



# CROMARTY AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**MINUTES**  
**APPROVED**  
**24<sup>th</sup> February 2014**

## Minutes of meeting held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2014 in the Hugh Miller Institute

**Community Councillors:** Vivienne Plampton (Chair), Anne Short, Gabriele Pearson, Diane Brawn  
**Highland Councillors:** David Alston, Craig Fraser  
**Community Council Minute Secretary:** Jeremy Price  
One member of the public was also present

Item	Details	Action
1	<b><u>Chairman's Welcome</u></b>  Vivienne welcomed everyone to the meeting.  <b>Apologies</b> were received from Ronald Young and Andrew Hulse	
2	<b><u>Approval of previous minutes</u></b>  2.1 The minutes of the meeting on 28 <sup>th</sup> October were approved.  Proposed: Gabriele Pearson    Seconded: Anne Short  The notes of the informal meeting held on Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December 2013 were agreed (see 6 below). The notes are attached as Appendix G.	
3	<b><u>Youth issues</u></b>  3.1 There was no youth representative present and no report had been received.	
4	<b><u>Police Report</u></b>  4.1 There was no police representative present. Gabriele said that she had received a written report from Sgt MacNeil. This is attached as Appendix F.	

<p><b>5</b></p> <p><b>5.1</b></p> <p><b>5.2</b></p> <p><b>5.3</b></p> <p><b>5.4</b></p> <p><b>5.5</b></p> <p><b>5.6</b></p> <p><b>5.7</b></p> <p><b>5.8</b></p>	<p><b><u>Guests: Don Coutts and Jill Stoner</u></b></p> <p>Don and Jill had kindly attended to give an update to members on Sandilands Sanctuary.</p> <p>Don gave a comprehensive briefing about where the project was currently. He owned the freehold and saw the future as a 2-phase project. First he wanted to create a day-care centre for adults and second provide a residential element.</p> <p>He said a great deal of work had taken place in terms of planning and hoped that something could be underway by the end of 2015. He was exploring the possibility of obtaining some extra land at the rear from Albyn Housing to provide car parking facilities in the long term. He and Jill had made exploratory visits to centres providing a similar facility that he hoped this would become and hoped to talk to the planning authorities before proceeding too much further so he could sound out what the likelihood of development could be.</p> <p>Don said he hoped to create charitable status for the project. He also said potential sources of funding could be the Heritage Lottery Fund and Change Fund.</p> <p>In the shorter term, there are dangerous elements to what remains of the structure which would need addressing and he was also hoping to have a tidy-up of the whole site.</p> <p>Jill said that it was important to talk to the NHS/Highland Council about where this project might fit in with the care provision strategy.</p> <p>David said that a useful source of information and assistance with any applications could be those who were originally trying to change Abbeyfield House in Rosemarkie into care provision, a project that is now not going ahead.</p> <p>Vivienne thanked Don and Jill for their attendance and the comprehensive update. She said that the Community Council was very supportive of the project and asked that members be kept informed with progress. She offered to assist with the clear-up of the site and also offered a council member to attend any meetings with the planning authorities.</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><u>Matters arising from previous minutes</u></b></p> <p>(5.2 Dog bin, Burnside) – this has now been replaced</p> <p>(5.8 – disabled parking space, Townlands) – David to chase up</p> <p>(9.2 – Common Good funding) – this has been resolved for the school trip to be funded</p> <p>(10.6 - Meeting re cleanliness of Cromarty) – this has now taken place</p> <p>(13.3 – Cromarty Firth Ports Authority) – Torquil Macleod, the harbourmaster, will be attending the February meeting</p>	<p><b>DA</b></p>
<p><b>7</b></p> <p><b>7.1</b></p>	<p><b><u>Gaelic Chapel</u></b></p> <p>Craig reported on the progress. He said that David had confirmed the Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) form seemed to be the way forward in terms of a charitable trust with a 99yr lease.</p>	

7.2	He said that John Nightingale's legal representatives are discussing arrangements with the HC legal department.	
7.3	Craig also said that he'd met with Martin Goswick and others and secured a letter of support from An Comunn Gàidhealach and was hoping to gain similar support from other such organisations to assist with funding applications.	
8	<p><b><u>Review and update on Councillors' portfolios</u></b></p> <p>8.1 Diane had a large amount of documentation from Global Energy about the application for an extension to the south quayside. Anne said she would take it to Duncan Bowers to see if there was anything useful he could abstract for information.</p> <p>8.2 Since this documentation, the plans have been downgraded and some issues in terms of night-time piling are now not relevant.</p> <p>8.3 Gabriele reported on the last Ward Forum at the end of November and said the issues covered were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Phase two of the Kessock Bridge repairs between 10/2/14 and 27/6/14</li> <li>• The Inner Moray Firth Development Plan and how information could be disseminated and encouraging feedback, although some comments from people suggested an element of scepticism about whether their comments were being taken into account or ignored</li> <li>• A debrief on how the hustings went prior to the bye-election</li> </ul> <p>8.4 The next Black Isle Community Council forum will be on 29<sup>th</sup> January. The forum is proving useful in terms of links, sharing experiences and support</p> <p>8.5 Gabriele asked if Members would give some thought to better communications from and within the community council and perhaps highlighting points of interest from meetings on the community council website in case people do not want to read all the minutes. This might help to stimulate interaction with the community in our processes.</p> <p>8.6 She felt that internally we could tighten up on processes, for example the numbers of members attending things like meetings with Highland Council departments in the town to prevent too many councillors going and wasting time.</p> <p>8.7 Vivienne said that there were only a small number of the Community Council yellow leaflets for visitors to the town. The leaflets included information and points of contact. She asked whether they should be revised if further were printed but queried where the funding should come from. It was agreed that previously, funding had been generated from sales of the booklets.</p> <p>8.8 Vivienne agreed to look at how the Gluren bij de Duren leaflets were produced as these were similar in style.</p>	VP
9	<p><b><u>Victoria Hall report</u></b></p> <p>9.1 Vivienne had circulated her report (Appendix D).</p> <p>9.2 The report from the last meeting is attached at Appendix A.</p>	

<b>10</b>	<b><u>Treasurer's report</u></b>	
<b>10.1</b>	Vivienne had circulated her report and there were no questions raised about it. (Appendix E). The report produced for the last meeting is Appendix C.	
<b>10.2</b>	Vivienne confirmed that the Council was content for her to transfer £21 received from the Highland Council to the Monday Lunch Club as the Benevolent Fund had now been wound up. This was agreed.	
<b>10.3</b>	Under this heading the subject of the bus shelter on the shore road towards Jemimaville was raised. It had been destroyed in the storms and currently a source of finance was being sought to reinstate it. However, it was in pieces strewn around the road and needed collecting.	
<b>10.4</b>	Vivienne said she would ask Alex Graham if he could collect and dispose of it.	<b>VP</b>
<b>11</b>	<b><u>Highland Councillors' reports</u></b>	
<b>11.1</b>	Craig reported that the offlets on the main road to Davidston were still being cleared and repairs to the drainage were underway at the Fairy Glen.	
<b>11.2</b>	He said that there were issues with the kerb that was broken by the layby outside 4 High Street. It should be fixed soon, but he was chasing up to ensure that the right people were sent to sort it out as it was a complex repair.	
<b>11.3</b>	David said that the core footpath at the rear of Clunes House that had been damaged in the storm of December 2012 and again more recently was going to undergo some repairs by Scottish Water which had a pipe running under the path. Jeremy had been liaising with them and David was looking for funding to complete the repairs on the stretches that Scottish Water were not going to do.	
<b>11.4</b>	He asked that Jeremy continue to liaise with the contractor and arrange how the finances would work if funding was found (ie would the bill be split or Scottish Water pay and invoice Highland Council)?	<b>JP</b>
<b>12</b>	<b><u>Community fuel-buying co-operatives</u></b>	
<b>12.1</b>	David reported that there had been a meeting with Highland Council in December to encourage a greater number of these schemes and he wanted to sound out Cromarty and District Community Council to see if it was interested to help promote them locally.	
<b>12.2</b>	Gabriele said she had done some research and there was a fair bit of work involved with some schemes setting up data bases, orders, arranging payments if a scheme was set up locally. There was also a national scheme ( <a href="http://www.oil-club.co.uk">www.oil-club.co.uk</a> ) which could be used to offload responsibility to one place.	
<b>12.3</b>	It was agreed that Gabriele would continue researching the opportunities by ringing round local suppliers and seeing if they operated such systems.	<b>GP</b>
<b>13</b>	<b><u>Correspondence</u></b>	
<b>13.1</b>	Gabriele said she had an email from a resident living in High St / Bayview junction relating to the noise from Nigg. Gabriele had advised her about the complaints form that had recently been introduced and also the action being taken at present.	

<p><b>14</b></p> <p><b>14.1</b></p> <p><b>14.2</b></p> <p><b>14.3</b></p>	<p><b><u>Any other business</u></b></p> <p>There was nothing to report on the subject of the Seaplane Memorial.</p> <p>The issue of the shrubbery around the Links car park, which had been the subject of a complaint from a resident. After some research, it appears that a good deal had been cut down by the council itself and some by other residents. The offcuts needed removing. Craig will contact HC to arrange its collection.</p> <p>Under this subject, Anne said that she wanted to congratulate Georgia and Torquil Macleod for their organisation of the Splash and Dash and the team of volunteer helpers on the day. She said it was a huge success and hundreds of people were attracted to the spectacle, bringing a focus to the town.</p>	<p><b>CF</b></p>
<p><b>16</b></p>	<p><b><u>Date of next meeting</u></b></p> <p>This was agreed as Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2014</p>	
<p><b>17</b></p> <p><b>17.1</b></p>	<p><b><u>Planning</u></b></p> <p><i>Please note: the Highland Councillor did not participate in any planning related discussions and left the meeting for this agenda item</i></p> <p>Gabriel reported on the following:</p> <p><b>New Planning Application</b></p> <p>13/03948/LBC   Internal works to house   6 Allan Square Cromarty IV11 8YF Pending Consideration</p> <p><b>Update on Planning Applications</b></p> <p>None at present</p> <p><b>Out of area Planning Applications</b></p> <p>Ref. No: 13/04695/FUL   Amended proposal for an extension to the south quayside and new berthing to accommodate vessels of dead weight of up to 35,000 tonnes, including areas of hard standing and temporary lay down areas, together with tower lighting facilities. Includes dredging to depths of -10m Chart Datum; smaller scale and altered geometry (to that granted under permission, ref No. 13/01825/ FUL); displaced 50m to the west and now 40m in width.   Nigg Fabrication Yard Nigg Tain IV19 1QY Received: Fri 13 Dec 2013   Validated: Fri 13 Dec 2013   Status: Pending Consideration</p>	
	<p>The meeting concluded at 20.47 hrs. Vivienne thanked everyone for their attendance.</p>	

## Summary of Action Points from meeting

Reference	To whom allocated	Notes
6.2	David	Disabled parking space, Townlands
8.8	Vivienne	Research production of Community Council yellow leaflets
10.3	Vivienne	Ask Alex Graham if he can collect the broken shed
11.4	Jeremy	Liaise with Scottish Water and Highland Council over invoicing for shore defence work
12.3	Gabriele	Research on fuel-buying co-operatives
14.2	Craig	Arrange removal of cut back shrubbery

## **Cromarty & District Community Council Committee Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2013**

### **Agenda Item 8 – Victoria Hall Report**

1. Victoria Hall finances remain stable. Bookings remain strong and the Hall is to be the 2013 main venue at the Cromarty Film Festival next week. This is as a direct result of the recent acoustic panel work.

**ACTION – Information only, no action required.**

2. Repairs to the exterior artwork panels still need replacing due to an error in printing – Printer making site visit to assess action required. An electrical work invoice re PEL renewal is still yet to be received and it may be necessary to seek external funding to subsidise this cost.

**ACTION – Information only, no action required.**

3. The Hall has successfully renewed its Public Entertainment Licence for another three years.

**ACTION – Information only, no action required.**

4. A meeting of interested parties is being arranged to discuss the refurbishment and re-hanging of the artwork panels. This still outstanding but will hopefully be arranged soon.

**ACTION – Information only, no action required.**

5. Youth Café Report – Attached is the comprehensive report from Fraser Thomson, the Assistant Youth Worker.

**ACTION – Information only, no action required.**

Vivienne Plampton

## Youth Café Report - November 2013

### Cromarty Youth Café Juniors

Over the past 3 months it has been very busy at the Junior Youth Café.

Each week there can be up to 20 members ranging from p1-p7. Various different activities are organised for the young people. Young people are given the opportunity to take part in -

- Healthy Baking
- Dodgeball
- Tennis
- Badminton coaching & skills
- Football Coaching, Skills & Games
- Arts & craft to fit the season, making Halloween decoration or Christmas Cards
- Drawing
- Movie Nights
- Quiz Nights
- Cromarty has got talent
- Games nights.
- Circle Games
- Tennis Tournament
- Big book Bash

All of the young people love taking part in these activities.

All of the Juniors that attend the Youth Café get support from some of the seniors as they are working towards their Saltire Award

### Cromarty Senior Youth Café

Each week there can be up to 15 Members attend each week. Some weeks more some weeks less, Activities that happen in the Senior Youth Café

- Football
- Dodgeball
- Badminton
- Tennis
- Play station 3 Competition nights
- Arts & Crafts
- Healthy Baking & Cooking
- Consultation for Highland Youth Voice
- Consultation for Ross & Cromarty Youth Forum
- Consultation for Monthly meeting and supporting the Junior Youth Café

All of the people that attend the Youth Café enjoy all the activities that are provided and it is up to the young people what happens in the Youth Café as they are the ones that come up with the ideas & then I can create my Session Plan.

### BoxFresh, Dance, Music & Media Project with Eden Court

Each Monday night Eden Court come out and run a dancing class with the young people the class had 17 members that attend every week. The project was initially only 6 week but Eden Court Boxfresh offer the girls more slots as they were so impressed with the ability of the group. The girls have learned so much from the dancing class.



- Using digital media
- Creating their own dances
- Creating their own music
- Creating their own videos for You tube.
- Editing Music & Videos.

What the girls have done is fantastic and I am very proud of them.

They are going to be performing at the Cromarty Youth Café's Open Evening on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December

## Wanda Diamond Divas Aged 9-18

Some girls came to Wanda with some ideas they wanted to do. A plan was put together with dates and times.

- Decoupage boxes
- Baking & Cupcake decorating
- Christmas needle craft, learning how to sew
- Dancing & Filming

The girls got a month of different activities that they wanted to do.

The Craft session were led by Lill Thomson

## Chanter Class

The chanter class continues and all the members are getting on brilliantly. Most of the players are at the stage where they can play the pipes. They are doing really well. They are going to be performing at the Cromarty Youth Café's Open Evening on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December.

## Tuesday Sports Classes

### Hockey

Each Tuesday night hockey is led by Eilidh & Niamh McCann.

The girls are fantastic tutors.

Niamh is running the class to gain hours for her Saltire award and also her Level 2 Award in Sports Leadership.

Eilidh has completed her Hockey Coaching award and she will gain hours for her Saltire Award.

Each week there is about 8 members and the young people are learning a lot about hockey and how to play the sport.

### Badminton

Each week Badminton is on a Tuesday night for P6-S2.

The badminton is led by James McGuinness; James is working towards Level 2 Award in Community Sports Leadership, and also his saltire Award.

There are about 6 members each week, the young people are picking up the sport slowly but they will get there in the end.

### Cromarty Teenagers Set Sail – Sailing Project.

The Sailing project with Simon Simms went really well, the young people loved the opportunity to take part in Sailing.

Young people were able to learn how to steer and how to navigate the Sailing boat. They are also learning how to drive the RIB and they absolutely love burning around on the RIB. So far there has been about 50 young people been on the boats. Some of the young people that took part in the project overcame their fears on Water & boats by taking part in the project. Once they were on the boat they didn't want to get off it.

Young people will hopefully be able to work towards a Sailing qualification and take up sailing in their free time.

## Cromarty Primary School

Every Friday I work in the Primary School doing Football at lunchtime for 30mins and the going into the Class room to give one to one support to young people with additional support needs. Then take pupils down to the links for Golden time for Football and football skills.

I have also taken part in there Eco day with the Smoothie Bike encouraging young people to eat healthily

## Saltire Award

There are 6 young people that volunteer at the Jnr youth café and other Community Projects Estere now Just completed her 500 hours of Volunteer in the Community she is the 3<sup>rd</sup> person highland to have completed this. Estere has also Won the Award for Young Volunteer of the year for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sector, and the Highlands Young person of the year award with Highland Council

All the volunteer have attended different training session so that they can be skilled up for working with young people

- Child Protection Level 1 and Level 2
- Arts & Crafts
- First Aid
- Elementary Food Hygiene
- Youth Participation project with youth Highland – learning and sharing skills with other young volunteers.
- Young people have attended other projects, Ross & Cromarty Youth Forum where young people get to make decisions about issues that affect them on a local Level 2 girls from Cromarty are reps
- Highland Youth Voice – Youth Parliament for the Highland – 1 girls from Cromarty is the Rep, Young people are given the opportunity to be consulted about different issues, Transport, Voting age, Police Scotland Priority's

## Homes & Heritage

I supported young people along to the sessions where they were giving and sharing memories with the older people of the community, young people were writing down what the older people had said, in October there was an exhibition of what work had been done in the past 6 Months and it was Fantastic, all of the work that the young people had put into it. The pupils of the P7 Class in Cromarty Primary won the Award of “Creative Cromarty” awarded by the Arts Trust for their Light House models they had built for it.

## Tennis

As we now have the tennis court on a Monday night, Wanda and myself take the young people up there from 6-8pm as that is our allocated space for the Youth Café. The young people are really enjoying playing tennis. At the end of September we ran a Tournament with the Juniors and their trophies with be presented on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December

## Community Involvement

As the Cromarty Youth Café Assistant Youth Worker, I attend the following different Committees -

- Townlands Together attending monthly meeting and the Tenants' conference to gain knowledge about the goings on for tenants. Also organising the Christmas Party
- Cromarty Tennis and Sports Club – attending monthly meeting with young people, raising funds for the tennis club running the baking stall at the bonfire.

I would like to thank you for reading this report and would also like to thank you for helping support the Youth Café and my Position as Part Time Youth Worker.

*Fraser Thomson*  
*Assistant Youth Worker*  
*Cromarty Youth Café*  
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## Finance Report – Cromarty & District Community Council

### Agenda Item No 9 - Treasurer's Report

Period: 28th October to 30th November 2013

#### General Income

£-

£-

Less:

#### General Expenditure

Secretarial Services - October meeting £50.00

Sundry Stationery - Envelopes £3.94

Garage Rental - Half Year £65.00

£-

**Increase/(Decrease) in Accumulated Fund** **£(118.94)**

#### Fund Income

Bonfire Night Fund - Donations and Proceeds £684.00

Lonna's Lights Fund - Public Donations £21.25

Splash & Dash Fund - Middleton Trust Donation £500.00

Less:

#### Fund Expenditure

Monday Club Fund - Sept/Oct/Nov Lunches £334.75

**Increase/(Decrease) in Other Funds** **£870.50**

#### Net Assets

Accounts Receivable @ 30.11.2013 £-

Accounts Payable @ 30.11.2013 £-

Bank & Cash in hand balances as @ 30.11.2013 £9,797.36

**Total Net Assets at 30th November 2013** **£9,797.36**

#### *Comprising:*

Community Council Accumulated Fund £1,591.13

Provision for Guide Book reprinting £667.50

Seaplane Plinth Fund £820.13

Bonfire Night Fund £742.84

Splash & Dash (formerly Cromarty 2007) Fund £1,812.55

Monday Club Fund £1,067.55

Lonna's Lights Fund £94.74

Gala Day Fund £2,552.56

Homes & Heritage Project Fund £448.36

**£9,797.36**

Vivienne Plampton 30.11.2013

## **Cromarty & District Community Council Committee Meeting 13<sup>th</sup> January 2014**

### **Agenda Item 9 – Victoria Hall Report**

1. Victoria Hall finances remain stable. Bookings remain strong. The Hall proved to be a very successful 2013 main venue at the Cromarty Film Festival. This is as a direct result of the recent acoustic panel work. Perhaps the best way to report this success was with the words of Don Coutts, speaking after the first screening. “Wow! Cromarty has a cinema!!”

**ACTION – Information only, no action required.**

2. Repairs to the exterior artwork panels still need replacing due to an error in printing – Printer making site visit to assess action required. An electrical work invoice re PEL renewal was received and it may be necessary to seek external funding to subsidise the over £400 cost.

**ACTION – Information only, no action required.**

3. A meeting of interested parties is being arranged to discuss the refurbishment and re-hanging of the artwork panels. This still outstanding but will hopefully be arranged soon.

**ACTION – Information only, no action required.**

4. Youth Café Report – With the Youth Café closed for the festive period there is little to report other than the very successful End of Year Open Night held on the 9<sup>th</sup> December. Here is their report on the night -

#### **Celebration of Youth achievements**

On Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December almost 200 people turned up to watch our young people perform. Lots of parents and many funders, as well as other services we work with, turned up to support the young people.

The young people started the night with showcasing their Dance routine they had worked on with the Eden Court Boxfresh Project.

Followed on by the film clips they had made for YouTube. This was followed by film clips the young girls had made themselves. This was highly entertaining and had the whole hall in stitches. All acts were introduced by members of the Youth Café, mostly juniors.

We had a number of young people play musical instruments, Mia Mackenzie did Clarinet and Anna Mowat played Accordion. Kayleigh Burnside wrote her own song and music and played it on Guitar.

Young people received various stages of their Saltire Award. Estere Vitola was also presented with the two awards she had won a couple of months before for Young Volunteer of the Year award with Highland Council, and Youth Volunteer of 2013 with the Highland Third Sector.

The Cromarty Tennis and Sports Club gave out all of their awards and juniors 1<sup>st</sup> Cody Benjamin 2<sup>nd</sup> William Barker, 3<sup>rd</sup> Ellie Paterson. (Adults received their awards also.)

Lots of people donated baking and tea coffee. These home-bakes were served free although some people objected and left donations.

A power-point of the achievements was made and a copy can be seen by asking Fraser or Wanda.

**ACTION – Information only, no action required.**

Vivienne Plampton

## Finance Report – Cromarty & District Community Council

### Agenda Item No 10 - Treasurer’s Report

Period: 1st December 2013 to 12th January 2014

#### General Income

Publications - The Emporium	£35.00
Highland Council - Snow Plough Insurance	£392.66

Less:

#### General Expenditure

Secretarial Services - December meeting	£50.00
Community Christmas Tree	£150.00
Printing Postage & Stationery	£18.15
Bus Shelter Repairs	£50.00
Homes & Heritage Final Report - C&DCC copy	£12.25

**Increase/(Decrease) in Accumulated Fund** **£147.26**

#### Fund Income

Splash & Dash Fund - Cromarty Brewery Donation	£150.00
Lonna's Lights Fund - Public Donations	£59.40

Less:

#### Fund Expenditure

Homes & Heritage Fund - Final Net Expenditure	£448.36
Monday Club Fund - Dec Lunches	£139.75
Splash & Dash Fund - Poster Artwork	£150.00
Splash & Dash Fund - Sports Equipment	£224.34

**Increase/(Decrease) in Other Funds** **£(753.05)**

#### Net Assets

Accounts Receivable @ 12.01.14	£-
Accounts Payable @ 12.01.14	£-
Bank & Cash in hand balances as @ 12.01.14	£9,191.57

**Total Net Assets at 12th January 2014** **£9,191.57**

**Comprising:**

Community Council Accumulated Fund	£1,738.39
Provision for Guide Book reprinting	£667.50
Seaplane Plinth Fund	£820.13
Bonfire Night Fund	£742.84
Splash & Dash (formerly Cromarty 2007) Fund	£1,588.21
Monday Club Fund	£927.80
Lonna's Lights Fund	£154.14
Gala Day Fund	£2,552.56
Homes & Heritage Project Fund	£-

<b>£9,191.57</b>
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Vivienne Plampton 12.01.14



**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FORM**

Command Area	Ross & Cromarty	Community Group	Cromarty Community Council
Station	Dingwall	Officer Attending	PS 588 D MacNeil
Date of Meeting	02/01/2014	Location	Hugh Miller Institute, Cromarty

Meeting Preparation

Ward and Local Policing Plan Priorities.	Activities conducted over the reporting period to support those priorities.
1. Road Safety	<p>This has been identified as a Police Scotland priority and will continue to be a National focus. A number of Police operations have been run, Preparing for Winter (ensuring vehicles suitably equipped and basic safety checks carried out), Operation Route (Speed checks), Operation, Get Ready for Winter (emphasis on Construction &amp; Use Offences)</p> <p>No issues of note in the Cromarty area. 1 call at Hogmanay re youths consuming alcohol on the “street” and being noisy.</p> <p>1 Person reported in relation to an allegation of assault. 1 x report of a noisy party which was dealt with by way of warning.</p>
2. Alcohol Abuse	
3. Anti-social behaviour	
Update on Previously Agreed Actions – See previous OP 55/8 & Relevant Reference on the Area Command Action Tracking Table	
None outstanding.	
Update on any local community safety issues / trends within the community and any assistance / information requested from the community. Review IMPACT / intelligence etc	
In the period since the last meeting on the 29/11/13 to 12/01/14 there have been a total of 34 Incidents which were of a routine nature with no significant matters of note.	
Any local / Area Command / Divisional / Police Scotland updates / key messages	
None	

## Notes of an informal meeting held on Monday 2nd December 2013 in the Hugh Miller Institute

### Present:

**Community Councillors:** Ronald Young, Andrew Hulse, Diane Brawn

**Highland Councillors:** David Alston, Craig Fraser

**Community Council Minute Secretary:** Jeremy Price

One member of the public was also present

Note	Details	Action
1	<p>Ronald thanked those present for attending.</p> <p>Because there were insufficient members to make the meeting quorate, the formal meeting was cancelled and it was agreed to have a discussion about those items that could be raised and did not involve decisions or formal actions.</p> <p>Items for the agenda that could not be discussed were therefore deferred to the next meeting. It was agreed this would be <u>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm in the Hugh Miller Institute.</u></p>	
2	<p>Although no police representative was present, a report had been circulated to members prior to the meeting.</p>	
3	<p>Craig updated those present on the current position of the Gaelic Chapel. He said that a more accurate estimation of costs was currently being obtained so that information could be brought together to take to the meeting about the Trust in the new year.</p>	

4	<p>Craig ran through some notes of his meeting with the Inspector Neil Mackinnon of Police Scotland. These were as follows:</p> <p>MEETING DATE 27<sup>th</sup> November 2103 in DINGWALL POLICE HQ</p> <p>DISCUSSION ITEMS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anti-social - behaviour various locations on Black Isle</li> <li>• Speeding – B9161 Munro’s nursery junction – A835 Tore Primary School junction – 20mph zones various locations</li> <li>• Communication between local officers and community councils</li> <li>• Kessock Bridge works 2014</li> <li>• Resourcing</li> </ul> <p><b>Anti-social behaviour</b> - You advise that the anti-social behaviour was known to the service and your officers were and had been dealing with local housing associations, I confirmed that these issues were under control.</p> <p><b>Speeding</b> – I reiterated that the speeding at these locations and others need to be given a higher priority and that you had communicated this to your officers</p> <p><b>Communication</b> – This has and had been an issue with local community councils requesting increased communication, we agreed that if officers could not attend a community council meeting a brief e-mail to the community councils is greatly appreciated. I suggested a simple template be used for this purpose, having thought a bit more about this it would standardise responses to community councils and should not really take more than 5 mins to fill in. I appreciate that officers do not like paperwork or additional forms to fill in but it may be worth a go for a trial period.</p> <p><b>Kessock Bridge works</b> – This should be easier to police this time round with improved signage at “cut through” points such as the war memorial at Munloch and at Red Castle, also improved media coverage leading up to this work. (I can pick this up with local media)</p> <p><b>Resourcing</b> – From your figures of recorded crime over the last period April to October 2013 there had been a reduction of crime types 1-5 of circa 32% on the same period last year and 50% on last 5 years. The Black Isle is a very safe place to live and work compared to some places. Additionally as a police force you are able to call on extra resources such as a helicopter this was not available to you previously. Additionally you advise – “to give a more accurate picture of reported crime Group 6 crimes which include Petty Assaults, Breach of the Peace add a further 29 crimes which shows a rise over same period last year of 3.6% but given the low numbers that equates to 1 more reported crime.</p>	
5	<p>Andrew said that the new dog bin emptying rota for next year will be published very shortly.</p> <p>He also raised the issue of the piles of scrap metal and old cars on the verge by Cromarty House. He was advised that this was to clear a lot of waste from the grounds and it would be collected and removed shortly.</p>	
6	<p>Andrew and Diane will be attending the Inverness session of Community Council Training.</p>	

7	It was noted with appreciation that a most comprehensive report had been received from Fraser about the Youth Café. This will be appended to the minutes of the next meeting.	
8	Diane said she had circulated details of her last meeting with the Black Isle community councils' forum and also Gabriele had circulated details of planning matters which did not include anything which needed council action.	
9	<p>It was noted that Vivienne had circulated her report on the Victoria Hall and Treasurer's report. The two items she wished to raise about expenditure could be dealt with outside the formal council meeting.</p> <p>Both reports will be appended to the next set of minutes. Also appended to this report.</p>	
10	<p>David said that following the recent archaeological dig on the Reeds Bed and with the likelihood it will continue for several years, it was proposed to set up an interpretation board on the path by Clunes House for information of anyone passing by.</p> <p>David also reported that Neil Gillies, the Director for Technical Services at Highland Council, was to retire in the new year and a new director would be appointed for a new, consolidated directorate bringing together a number of other service departments.</p> <p>Jeremy will send a card from the council thanking him for his support over the years.</p>	<b>JP</b>
11	<p>Craig gave an update on the Fairy Glen road and said that drainage had been found in some old gullies and a plan of work, albeit rather sporadic, would be undertaken to prioritise the repairs needed. It was necessary to reinstate drainage and remove the problem of surface water first.</p> <p>This would not be a quick fix and expectations of the public needed to be managed.</p> <p>Craig reported on other matters including the offlets on the main road between Davidston and Newton Farm which had now been reinstated.</p> <p>Craig said that he was endeavouring to get parking issues in Townlands Park resolved including the removal of a tree and the marking out of parking spaces.</p> <p>He also said that a number of defective lights in the town would be repaired today.</p>	
12	A complaint had been received about the foliage being cut right back at the rear of the Links car park along part of the High Street and Braehead. A large pile of cuttings was now left which needed removing. This will be brought up at the next meeting.	

13	<p>Ronald said that he'd been asked by the Tennis Court committee if there would be any objection to putting a small, one slab wide, pathway around the court to keep the build up of grass and weeds away from the fence. Highland Council had agreed and Ronald said he'd spoken to several councilors about it and there were no objections. It was not a matter that required a formal council consideration.</p> <p>Jeremy will contact Rosemary Hogg and advise her accordingly.</p>	JP
14	<p>In response to some correspondence about polling stations, David confirmed that the statutory duty to review premises and stations had been carried out for Cromarty.</p>	
15	<p>Ronald said that the Christmas tree was now up and lit and it would be nice if a letter of thanks could be send to Grant Cathel thanking him for the great job! Vivienne had written the last one and Ronald asked if she could be contacted to do this one.</p>	VP
16	<p>Ronald said that the Homes and Heritage report was now out and was well worth reading.</p>	
17	<p>Jeremy said there was information from the TBI Million Miles Project about Stagecoach and its offer for money-off coupons for all houses in Cromarty and Resolis in the new year. Also, a free week's bus travel voucher would be on offer at an event to be held in Cromarty on 1<sup>st</sup> February next year. He will ensure this is put on the Cromarty Live website.</p>	
18	<p>It was agreed that the next full meeting would be held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2014.</p>	