

**Minutes of Crown & City Centre Community Council**  
**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at 7pm**  
**Fraser Park Bowling Club**

<b>Meeting of Crown &amp; City Centre Community Council</b>		
Abbreviations: Crown & City Centre Community Council (CC); Highland Council (HC)		
<b>1.</b>	<b>Welcome</b>	<b>Members present:</b> Fiona MacBeath (FM), Julia Dall (JD), Pat Hayden (PH), Donald Mackenzie (DM), Becky Fretwell (BF), Val Falconer (VF), Mike Smith (MS), Colin Mackenzie (CM) <b>In attendance:</b> Cllr Ian Brown (IB), Cllr Bet McAllister (BM), Cllr Isabelle Mackenzie (IM)
<b>2.</b>	<b>Apologies</b>	Francis Williams (FW)
<b>3.</b>	<b>Minutes of previous meeting</b>	Meeting on 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2024: Two corrections noted: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Under 7. Finance, first 'CCS' should have said 'CCA'</li> <li>Under 8. AOCCB, re: co-option of Colin Mackenzie, sentence should have been included to show that vote was unanimous and in favour</li> </ol> Otherwise proposed as an accurate minute by PH, seconded by VF.
<b>4.</b>	<b>Matters Arising</b>	
<b>4a.</b>	<b>Walker and Fraser Park updates</b>	<b>Walker Park</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CCTV update: <b>CM</b> to follow up for confirmation that they're testing it. <b>PH</b> to follow up on the signage and whether it will be put up.</li> <li>Equipment: BMX park, <b>PH</b> was going to follow up. Ongoing.</li> </ul> <b>Fraser Park</b> Cricket: heard the schedules for the various cricket teams – busy season upcoming at Fraser Park. Noted how busy the parking around David Munro close is. With Scouts on as well, lots of kids around. Mark Greig has spoken to people about not parking on grass.
<b>4b.</b>	<b>Crown Primary School</b>	<b>Flooring for community hub</b> It was agreed by the CC that the flooring renovation work should be taken care of by Property and Maintenance of Highland Council. This was also agreed by attending Councillors. <b>FM</b> to let Miriam Macdonald know that we are unable to donate on this occasion, but that they should keep us in mind for other projects/donations.
		<b>Goals</b> Goals have been purchased by Crown Football Club with our donation.
<b>4c.</b>	<b>Highland Council updates</b>	<b>Town centre plans</b> Teams meeting held on 15 <sup>th</sup> April between HC and CC members (DM, PH, FM, VF, JD, BF, FW). CC conveyed the need for mitigating actions re: traffic in Crown area. HC assured CC that funds will be available for mitigation within the project costs. CC suggested that mitigation should be put in place <u>before</u> any work starts on Academy Street, and requested that all this be put in writing. HC will invite us to a further meeting in Aug/Sep 2024, hopefully in person. Neil Young requested the bullet points from our discussion. <b>FM</b> to contact with those, suggestions for mitigation, and to ask for schedule going forward.
<b>4d.</b>	<b>Old High Church</b>	Buyers of church still unknown. Discussion around inventory of artefacts in church and the future meetings about it. Friends of Old High still exists for now. <b>CM</b> to update in future.
<b>4e.</b>	<b>Website and social media</b>	Old website has been cancelled. All agreed that new website fine for <b>JD</b> to publish. Discussion about potential physical noticeboard for those not online.
<b>4f.</b>	<b>Godsman's Brae</b>	Railings/bollards on list to be looked at – <b>BM</b> to update. Noted that there are other services who may be able to assist with general upkeep of the Brae,

		including Apex. <b>FM</b> to contact Mark Greig about this.
<b>4g.</b>	<b>Parking permits</b>	Re: parking permits for short-term lets – <b>DG</b> not present to update. <b>BF</b> to email Shane Manning with her thoughts and copy in members.
<b>5.</b>	<b>Correspondence</b>	Email from BID regarding florals around Crown – 4 baskets for £115 each + VAT, this includes all maintenance. Agreed by all to go ahead.
<b>6.</b>	<b>Planning</b>	4 short-term let units at 5 Bank St, change of use to self-contained buildings. No impact predicted on Old High.
<b>7.</b>	<b>Finance</b>	Balance at last meeting was £12,076.27. Payments since: CC insurance (£97.20); donation to Crown Football Club (£250); trampoline at Walker Park (£3,700); honorarium to secretary (£250); hall hire (£40); website domain hosting (£126.24). New balance is £7,612.83. End of year accounts are completed and verified by Ann Henderson, ready for AGM.
<b>8.</b>	<b>AOCCB</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local Place Plans – further meetings may take place to go further into this as it's a complex system. Discussion about potential redevelopment of old tip at Longman and the seafront area.</li> <li>• Discussion surrounding Orange Brigade Parade to take place in Inverness. Noted that many residents unhappy about it going ahead.</li> </ul>
<b>9.</b>	<b>Date of next meeting</b>	Next meeting and AGM: Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June, 7pm, Fraser Park Bowling Club