



Cromarty and District Community Council

Minutes of the
Special Emergency Meeting
held on
Monday 7th April 2020, 7.30pm
via video link due to Covid-19 restrictions

Present

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

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

Community Council Minute Secretary: Gillian McNaught

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| 1 | <p><u>Chairman's Welcome</u> PR welcomed everyone to the video conference meeting. <u>Apologies:</u> Gregor Fox (GF)</p> | |
| 2 | <p><u>Covid -19 Virus Updates, including Cromarty Stores</u></p> <p>2.1 GP circulated prior to the meeting an update from Marcel Gommers on changes implemented at Cromarty Stores, ie protective screen, reduced opening hours and working methods. Volunteers have supported these measures by contacting residents directly to encourage adherence to the changes and explaining that these are in place to best protect the staff and public during the crises. Marcel Gommers thanked NS for his organising of newspaper and grocery deliveries and all who had helped improve the situation.</p> <p>2.2 Discussion took place about confusion over local Covid-19 updates and who was dealing with what due to the speed of changes. KM offered to collate a public information Guidance Sheet with FAQ for circulation via social media and leaflet form, with input from TJ. NS will request Jon Palmer and his editorial team publish an 'interim' April Cromarty Newsletter with new developments.</p> <p>2.3 Blytheswood Food Parcels - KM has been approved as someone who can issue emergency food vouchers. In discussion with Dr Jill Stoner, KM will follow up with Blytheswood the possibility of Cromarty having its own food bank for distribution and donations. TJ has offered assistance if required.</p> <p>2.4 NS reported that Cromarty Care project (CCP) has secured a £5000 Filling the Gap award from the Karen Napier Charity. CCP also received a significant contribution from the Cromarty West Church. Applications are now welcome from residents whose income has been disrupted by Covid-19. More funding may be forthcoming.</p> <p>(cont)</p> | <p>KM & NS</p> <p>KM & TJ</p> <p>NS</p> |

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| 2.5 | NS reported that 22 bottles of donated hand sanitiser had been distributed to the Surgery and local shops. | NS |
| 2.6 | AP reported that Moray Firth Radio (MFR) has requested assistance from the Youth Cafe to identify families in crises with young children who would benefit from donations towards electricity and food costs. | AP |
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| 3 | <u>Cromarty Harbour - Crew Transfer Protocol</u> | |
| 3.1 | Following discussions about the management of potential crew transfers at Cromarty Harbour, Colin Dickie, Trustee of the Cromarty Harbour Trust has now instructed the Harbour Master to <i>decline</i> any requests to facilitate this until further notice. | |
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| 4 | <u>Rosefarm Egg Box proposal</u> | |
| 4.1 | The Egg Box is running an Easter competition for best painted egg. Antonia Gordon requested permission to put a dozen eggs on the doorstep of entrants and Cromarty Primary School families. Members agreed this was a commendable idea. DB will contact Antonia. | DB |
| End | | |
| 5 | <u>Any Other Business</u> | |
| 5.1 | Members were updated on the work of the HC Hub, Highland Assistance Centre (HAC) in Dingwall, supplying food and assistance to people in need. Members expressed concern that the HAC can have a weeklong delay between ordering and delivering to vulnerable residents. It was agreed by Members that it was vital information moved more directly and quickly between local groups and HAC to close this time gap in provision. CF will follow up. | CF |
| 5.2 | Members noted that in order to cut down footfall to Cromarty Medical Practice, residents can have prescriptions delivered direct to their door by Conon Pharmacy. Details will be posted in the Guidance Leaflet (<i>item 2.2</i>). | KM |
| 5.3 | TJ will send information about access to useful Health Apps and contacts for the Guidance Leaflet to KM (<i>item 2.2</i>) and DB for CC Facebook. | TJ, KM & DB |
| 5.4 | AP thanked CF for his recent road cleaning efforts. | |
| 5.5 | Following the recent archiving of past CC papers by Vivienne Plampton, AP was pleased to end on a light note and inform Members that C&DCC Chair, Peter Ratcliffe had attended the first two AGM's of the C&DCC in 1977 & 1978! | |
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| 6 | <u>Date of next meeting</u> | |
| 6.1 | Next <u>Special Emergency meeting</u> , Tuesday 14th April @ 7.30pm via video conference. | |
| 6.2 | The next <u>Ordinary meeting</u> as scheduled on Monday 27th April 2020 @ 7.30pm via video conference. | |
| 6.3 | It was recognised that emergency meetings may need to be held at short notice for the time being. | |
| | PR thanked everyone for attending and the meeting concluded at 8.35 pm. | |

Summary of Matters Arising & Action Points

| Reference | To whom allocated | Action |
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| 2.2 | Kari | Draft a <i>Guidance Leaflet</i> for social media and leaflet form |
| 2.2 | Nigel | Contact Jon Palmer requesting interim Cromarty Newsletter |
| 2.3 | Kari | Follow up with Blythsewood the possibility of Cromarty's own food and donations bank |
| 2.3 | Tiffany | Assist with delivery of food parcels from Inverness (ref above) if required |
| 2.4 | Nigel | Report back on future progress of Karen Napier 'Filling the Gap' Award |
| 2.5 | Nigel | Report back on provision of donated hand sanitiser for local businesses |
| 2.6 | Alan | Report back on progress of MFR assistance via Youth cafe |
| 4.1 | Diane | Contact Antonia Fraser as minuted re Egg Box proposal |
| 5.1 | Craig | Follow up Members' concerns about the 7 day provisions gap with the Dingwall HAC |
| 5.2 | Kari | Include information about the door to door Prescription service from Conon Pharmacy on the <i>Guidance Leaflet</i> |
| 5.3 | Tiffany | Send useful information about Apps and Health advice to Kari to the <i>Guidance Leaflet</i> |
| 5.3 | Tiffany | Send useful information about Apps and Health advice to Diane for CC Facebook |