



MINUTES
APPROVED
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**Minutes of meeting held on Monday 5 December 2014
in the Hugh Miller Institute**

Community Councillors: Jeremy Price (JP) Chair, Gabriele Pearson (GP) Secretary, Diane Brawn (DB), Andrew Hulse (AH), Estelle Quick (EQ)

Youth Representative: Niamh McCann (NM)

Highland Councillors: Cllr Craig Fraser(CF), Cllr David Alston(DA)

Police Scotland: Not present

Community Council Minute Secretary: Gillian McNaught

1	<u>Chairman's Welcome</u> JP welcomed everyone to the meeting	
1.1	<u>Apologies:</u> Vivienne Plampton, (VP) Treasurer & Police Scotland.	
2	<u>Approval of previous Minutes 27th October</u> Approved by DB and seconded by GP.	
3	<u>Youth Issues</u>	
3.1	NM reported the path to the graveyard very is muddy and near falls have been reported and wet fallen leaves have caused similar issues elsewhere. These are issues that could be addressed by the Town Officer which the C&DCC are still looking into, but in the meantime, NM will report as maintenance issue on the HC website.	NM
3.2	Wanda reported there is wording on the war memorial faded. DA said there is a funding for a programme of works over the next 4 years. EQ will inspect and report back.	EQ
3.3	Some of the younger children have asked about the possibility of a skatepark, but it was felt this wouldn't happen any time soon.	

3.4	Path along the Ladies Walk above the East Church is worn. This is a core path, so CF will contact Phil Waite to look at re-inforcement.	CF
3.5	GP had circulated information about a survey from the Centre for Youth and Criminal Justice. It was decided not to respond NM was thanked and left the meeting.	
4	<u>Police Report</u>	
4.1	The new Police Scotland representative for C&DCC is Calum Reid and he has asked for feedback. Report Appendix A.	
4.2	A meeting will be set up with the new Area Commander, Ian MacLelland with CF, DA & JP.	CF, DA, JP
5	<u>Matters Arising from 27th October 2014 minutes</u>	
5.1	(3.1 Loose kerbstone). CF reported. Discharged.	
5.2	(6.3 Bus Shelter repairs) Ongoing.	EQ
5.3	(6.6 Nigg Ferry) CF suggests picking this up in the New Year.	CF & DA
5.4	(6.7 Beach Clean) There will be a quick clean before the Splash & Dash.	AH & CF
5.5	(6.8 Wheelie Bin frame). Helen in the library will follow up the removal of this with HC.	
5.6	(6.10 Nancy's Bus Shelter) Bus shelter erected. DB will contact HC about removing the previous wood base. Discharged	DB
5.7	(6.14 Tractor insurance). DA followed up. Ongoing.	DA
5.8	(6.15 Funding in relation to Youth Work). DA & Wanda have discussed. Ongoing	DA
5.9	(10.3. Christmas Tree). Discharged.	
5.10	(11.2 Unsafe verges on Farness Road)) CF will follow up. Ongoing.	CF
5.11	(11.4. Disposal of soil from School building site). Newton Farm had raised concern with JP about that this soil may be moved to the Red Burn. It is in fact illegal to move contaminated soil. This matter is in the the hands of HC.	
5.12	(13.1 Superfast Broadband to Cromarty). It was reported there will be a delay of several months because of 'congestion' in the original proposed route via Jemimaville. BT are looking at alternative routes. Mr Tim Pearson has been lobbying for those in the outlying districts whose broadband may not improve after the upgrade. He has been exploring options which he outlined in a paper circulated a paper to members. Mr Pearson was thanked for the considerable work he has done on this. Ongoing.	GP
5.13	(13.2 Remembrance Sunday). EQ laid a wreath on behalf of the C&DCC.	

6	<p><u>Gaelic Chapel</u> The Chapel has now been formally declared surplus to requirements by HC so progress made. Ongoing.</p>	CF
7	<p><u>Community Councillors' Portfolios-review/update</u></p>	
7.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Black Isle Community Council meeting. GP & DB reported there will be a meeting in Cromarty in January, date tbc. JP will attend, GP to communicate date to JP. 	GP, JP & DB
7.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dog Bin Rota. AH reported a new rota has been drawn up. A post has snapped on the links bin, JP & AH will liaise about replacing this. The Dog bin opposite the Royal will not be replaced, as the previous was damaged by storms. The one at Townlands has been replaced by a wheelie bin for dog waste and litter. 	JP & AH
8	<p><u>Victoria Hall and Youth Cafe Reports</u></p>	
8.1	In VP's absence, JP presented her report. (See Appendix B). The refurbishment is complete at a slightly lower cost. A letter had been received from Eric Malcolm thanking the Hall committee for the portrait banners hall banners given to him.	
8.2	Youth Cafe Report. (See Appendix C).	
9	<p><u>Treasurer's Report</u></p> <p>In VP's absence, JP presented her report. (Appendix D).</p>	
10	<p><u>Highland Councillors' Reports</u> <u>Craig Fraser</u></p>	
10.1	CF had a request to look at the Sunday bus service so that the route alternates between Davidson and Jemimaville. CF will check the timetable and contact Steve Walker at Stagecoach to ask if this is possible.	CF
10.2	CF is to meet with the new Area Commander, Ian McLelland and raise (1) speeding on the Black Isle (including Cromarty) and (2) communication with Community Councils.	CF
10.3	DA has been part of discussions with Chief Superintendent, Julian Innes about tackling the problem of speeding. Culbokie are having similar problems with speeding and DA suggested it would be worth talking with their CC who are in the process of setting up a voluntary group to monitor speeding traffic.	

10.3 (cont)	<p>There then followed a discussion relating to the correspondence (item 11) from Jaquie Ross and Vicky Benjamin specifically about speeding on the Denny Road. Monitoring has shown that speeds were within tolerable limits but this is questioned by the residents. DA suggested, in addition to a possible voluntary monitoring group, that a ‘smiley face’ may be an option with the cost being shared by the Ward Budget and the C&DCC. JP will write back with these options. Ongoing.</p>	All & JP
10.4	<p>CF had discussion with the Roads Department regarding water collecting at the entrance to Jessie Ross’s property and at Jalidor on the Shore Road. It is hoped the necessary pipework will be completed by the end of the year, weather permitting and will clear up the ponding at both properties.</p> <p><u>David Alston</u></p>	
10.5	<p>DA had contact from Derek Matheson’s family regarding a memorial bench on Braehead, made from recycled plastic that replicates wood and has been used often by the Forestry Commission. JP had spoken to Braehead residents and will indicate to the family to go ahead.</p>	JP
10.6	<p>Nigg Harbour- Global application. Members were aware of this planning application and the HC will recommend objection. DA has draughted a letter of objection on behalf of the Harbour Trust on the basis of (a) Public resources are going into private hands and (b) the dividing up of the Firth. Members of the public have until 24th December to comment and any objections then triggers an enquiry. Members had misgivings about the application, similar to those outlined and in addition concerns over control & monitoring of such activities as dredging. DA will send JP the draft Harbour Trust letter and JP will send a letter with the observations as outlined.</p>	DA & JP
10.7	<p>SCIOs- HC has been making the point for some years that Community Councils do not have the status of a corporate body. This is about to change following negotiations and should make a big difference. CCs can therefor own property & can be employers. Discussions followed in relation to the post of Town Officer. It was agreed that to progress this matter that:</p> <p>(1) JP would draft a notice asking for expression of interest to become a Trustee under a SCIO to manage the Town Officer.</p> <p>(2) Depending on the response to the first option, DA suggested HC would be interested in discussions where HC pay for the post but it would be under more local direction.</p> <p>All agreed to proceed on this basis.</p>	JP

11	<u>Correspondence</u>	
11.1	<p>Community Funding: Fraser Mackenzie had written to JP as he feels Cromarty receives minimal funding and benefit from the main users of the Firth considering the town's close proximity to noise, testing, oil rig movements etc. DA suggested having discussion with the Cromarty Firth Port Authority(CFPA), who have an obligation to stakeholders i.e. the communities around the Firth and have a new Chief Executive, Bob Buskie who is committed to this.</p> <p>DB will bring this matter up at the next BI meeting and JP will write to Bob Buskie, Roy McGregor from Global and Alistair Kennedy.</p>	DB & JP
11.2	Speeding on Denny Road: Covered in 10.3.	
11.3	Dog Bin Emptying Rota: An email had come via AH asking why volunteers empty the Dog Poo bins and not the HC. After discussion, it was agreed that although was an unpleasant task, it worked well and bins were never overflowing as had happened in Inverness recently. Visitors to Cromarty were impressed with the voluntary rota system and it was agreed to continue with it.	
11.4	Cromarty Estate Shoots: JP had received an email from a concerned resident having met men with guns on a shoot on the Reeds Loop path. The Footpath Officer had been contacted and the C&DCC were asked if they could approach Cromarty Estate to make recommendations to reduce the risk of accident. members agreed that as there had benignly one complaint that no formal intervention should be made by the council and that JP will forward correspondence to John Nightingale and ask that protocol is carefully followed.	JP
11.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highland Small Communities Trust. GP will join the C&DCC as members. • Planning Matter Survey. GP filled in on C&DCC's behalf. • Cromarty Firth Stakeholder Group Meeting. GP will send details to JP • A new website has been set up for Community Councils • Black Isle Community Windfarm. Summary of meeting in Fortrose published. 	GP
11.6	A resident asked if Cromarty will follow the example of Jemimaville and turn out the street lights from midnight to 6am as an energy saving measure. The meeting was reminded a comprehensive survey was undertaken some years ago with view to switching off some lights. The results of this will be sought and DA and CF will pursue this with Tina Luxton as to whether it is technically feasible to turn off some lights or whether it has to be all or nothing.	DA & CF

13	<u>Planning</u> GP emailed the planning report prior to the meeting. Appendix E.	
14	<u>Date of Next Meetings</u> Monday 12th January 2015 @ 7.30 Hugh Miller Institute, Church Street, Cromarty	
	JP thanked everyone for attending and for their input.	

Summary of Action Points from meeting

Reference	To whom allocated	Notes
3.1	Niamh	Report to HC maintenance issues
3.2	Estelle	Inspect war memorial and report back
3.4	Craig	Report Ladies walk path deterioration
5.2	Estelle	Ongoing. Bus Shelter Repairs
5.3	David and Craig	Ongoing. Nigg ferry. Pick up in new year.
5.4	Andrew and Craig	Arrange December beach clean before Splash and Dash
5.6	Diane	Contact HC to remove wood base at shelter
5.7	Vivienne & David	Tractor Insurance. David to liaise with HC and Vivienne. Ongoing
5.8	David	Ongoing. Revenue funding applications liaising with Wanda
5.10	Craig	Follow up unsafe verges on Farness Road
5.12	Gabriele	Keep members updated BT Superfast Broadband concerns
7.1	Gabriele, Diane, Jeremy	Liaise over January Black Isle Community Council meeting in Cromarty
7.2	Jeremy & Andrew	Replace damaged post on dog bin on links
10.1	Craig	Research Sunday bus routes
10.2	Craig	Meet with new Area Commander
10.3	All & JP	Speeding issues. JP to reply to letter received about Denny Road
10.5	Jeremy	Contact family to go ahead with memorial bench
10.6	Jeremy	Write regarding discussions about Global application

10.7	Jeremy	Draft notice regarding SCIOs
11.1	Diane & Jeremy	Diane bring up at next BI meeting, Jeremy to write as discussed
11.4	Jeremy	Forward correspondence to Cromarty Estates etc
11.5	Gabriele	Join C&DCC as members to Highland Small Communities Trust.
11.6	David & Craig	Meet with Tina Luxton ref: streetlight measures etc

Appendix A

Agenda item no 4.1

Police report for your area over recent period as requested.

01/10/2014 Serious RTC on B9163 at Poyntzfield - Road Policing officers attended and carried out appropriate enquiries. The injured party is making a slow but steady recovery.

01/10/2014 B9163 at Poyntzfield (separate incident) - male arrested for failing roadside breath test, conveyed to police station and passed station procedure, released without charge.

23/10/2014 Cromarty - male reported to PF for driving licence offence.

14/11/2014 Cromarty - 4 males arrested following a disturbance within a residential area of Cromarty. Further patrols carried out in the area following this incident and no similar incidents or calls have been received since.

23/11/2014 Cromarty - driver issued FP for having no MOT.

There have not been any significant problems in the area over the last two months. The incident on 14/11/2014 appears to be an isolated incident as there have been no further reports regarding disturbances in the area.

In terms of new information for the members I would have been informing you about the reduction in the drink drive limit which goes live on the 5th of this month. This sees the limit being reduced quite significantly and it is hoped that this will promote safer roads as well as responsible drinking over the festive period.

Also on the 5th of this month OPERATION RESPECT begins which is aimed at engaging with the public during the festive period. Officers will be tasked with High-Viz foot patrols across all areas of Dingwall and the Black Isle between 2100 and 0300 on both Friday and Saturday nights.

Appendix B

Agenda Item 8.1

Cromarty & District Community Council

Committee Meeting 8th December 2014

Victoria Hall Report

1. The reported refurbishment works have now been completed and I am pleased to report that the final costs were less than estimated at the last meeting. Final costs were new kitchen lighting £368.40, redecorating kitchen £564.36 and replacement banners £922.22 totalling £1,854.98 against the previous £2,000 estimate. It should also be noted that a £250 contribution towards the banners' cost was received from the loan of the framed editions to the Mid Lothian NHS. As reported to the Council Members, the VHMC agreed to donate the original banners to the families of those depicted. All but one has now been delivered and the response has been a very positive and grateful thank you.

ACTION - Information only, no action required.

2. Youth Café Report - Attached.

ACTION - Information only, no action required.

Vivienne Plampton

Appendix C Agenda item 8.2

Community Council Report

Dec 2014

• Cromarty Junior Youth Café.

Cromarty Jnr Youth Café has been very busy with a range of activities being provided, such as, Bootylicious Dancing with Steve, Arts & Crafts, Laura's Crafty Corner - Making Sweetie rings, Cushion's, Making Christmas Decoration, multi sports, creating the guy for on top of the bonfire, Movie Nights, visit to the Emporium for Hot Choc for winning the Guy competition

• Cromarty Christmas Party

Cromarty Youth Café & Community Residents Association of Cromarty (C.R.A.C) Formerly Townlands together held their Xmas party over 50 young people and many parents attended - not bad considering over 40% of Cromarty Primary school were off with the winter vomiting bug.

All enjoyed various party games, dance, and a visit from Santa and exceptional spread of food

• Wanda's Diamond Divas

Around 10 young girls attend weekly, taking part in learning new routines with Libby from Eden Court, some of the girls attend other dance classes, Eden court offered the girls the opportunity to attend the Big Dance Show for Highland, where the girls and their parents could watch groups from all over highland showcase there dances. This was an amazing performance particularly Dance in Action & the Fortrose over 50's

• Hockey Sessions

The hockey sessions are going really well each week. There are around 10 young people that turn up each week and they are all learning new skills and how to play the games properly. The girls are doing really well, and all of the young people are responsive to the girls. This class is ran by Niamh McCann & Marley Mackenzie who are taking part in Saltire award, Both girls give up their time to volunteers for this class . Well done & Thank You

• Cookwell Project in Cromarty

On a Monday night a group of 5 girls come along to a cooking class in the Victoria hall, the group are learning about different food, and how to cook a quick 4 course meal on a budget, also increasing their confidence and social skills, learning the basics about cooking from what different measurements are to cooking the food completely. The food that the group are producing is amazing. The girls all love this opportunity. Each week the group are able to pick their own menu. This is on partnership with The Calman Trust.

• Badminton Sessions

Each week there are about 5 young people at the badminton. All of the young people that are attending are coming on really well with their skills and some of the young people couldn't hit the shuttle over the net and now they are able to play proper games.

• Chanter Class

The Chanter Class is going amazing there have been 5 new recruits in the past few weeks.

The pipes are doing great. Cody opened the Bonfire in Cromarty; the whole group held a sponsored pipe at the Community market in November, also Finlay & Cody Piped with Father Mel at the Cenotaph. Well Done Boys

• Saltire Awards

In each of the sessions of the Junior Youth Café there are a couple young people who help run the sessions and input their own skills.

In November Estere Vitola & Emily Kelly both won Saltire Summit award for all their hard work that they have input into the community. They received the awards at Ross County Football Club on Thursday 6th November. 5 of the awards came back to The Black Isle. This was amazing so well done to Everyone Involved

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Appendix D
Agenda item 9

<u>Finance Report – Cromarty & District Community Council</u>			
<u>Agenda Item No 9 - Treasurer's Report</u>			
<u>Period: 27th October to 7th December 2014</u>			
<u>General Income</u>			
Repairs - BI Grant for Bus Shelter	£	546.00	
Less:			
<u>General Expenditure</u>			
Secretarial Services - October meeting	£	50.00	
Storage Costs - half year garage rental	£	65.00	
Christmas Tree	£	162.00	
Increase/(Decrease) in Accumulated Fund		£269.00	
<u>Fund Income</u>			
Monday Lunch Club - Urquhart Trust Grant	£	1,000.00	
Bonfire Night Fund - Nigg Donation	£	500.00	
Bonfire Night Fund - Proceeds	£	685.52	
Splash & Dash Fund - Nigg Dnation	£	600.00	
Less:			
<u>Fund Expenditure</u>			
Monday Lunch Club - Cromarty Arms Sept/Oct/Nov	£	518.00	
Increase/(Decrease) in Other Funds		£2,267.52	
<u>Net Assets</u>			
Accounts Receivable @ 07.12.14	£	392.67	Snow Plough Insurance not received from HC
Accounts Payable @ 07.12.14			
Bank & Cash in hand balances as @ 07.12.14	£	12,184.38	
Total Net Assets at 7th December 2014		£12,577.05	
<u>Comprising:</u>			
Community Council Accumulated Fund	£	1,952.53	
Provision for Guide Book reprinting	£	717.50	287 sold at £2.50 cost = £ 717.50
Seaplane Plinth Fund	£	820.13	
Bonfire Night Fund	£	1,685.52	
Splash & Dash Fund	£	1,545.74	
Monday Club Fund	£	1,248.30	
Lonna's Lights Fund	£	208.00	
Gala Day Fund	£	4,399.33	
		£12,577.05	
Vivienne Plampton 07.12.14			

Appendix E
Agenda item 13

New Planning

14/03933/FUL | Erection of shed | New Schoolhouse Braehead Cromarty IV11 8XR-
Pending Consideration

14/04035/FUL | Change of use from house (Class 9) to shop (Class 1) | 48 Shore Street
Cromarty IV11 8XL-Pending Consideration

14/04036/LBC | Conversion of house to shop (Listed Building Consent) | 48 Shore Street
Cromarty IV11 8XL-Pending Consideration

14/04192/FUL | Erection of conservatory extension to house | 61 Townlands Park Cromarty
IV11 8YY-Pending Consideration

Update on Planning Applications

14/04534/FUL | Installation of telecoms cabinet | Telephone Exchange Denoon Place
Cromarty- Application Withdrawn

14/03018/FUL | Erection of extension to house and formation of access (Planning
Permission) | Wellington House Church Street Cromarty IV11 8XA- Permission Granted

14/03021/LBC | Internal alterations to house, erection of extension and alteration to
boundary wall and railings (Listed Building Consent) | Wellington House Church Street
Cromarty IV11 8X- Permission Granted

14/03585/FUL | Erection of extension to house, including garage | 7 Bayview Crescent
Cromarty IV11 8YW- Permission Granted

Out of area Planning Application

Global- Nigg Harbour

