activities for older people
4.3	Natalie	Progress "Slow" traffic signs for Townlands and contact local press for publicity
4.4	Natalie	Progress possibility of bike or skate park with young people
6.3	Diane	follow up for a reply from Chris Ratter about CFPA keeping community informed in advance of rig movements
6.4	Craig	Progress detail of a bench at sheltered housing
6.5	Craig	Request additional deer warning signs for Learnie
6.6	Estelle	Continue to liaise with gritting squad over outcome of hand gritter test and purchase of best option
6.8	Jacquie	Continue to monitor burial procedures
6.9	Estelle	Organise a visit to Youth Cafe ref CCDT
6.10	Jacquie	Continue to monitor the emptying of graveyard waste bin
6.11	Jacquie & Estelle	Jacquie follow up with Di Agnew market stalls storage in Townlands Garages
6.12	Jacquie	Update Members about 'Choose Life' events
6.13	Jacquie	Follow up Tractor Insurance reimbursement with Di Agnew
6.14	Estelle	Keep Members informed of Townlands Barn Architect visit and plans
6.15	Jacquie & Estelle	Report to Members once Townlands Barn plans received

6.16	Estelle	Continue monitoring number of requests for newsletter hard copies
6.16	Jacque & Estelle	Produce hard copies of July Cromarty Newsletter
6.16	Jacque	Liaise with Cromarty Carers about distribution of Cromarty Newsletter
6.17	Jacque & Estelle	Organise a pre meeting after August to bring CCDT & C&DCC together for discussions
6.21	Craig & All	Confirm date of meeting with Tim Stott re: Inner Moray Firth Plan
6.24	Jacque	Source appropriate temporary cordon to manage Links parking
6.25	Jacque & Gillian	Jacque pass on details and Gillian email C&DCC representative Harbour Trustees in order to send them C&DCC meeting information
6.26	Craig	Update Members on progress of East Church repairs
6.27	Craig	Progress maintenance of Links shrubbery
6.28	Craig	Monitor grass cutting, particularly in Townlands
6.30	Craig	Follow up with HC on Braehead pothole complaints
6.32	Diane	Follow up on adopt a kiosk scheme
6.33	Jacque	Follow up on request an arial view of Nigg development for clarity
8.2	Jacque	Update Members on the RTIF project
10.1	Estelle	Follow up order of 'No dogs Allowed' signs
10.4 (a)	Diane	Forward copies of CFPA Newsletter for the Cromarty Newsletter
10.4 (b)	Diane	Forward copies Stagecoach timetable consultation to JP for the Cromarty Newsletter and NM for younger residents
10.5 (a)	Jacque	Update members on HC issues with Links & camper vans
11.1	Craig	Follow up with HC, road defects highlighted by Trishaw passengers
11.2	Craig	Progress meetings with bus passengers, CC representatives and Cllr Gordon Adam re: poor service form Stagecoach
12.8	Jacque	C&DCC request a response from Health & Safety Executive on behalf of Cromarty Rising re: cement cloud
13.1	Diane & All	Request a meeting with Film Society for a progress update
13.2	Jacque	Analyse and collate responses gathered at the recent public meeting re: TMP



**Agenda item 7.1**  
**Appendix A**

<b><u>Finance Report – Cromarty &amp; District Community Council</u></b>				
<b><u>Agenda Item No 7 - Treasurer's Report</u></b>				
<b><u>Period: 28/4/19-21/6/19</u></b>				
<b><u>General Income</u></b>				
Publications sales	£56.40	PO & HMC		
Website sale	£6.27			
Less:				
<b><u>General Expenditure</u></b>				
Guidebook reprint shortfall	£149.85			
Data protection annual renewal	£35.00			
Website postage	£1.90			
<b>Increase/Decrease in Accumulated Fund</b>	<b>£124.08</b>			
<b><u>Fund Income</u></b>				
Less:				
<b><u>Fund Expenditure</u></b>				
Provision for Guide Book reprinting - reprint	£1,120.15			
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<b>Increase/Decrease in Other Funds</b>	<b>£1,120.15</b>			
<b><u>Net Assets</u></b>				
Bank & Cash in hand balances as at 21/6/19	£12,673.18			
Paypal - website sales	£74.82			
<b>Total Net Assets at 21/6/19</b>	<b>£12,748.00</b>			
<b><u>Comprising:</u></b>				
Community Council Accumulated Fund	£1,920.73			
Provision for Guide Book reprinting	£0.00			
Seaplane Plinth Fund	£48.93			
Bonfire Night Fund	£2,155.60			
Splash & Dash Fund	£126.00			
Monday Club Fund	£25.50			
Community Development Fund	£766.70			
Gala Fund	£4,661.35			
Emergency Resilience Fund	£242.72			
Open Gardens Fund	£6.86			
Gluren bij de Buren Fund	£202.06			
Tractor Operations Fund	£110.92			
Tractor Maintenance Fund	£72.40			
Cromarty Rising Fund	£2,408.23			
	<b>£12,748.00</b>			