



Cromarty and District Community Council

Approved
Minutes
26/04/21

Minutes of the meeting held on
Monday 29th March 2021, 7.30pm
via video link due to Covid-19 restrictions

Present

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

Youth Representative(s): N/A

Highland Councillor(s): - N/A

Member(s) of the public: - Fraser Mackenzie (FM)

Community Council Minute Secretary: Claire Fraser

1	<p><u>Chairman's Welcome & Apologies</u> PS welcomed everyone to the video meeting.</p> <p>Apologies received from Teagan Young (TY) – Youth Representative, Cllr Craig Fraser (CF) and Fraser Thompson (FT) – Assistant Youth Worker.</p>	
2	<p><u>Declarations of Interests</u></p> <p>2.1 Declarations unchanged from meeting of 26th October 2020.</p>	
3	<p><u>Approval of Previous Minutes, 22nd February 2021</u></p> <p>3.1 The minutes were approved by KM and seconded by PR.</p>	
(9.11)	<p><u>Cromarty Development Trust (CDT) – Camp Site at Whitedykes</u> <i>(Minute Secretary Note – Chair brought this item forward from AOB)</i></p> <p>Fraser Mackenzie (FM) reported that planning permission and funding is in place now for the campsite at Whitedykes, and that it could be built within 2 months but there is a rather urgent matter that needs discussed.</p> <p>They'd like to create a byelaw to prevent campervans/caravans parking elsewhere in Cromarty (i.e. out-with the campsite). The CDT believe that the byelaw will have more of an impact coming from The Community Council.</p> <p>CDT to write to Community Council regarding the outline plan and C&DCC will take it from there.</p> <p><i>Minute secretary note - FM left the meeting at 19.58pm and the C&DCC discussed in further detail at the end of the meeting.</i></p> <p>End</p>	

4	<p><u>Matters Arising from previous minutes, 22nd February 2021</u></p> <p><i>Minute secretary note – Craig emailed his matters arising updates ahead of the meeting (plus other agenda items).</i></p> <p><i>Please note that any reference to THC relates to The Highland Council.</i></p>	
4.1	(4.1 Discuss proposals for shortening meeting times with new Minute Secretary). Proposals on going. Ongoing.	AP, PS & NS
4.2	(4.2 Report back on follow up with THC about possibility of Townlands parking areas being white lined). CF messaged FT. May need a short neighbour questionnaire to gauge opinion. Ongoing.	CF & FT
4.3	(4.3 Report on response to email asking if Community Payback Scheme can tidy up burial ground and sheltered housing paths). CF emailed THC for an update. Ongoing.	CF
4.4	(4.4 Report back on THC response to TMP proposals). No response from THC to emails. KM to email again. Ongoing.	KM
4.5	(4.5 Progress Welcome sign for Cromarty). FT and CF to discuss re. progressing this further (too much detail currently shown). Ongoing.	CF & FT
4.6	(4.6 Alan & Peter edit existing data on CL website and contact groups to do similar with existing files. Then contact Plexus for a quote to upgrade the site). Problems accessing the Cromarty Live Website to start amending data. Request to Plexus to reset passwords and access. Ongoing.	AP & PR
4.7	(4.7 Chase HC planning for a response ref; permit for new track at Farness). CF emailed THC planners for an update. Ongoing.	CF
4.8	(4.8 KM to take up to date photos of waste to be removed at Whitedykes and raise ticket with HC again). No update, is receiving no response. KM to send further email. Ongoing.	KM
4.9	(4.9 Put together plan for 100 steps works in Spring). Ongoing – plan being drafted to begin end of April 21 dependent on COVID restrictions and approval from insurance. This plan will include an e-communications plan in order to expand the pool of volunteers. Ongoing.	KM
4.10	(4.10 Respond to JN about broken fencing at Reeds Loop on seaward side and ask him to commit to dates for work to be carried out). PR received a response from JN stating that the contractors doing the repairs are on their way. Ongoing.	PR
4.11	(4.11 AP to chase quotes for free-standing hand sanitizer units). AP to chase – quotes still awaited. Ongoing.	AP
4.12	(4.12 KM to draft up letter to Global Energy Group re. Freeport Status). Ongoing.	KM
4.13	(4.13 Decision on Asset Transfers). Nothing to discuss at present. Discharged.	
4.14	(4.14 CF to chase architect for drawings of links bus shelter proposals). CF to chase. Ongoing.	CF
4.15	(4.15 NS to circulate response to public who enquired about GP surgery emergency response protocols). NS has dealt with this and they understand. No further action needed. Discharged.	
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4.16	(4.16 Follow up the status of 1 st responders with contact to have their duties reinstated). Difficulty in contacting original email contact from Scottish Ambulance. Has since contacted 'concerned manager', no response yet received. Ongoing.	PR
4.17	(4.17 Keep members informed of re-opening of Victoria Hall and Youth Café). See Victoria Hall Report. Discharged.	
4.18	(4.18 Request THC provide CCs with local weekly covid updates). Regular meetings are still taking place. Ongoing.	CF
4.19	(4.19 To come to a decision re. the report received from Ronan re. costs for bump track). Highland Council Planning have confirmed that the access to the park from the Denny will never be used by Albyn Housing (it's no longer viable). AP to approach HLH for permission to proceed with the construction of the proposed 'bump track' scheme, subject to funding. Ongoing.	GF, AP & NS
4.20	(4.20 Inform Members when dog bin rota is complete and prepare local map detailing location of all bins). Rota is being finalized and local map prepared. Ongoing.	PR
4.21	(4.21 Receive results from plumber re. feasibility of water supply located in The Sheddie to clean grit machines). Still no received. Chased. Ongoing.	AP & NS
4.22	(4.24 Contact Di Agnew for response to C&DCC's letter to highlight document omission re: charging points). No confirmed date yet for re-evaluation of the current proposal (on hold due to Covid-19). Ongoing.	PS
4.23	(4.25 More thought needed about survey of Links shrubbery as haven for lots of wildlife). CF contacted THC, awaiting appropriate officer to respond. Ongoing.	ALL
4.24	(4.26 Liaise with P of CF regarding Water Safety Signs). THC have confirmed that planning permission is required should signs be erected by P of CF. Ongoing.	NS & PS
4.25	(6.2 Prepare 1 page document summarising figures of reports for future reference). Done and circulated. Discharged.	
4.26	(7.2 Schedule meeting with returning officer to arrange a 1-way system ahead of May election) Done and completed. See Victoria Hall Report. Discharged.	
4.27	(7.3 Circulate to members responses to HC re. the actions expected to C&DCC + VHMC ahead of elections). HC Risk Assessments circulated. See VH Report. Discharged.	
4.28	(8.1 To chase response from JN re. event on the Links in 2022.) No response yet from JN. PR chased. Ongoing.	PR
4.29	(9.1 CCTV document to be circulated to Estelle, Diane Brawn and Catriona re. Newsletter). Discharged.	
4.30	(9.2 To write up a message of thanks for social media and the newsletter). Discharged.	
4.31	(9.3 Respond to residents who raised concerns re. increased dog fouling in the community). There have since been further comments on Facebook. Ongoing.	PR
4.32	(9.4 Survey re. litter to be circulated to members and community). Discharged.	
4.33	(4.13 C-19 Look at repairs to the damaged steps at start of Ladies Walk). CF chased and has provided a photo to THC. Ongoing.	CF
End		

<p>5</p> <p>5.1</p> <p>5.2</p> <p>5.3</p> <p>End</p>	<p><u>Youth Issues, Presented by Fraser Thomson (FT)</u></p> <p>Fraser Thompson (FT) was commended for his power point presentation that was circulated prior to the meeting.</p> <p>FT works far more hours than he is paid for and all members agreed that the work that FT and Wanda do is extremely important to the community.</p> <p>AP will add TG to list of volunteers to allow her to aid them with organisation and planning of the summer programme.</p> <p>All members thank FT very much for all his hard work.</p>	<p>AP</p>
<p>6</p> <p>6.1</p> <p>End</p>	<p><u>Treasurer's Report</u></p> <p>The Treasurer's Report Notes (Appendix A) and Treasurer's Report (Appendix B) were prepared by AP and were circulated prior to the meeting by The Minute Secretary.</p> <p>There were no further questions and AP was thanked for his reports.</p>	
<p>7</p> <p>7.1</p> <p>7.2</p> <p>7.3</p> <p>7.4</p> <p>7.5</p> <p>End</p>	<p><u>Victoria Hall Report including Youth Café</u></p> <p>The Victoria Hall Report (Appendix C) that was prepared by AP and a presentation that was prepared by FT (as mentioned in Agenda item 5) were both circulated prior to the meeting by The Minute Secretary.</p> <p>The Gazebo (funded by Rural Action) is now up and running for the Youth Café ahead of the youth activities that are planned over Easter weekend. It is 6m x 3m and situated between the oil tank and The Sheddy.</p> <p>AP has had no response to the risk assessments or one-way system he prepared as per THC request ahead of the May election. To chase after Easter Weekend if still no response received.</p> <p>AP mentioned that THC are offering paid positions to members of the public to encourage them to apply to help manage the running of the Polling Stations.</p> <p>The Scottish Government (TSG) have not yet made it clear when halls can re-open. The Election in May will be used as a 'trial' to see if reopening will be possible. The current route map for the UK suggests halls can reopen on the 21st of June but further clarification is still needed in particular from TSG.</p> <p>There were no further questions and AP was thanked for his reports.</p>	<p>AP</p>

8	<u>Members' Reports</u>	
8.1	<u>Portfolios</u>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Portfolio Reports prepared by NS (Appendix D) and PR (Appendix E) were circulated prior to the meeting by The Minute Secretary. 	
8.2	<u>Cromarty Care Project</u>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jill Stoner advised NS that a £5k donation has been received and can be used towards summer events at the Youth Café 	
8.3	<u>Black Isle Partnership Resilience Meeting</u>	
8.3.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NS proposes to apply for extra toilets in Cromarty for the upcoming tourist season. Funding should be available for this via The Better Places Green Recovery Fund and should also cover the rental and maintenance costs. PS offered to help NS with this. All members agreed that this is something that Cromarty would greatly benefit from. 	NS & PS
8.3.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was also suggested that the same fund might be of use for the bike track and the work required to the 100 steps. 	
8.3.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A minor modification is required around The Sheddy to allow for 1 or 2 tracks, which will aid the transportation of the gritters. NS suggests that this might be covered by The Better Places Green Recovery Fund. AP raised concerns re. the positioning of a manhole. NS to ask for quotes for this work from local contractors, including the potential manhole issue. AP suggests that The VHMC could cover the costs re. the manhole. AP and NS to discuss further and report back at next meeting. 	NS & AP
	<p><i>Minute Secretary note – All members agree that THC currently operate and maintain the public toilets in Cromarty and this is done very well.</i></p>	
8.4	<u>Gritters</u>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NS & PR are to discuss further maintenance work that needs done to the gritters. 	NS & PR
	<p>There were no further comments regarding portfolios from members and all were thanked for their efforts and work done to date.</p>	
8.5	<u>Highland Council</u> - Cllr Craig Fraser	
	<p>Raised issue with THC re. light outage in Cromarty. AP confirmed that the engineers were in attendance fixing the lights on 29 March 2021.</p>	
8.6	<u>Correspondence Received</u>	
	<p>No correspondence received.</p>	
End		

9	<u>AOB</u>	
9.1	<u>Inner Moray Firth Development Plan.</u>	
9.1.1	An application has been made for the construction of a Golf Course at Nigg. KM has submitted her thoughts and will provide us with a copy of her submission once it has been accepted.	KM
9.1.2	AP is currently preparing a submission on behalf of the community and will circulate this to members. All members agreed that anything that happens at Nigg will directly affect Cromarty.	AP
9.2	<u>100 Steps Repair Works</u>	
9.2.1	Kari has spoken to a couple of local carpenters and neither are willing to take on the repair work to the bridge as it's not worth the liability. KM to speak to further carpenters to see if they will be willing to carry it out as we cannot use volunteers now that there is a liability issue (due to insurance purposes).	KM
9.2.2	KM to establish what the issue surrounding liability relates to, and perhaps seek advice from charities as to who they've used for similar repairs in the past. All members agreed that it looks like we might need to approach a bigger company to do the work.	KM
9.2.3	KM asked if there were any notes regarding prior repairs that have been carried out. AP to look back previous minutes (circa 1996) to see if anything was minuted.	AP
9.3	<u>NHS Highland</u>	
9.3.1	3 new apprenticeships are available via NHS Highland (2 x electrical engineers and 1 x plumber). KM to send to FT for circulation to the youngsters, AP to send to Diane Brawn (DB) for inclusion on our Facebook page and NS to circulate out-with the town.	KM, AP & NS
9.4	<u>Circulation of approved minutes</u>	
9.4.1	It was agreed that minutes aren't to be circulated outside of members until they have been approved at the following meeting. This prevents any incorrect information being made available before-hand. All members agreed that any urgent matters will be decided upon at the meeting (if applicable) and can be circulated to the public via the Newsletter.	
9.5	<u>Newsletter deadline</u>	
9.5.1	The new editor of the Cromarty Newsletter has agreed to move the 'dates' for any newsletter articles to flow in line with the C&DCC meeting dates. All members agreed that this will make things easier and provide more up to date information to residents.	
9.6	<u>Cromarty Live Website</u>	
9.6.1	Currently 250 people receive the Newsletter and it costs £7.50 per month to send it out (via an Australian company). AP to discuss alternatives with Plexus Media.	AP
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9.7	<u>Special thanks</u>	
9.7.1	The C&DCC would like to express thanks to Cromarty Medial Practice for all their work over the past year. The Vaccine Programme has proved to be very successful and more people have been vaccinated than in many other parts of Scotland.	
9.7.2	<p>Conon Bridge Pharmacy have also provided an excellent service, providing all prescriptions to local residents within 36 hours (at no charge). They use all-electric vehicles, which means they are also thinking of the environment. They should be very proud of their team and all the hard work that has been put in behind the scenes.</p> <p><i>Minute Secretary note – NS left the meeting at this point (20.48pm) as members were going on to discuss the campsite at White Dykes in which he has a conflict of interest as an active member of the CDT.</i></p>	
9.8	<u>Cromarty Development Trust – Camp site at White Dykes</u>	
9.8.1	A lengthy discussion was had by All Members . There were various issues discussed on which further clarification is needed. All Members felt that it's important to approach THC and seek advice from them.	
9.8.2	PS to write an email to CF re. the byelaw and see what the process will be.	PS
End		
10	<u>Date of next meeting</u>	
10.1	Next Ordinary Meeting, Monday, 26th April 2021 @ 7.30pm via Whereby video conference.	
End		
	PS thanked everyone for attending and the meeting concluded at 21.08pm.	



Cromarty and District Community Council

Summary of Matters Arising & Action Points

Reference	To whom allocated	Notes
4.1	Alan, Paige & Nigel	Continue to discuss how to further shorten meeting times with new Minute Secretary
4.2	Craig & Fraser T	To discuss arranging a neighbourhood questionnaire to gauge opinion on possibility of Townlands parking areas being white lined
4.3	Craig	Chase The Highland Council for response re. Community Payback Scheme to tidy up burial ground and sheltered housing paths
4.4	Kari	To email THC again re. TMP proposals as previously minuted.
4.5	Craig and Fraser T	To discuss re. progressing the Welcome sign for Cromarty
4.6	Alan & Peter	Plexus to reset passwords so access to website made available, then can start amending the data.
4.7	Craig	Await response from THC planners re. permit for new track at Farness
4.8	Kari	KM to send a further email re. waste to be removed at Whitedykes.
4.9	Kari	Draft plan for repairs to 100 steps to begin in April (Covid-19 and insurance dependant).
4.10	Peter	Await to see if work carried out to fencing at Reeds Loop is adequate, or if we will need to bring this up again.
4.11	Alan	AP to chase quotes for free-standing hand sanitiser units
4.12	Kari	KM to draft up letter to Global Energy Group re: Freeport status
4.14	Craig	CF to chase architect for drawings of links bus shelter proposals.
4.16	Peter	Email sent to new contact at the Scottish Ambulance Service re. the status of Cromarty 1 st responders
4.18	Craig	Regular meetings still ongoing to provide CCs with local weekly covid updates
4.19	Gregor Nigel & Alan	To approach Highlife Highland re. construction of the 'bump track' scheme
4.20	Peter	Finalise dog bin rota and prepare local map detailing location of all bins.
4.21	Nigel & Alan	To chase results from plumber re. feasibility of water supply located in the Sheddie to clean grit machines
4.22	Paige	Dates to be confirmed post Covid-19 with Di Agnew re. C&DCC's letter to highlight document omission re: charging points
4.23	Craig	Awaiting appropriate officer to respond from THC re. survey of the Links shrubbery as haven for lots of wildlife
4.24	Nigel and Paige	THC have confirmed that planning permission is required should P of CF erect signs. To go back to P of CF with this advise.
4.28	Peter	To chase JN re. event on Links in 2022 so we can go back to organiser
4.31	Peter	Continue to respond to residents re. concerns regarding dog fouling in the community.
4.33	Craig	Chase THC for a response re. his photos regarding the damaged steps at the start of The Ladies Walk

5.3	Alan	Add Tilly to the list of volunteers to organise and plan the youth summer programme
7.3	Alan	To chase THC for response to risk assessments/one-way system ahead of May Election (post East weekend).
8.3.1	Nigel and Paige	Apply to The Better Places Green Recovery Fund re. extra toilets in Cromarty ahead of the upcoming tourist season
8.3.3	Nigel and Alan	To discuss the manhole by the Sheddy and apply for quotes from local contractors re. gritter transportation tracks.
8.4	Nigel and Peter	To discuss further maintenance work of gritters
9.1.1	Kari	To provide members with a copy of application re. IMFDP once accepted
9.1.2	Alan	To circulate submission on behalf of the community re. IMFDP to members
9.2.1	Kari	To speak to further carpenters to see if they are willing to do bridge repair work
9.2.2	Kari	To establish liability issue and seek advice from other councils that have had similar repairs in the past.
9.2.3	Alan	To look back at previous minutes re. repair work (circa 1996)
9.3.1	Alan, Kari and Nigel	To circulate information on the NHS highland apprenticeships
9.6.1	Alan	To discuss with Plexus re. Newsletter distribution.
9.8.2	Paige	To write a letter to THC re. the byelaw and request further information on the process
	COVID 19 items from Minutes 30.11.20	C-19 Matters Arising can only be dealt with after restrictions are lifted.
4.7	Alan C-19	Report back on request for information re: discrepancy of ownership records for Hugh Miller Monument
4.8	Alan C-19	Arrange for refresher resilience training workshop for the C&DCC when appropriate
4.9	Alan C-19	Report back on progress of the change of Bank of Scotland Mandates after lockdown
4.11	Alan C-19	Revisit discussions with C&DCC sub-committee Events groups once current situation eased
4.12	Craig C-19	Report back on HC response ref the repairs required urgently on the Davidston to Farness Road
4.15	ALL C-19	Reschedule AGM when Covid restrictions allow public meeting

Agenda item 6
Appendix A

Cromarty & District Community Council Ordinary Meeting – 29th March 2021

Agenda Item 6 – Treasurer’s Report Notes

- 1. COVID-19 RESILIENCE FUND** has now received the £385 funding from the BI Ward Covid Resilience Fund and the Common Good Fund. ‘Whereby’ costs to the end of March 2021 have been paid. **FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

- 2.** ‘Amounts Paid in Advance’ shows the C&DCC 2021/22 insurance premium. **FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

- 3. CROMARTY RISING FUND** has paid out for professional services and donated £100 to the new Cromarty Live Fund. **FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

- 4. CROMARTY LIVE FUND** Costs for mailing the February Newsletter have been paid. **FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

Alan Plampton
26/03/21

Appendix B

Cromarty & District Community Council Meeting				
Held on Monday 29th March 2021				
Agenda Item No 6 - Treasurer's Report				
Statement of Financial Position at 26th March 2021				
		£	£	£
Net Assets			Movement	at 18/02/21
Bank & Cash in hand balances as at 26th March 2021		13,587.26	272.13	13,315.13
Paypal Balance as at 26th March 2021		0.00	0.00	0.00
Amounts Receivable/Paid in Advance		192.61	-385.00	577.61
Amounts Payable		0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Net Assets at 26th March 2021		£13,779.87	-112.87	£13,892.74
		£	£	£
Represented by:				
C&DCC Accumulated Fund Reserves at 1st April 2020		2,620.63	0.00	2,620.63
Surplus/Deficit for the year to date		-349.51	-79.95	-269.56
		2,271.12	-79.95	2,351.07
Community Amenities Fund (formerly CDF)		-11.86	0.00	-11.86
Emergency Resilience Centre Fund		87.66	0.00	87.66
Covid-19 Resilience Fund		-50.79	-25.50	-25.29
Provision for Guidebook reprinting at 26th March 2021		78.75	0.00	78.75
Net C&DCC Reserves		2,374.88	-105.45	2,480.33
Cromarty Event Funds				
Cromarty Live Fund	92.58		-7.42	100.00
Bonfire Night Fund	2,272.14		0.00	2,272.14
Seaplane Plinth Fund	48.93		0.00	48.93
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	6,964.30	0.00	202.06
Other Community Funds				
Community Defibrillator Fund		5.00	0.00	5.00
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		1,853.42	0.00	1,853.42
Gritting Fund		809.52	0.00	809.52
		£13,779.87	-112.87	£13,892.74
Alan Plampton 26th March 2021				

Agenda item 7
Appendix C

Cromarty & District Community Council Meeting – 29th March 2021

Agenda Item 7 – Victoria Hall Report

1. **Hall Bookings** A ‘one-way’ system for use of the Hall as a Polling Station on 6th May has been drafted and we await the Election Office’s decision as to how, or if, the Hall will be used and how it is to be staffed. Experience from this ‘opening’ of the Hall will be used to assess how future bookings can reopen. It should be noted that the Hall will not use either the public toilets or the kitchen facilities on 6th May. A further review will take place after 6th May.
ACTION – Information only, no action required

2. **Repairs and Maintenance** No further work has taken place since the last report. Because of further damage to the kitchen flat roof, new leaks have appeared. These will be reported to the Highland Council.
ACTION – Information only, no action required

3. **Youth Cafe** Attached is the latest Report from Fraser, the Assistant Youth Worker. Online activities continue and Fraser’s report gives much detail. A major ‘Recovery’ Summer Programme is being planned, with a substantial budget. Full details have yet to be finalised, but we have already received major funding from both the Cromarty Care Project and MFR, towards making this an important venture benefitting the whole community. Further MFR funding has allowed us to fund more support to several vulnerable families in Cromarty. These have been ‘needs assessed’ and include financial help with both essential food shopping and energy bills. Following the Scottish Government’s roadmap, it is also hoped to hold a small Easter Programme outdoors in the Park. Because the relaxation of restrictions will have only applied to under 18s by this time, parents and other adults are strongly asked to stay away from this event and avoid illegal gatherings. The contract of the additional Youth Worker, John Munro, has formally been extended to at least 30th September 2021. In addition, both Youth Worker contracts have been revised by the Youth Committee, and agreed with the two Youth Workers, to allow additional paid hours, as long as they are on Committee approved funded projects.
ACTION – Information only, no action required

Alan Plampton - VHMC
26/03/21

Agenda item 8

Appendix D

N. Shapcott- Portfolio Report- Cromarty & District Community Council

March 28th 2021

Harbour

- Surface Stonework Repairs and Renovation- due to be completed at any time ● Three additional mooring fingers fitted, making a total of 5 for additional capacity ● Note: over £850,000 has been spent on this Phase 1 renovation.
- Hoped to open to leisure vessels by the end of April.

No action required.

Cromarty Care Project

- Housing and fuel poverty with Mark Rodgers, MR presented to BIPResilience Meeting and asked to meet with CCP to discuss fuel poverty, insulation and high energy bills for Townlands residents.
- Community Larder- continues, sufficient demand is there for daily topping up; toiletries and food items are being delivered to some houses where for various reasons people are unable to visit the larder. Surplus stock is being shared between community larders on the Black Isle before being sent to the Inverness Food Bank.

No action required.

Cromarty and Community Development Trust

- Slipways- small jobs to do to prepare for the ferry (fingers crossed).
- Campsite- we are at a very busy paperwork stage and are in the process of: clarifying funding (slipways underspend). Highland Designs have been appointed for tendering documentation; collecting quotes for tree felling; toilet/shower block; electrical connection; building warrant; water supply.
- Townlands Barn- continuing negotiations with Sutors Gin
- Two applications for new Director

No action required.

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Black Isle Partnership Resilience Meeting

The Better Places Green Recovery Fund Round 2 will fund additional visitor management activity in “hot spot” locations in Scotland during the 2021 season over and above any service improvements and infrastructure already budgeted for or in place. The fund will support:

- **Visitor management operational services:** Funding for new and additional seasonal ranger and visitor management posts. The funding of staff posts is for the 2021 season only and will extend as a maximum to the end of October 2021.
- **Visitor infrastructure:** Funding for projects that can be delivered quickly and help address visitor pressures at busy hot spot locations, including temporary or permanent infrastructure. Applicants can apply for up to a maximum of £75K.
- Fast delivery project applications - midnight Friday 9 April 2021. All other applications - midnight Friday 14 May 2021.
- Examples of the kind of activities we could fund:
 - Seasonal rangers, full-time, part-time, full season, part of the season, including overheads; and leading on visitor engagement, promotion of the Scottish Outdoor Access Code, dealing with issues, patrolling, monitoring impacts, liaison with communities, volunteers, landowners, agencies, police etc.
 - Visitor operational staff, full-time, part-time, full season, part of season including overheads. Providing support services to ensure the effective operation of outdoor visitor facilities and services such as managing litter, parking, toilets, camping provision, campervans etc.
 - Temporary or short term visitor infrastructure:
 - The hire or purchase of temporary items such as:
 - Toilets/portaloos.
 - Bins and recycled waste provision.
 - Variable message signage.
 - The construction and installation of temporary infrastructure such as:
 - Traffic management measures such as additional car and bike parking provision and travel hub development.
 - Advisory, information and interpretation e.g. signage.
 - Camping/campervan provision.
 - Bins/recycled waste provision.
 - Permanent visitor infrastructure:
 - The construction and installation of items such as:
 - Toilets (new or upgraded).
 - Traffic management measures such as additional car and bike parking and provision for low carbon travel.
 - Advisory, information and interpretation signage.
 - Camping provision (low key basic).
 - Campervan facilities (aires) including service hubs (waste disposal/water supply).
 - Bins/recycled waste provision.
 - Paths required to manage capacity issues, including urgent repairs.
 - Landscape improvements/repairs and mitigation measures.

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Discuss



CROMARTY & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Portfolio Report – Peter K. Ratcliffe
Meeting:- 29 March 2021

Ref No.	Subject.	Action By	Comment
1	Cromarty Ferry	Peter Ratcliffe	No Change – Still closed for the Season. Contact made with Dougie Robertson. Recent exposure on Highland Council movements regarding subsidies. Now resolved. Both slipways are completed but no information on final acceptance of the Projects for usage. (CCDT) No change – Ongoing.
2	Dog Fouling	Peter Ratcliffe	Ongoing. Lot of Facebook Action regarding the problem. Have not contacted Estelle in writing regarding her complaint, there are also others. Bins - No change – Green bins being used as are specified by the Highland Council on their stickers. But also, local separate bins being used and emptied by locals. One bin being stored, to be re-erected. Have not sent out a new rota as yet.
3	Links & Links Events Diary/ Beaches and Litter	Peter Ratcliffe (Bookings)	Spreadsheet prepared. No current entries. But need to discuss Town Parking. I will prepare a marked-up map (Not done yet). The area in front of Bob Maclean’s where the old ice rink was is marked off by bollards, to allow the grass to grow? No response back from John Nightingale regarding the application for an event in 2022 by outside party. Contact made with Smillie Music to advice of current situation..
4	Nigg Liaison. Rig Noise & Freeport Proposal.	Peter Ratcliffe/Kari Magee.	Nigg Liaison – not aware/advised of a recent meeting. Global Energy are carrying out fabrication works on the Wind Turbines for the Offshore Windfarm. (Not aware yet of what.). Being subcontracted? [See Kari’s Report.] PoCF email and presentation copied to CC members. Cromarty Firth Freeport Proposal. Media reporting appears to be increasing. There appears to be emphasis on `Hydrogen gathering, storage and distribution. English Freeports announced, not Scottish ones as yet.