

Minutes of Crown & City Centre Community Council
Tuesday 18th June 2024 at 7pm
Fraser Park Bowling Club

AGM		
1.	Welcome	<p>Members present: Fiona MacBeath (FM), Julia Dall (JD), Pat Hayden (PH), Donald MacKenzie (DM), Becky Fretwell (BF), Val Falconer (VF), Colin Mackenzie (CM), Francis Williams (FW)</p> <p>In attendance: Cllr Ian Brown (IB), Cllr Isabelle MacKenzie (IM), three members of the public</p>
2.	Apologies	Cllr Bet McAllister (BM), Cllr Kate Maclean (KM), Cllr Michael Cameron (MC), Mike Smith (MS)
3.	Minutes of Previous AGM on 20th June 2023	Meeting on 20 th June 2023: proposed an accurate minute by DM, seconded by BF.
4.	Chairperson's report	<p>The year in summary: some ongoing topics have been use of Fraser Park, development of dog area, Walker Park CCTV, 20mph consultation in Crown, monitoring of planning issues, sale of Old High Church, and Academy Street proposals and consultations.</p> <p>Highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposal to convert Charles Street to a children's Play Street for a two-hour period on a designated day each month has been successfully trialled. Special nod to BF and colleagues at Crown Connects, and also to CM, for their efforts (the project recently received a mention on BBC Scotland morning news!) • Participated in the re-introduction of Community Council Ward Forums which we hope will be a valuable source of information exchange such as police and council news and planning updates. • Development of our brand new website by CC secretary, Julia. • Change of meeting venue to Fraser Park Bowling Club – we hope to continue here and are grateful for the welcome received. • Welcoming Francis Williams in joining us as well as the return of Colin Mackenzie. <p>Some areas of focus for the year ahead: development of multi-use games area, Academy Street, and keeping meaningful contact with Crown Primary School and local residents.</p>
5.	Finance report	<p>A copy of the accounts was handed out to members including all the expenditure for the year 2023/2024 up to 31st March:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The year's starting balance was £12,301.33, the annual grant from HC was £1,069.94, totalling £13,371.27 • Normal CC expenses included hall hire, CC insurance, domain name, web hosting, plus honorarium to secretary • Added expenses included trampoline for Walker Park, floral displays for Kingsmills area, gardening at Broadstone Park, and a donation to Crown Football Club • Final balance at end of financial year was £7,739.07 <p>Proposed as accurate by BF; seconded by PH.</p>
6.	Election of office bearers	<p>Proposed by CM that office bearers remain the same; seconded by BF:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair: Fiona MacBeath • Vice Chair: Pat Hayden • Secretary: Julia Dall • Treasurer: Val Falconer
7.	Date of next AGM	To be held on or about 18 th June 2025

Meeting of Crown & City Centre Community Council		
Abbreviations: Crown & City Centre Community Council (CC); Highland Council (HC)		
1.	Welcome	
2.	Apologies	
3.	Minutes of previous meeting	Meeting on 16 th April 2024: proposed an accurate minute by CM, seconded by BF.
4.	Matters arising	
4a.	Walker and Fraser Park updates	<p>Walker Park</p> <p>CCTV update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CM will follow up about a test to confirm. PH to follow up with the authority on the signage and whether it will be put up. <p>Equipment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One other piece of equipment has been broken (blue seesaw in the toddler park). Noted that the sooner breakages are reported, the better. Suggested that to make reporting easier, maybe laminating a phone number or email address would work well. • PH has contacted community payback team about having the frames of the equipment painted. It's reaching the top of their list. • Grass cutting around equipment: there have been issues with the grass not being lifted, and the grass around the actual equipment hasn't been cut. Cllr IM has reported it. Cllr IB has a meeting about this next week so will follow up. Cllr IM noted that the roads team at HC have been very helpful re: maintenance. • BMX park: ongoing. <p>Fraser Park</p> <p>CC intends to keep the multi-use games area on the list of things to look at – FM will continue to speak to those at HLH about this.</p>
4b.	Crown Primary School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Benches and skipping ropes: nothing further on this – BF to chase school about costing this. • BF notes that Parent Council is now up and running in Crown Primary, four dates scheduled now, very keen to have Councillors attend.
4c.	Highland Council updates	<p>Town centre plans</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion surrounding the meeting of Monday 17th June with reps from HC. They are going to send CC the report that they showed on-screen. • Noted that minutes would be helpful at the next meeting for those members of CC who couldn't attend. • Impression was that no mitigation will be put in place before project goes ahead as, according to the figures, an increase to the traffic in Crown/Hill area is not expected. • Noted that the CC does have areas of concern and that CC would like to see traffic modelling for the area. • Suggested that we request large print-outs of the area maps and that we meet again in person to discuss. FM will ask for the plans that we can view and next steps to be determined.
4d.	Old High Church	As before: buyers of church still unknown. Discussion around inventory of artefacts in church and the future meetings about it. CM to update.
4e.	Website and social media	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website: now fully published and being used. Members happy with content. Minutes to continue to be added going forward. • Social media: FM to check to see if other admins can be added to current Facebook page.
4f.	Godsman's Brae	Railings/bollards: on list to be looked at – no further on this issue. Using Apex would incur a cost. Suggested that FM follows up with Neil Young at

		HC about it. It's an Active Travel route and public are using it, so it would be pertinent to find out who should take responsibility for its upkeep.
4g.	Parking permits	Parking permits for short-term lets and abuse of visitor passes: BF hasn't heard back, will chase for an answer.
5.	Correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some discussion around the use of the Town House and flag-raising inside, it would be beneficial to further open up the building to public. • Seagulls: a local was recently attacked by a gull and ended up in A&E. The feeling is that new egg collection rules are now going against the previous 10 years of hard work. Union Road also a bad area, residents are concerned as it's a route to school and not everyone can escape them easily. Eggs and nests need to be removed more quickly than they are currently. DG gave a full explanation about what happened this year. FM to speak to Lorraine. • CC was invited to attend a public session with Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, encouraging people to comment on their proposals. DM attended. Noted that Inverness station is only one with full-time workers and heard about how rural areas are finding logistics difficult.
6.	Planning	EPC/planning – JD confirmed that everyone now receives the weekly list.
7.	Finance	Balance at last meeting was £7,612.83. Payments since: BID for floral displays (£552); Bowling Club for hall hire (£25). New balance is £7,035.83.
8.	AOCCB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Play Streets: BF notes that they're having difficulty getting a TTRO permit for a year so that the area can benefit from monthly sessions. • Gordonville Road: suggested some areas of greenery would be beneficial to indicate where the parking should be. FW will take a photo and share it, plenty of space exists. Hilton has had similar in their area. • Noted that Cllr Bet McAllister will be leaving her role soon. CC thanked her for her service during her time in post. • Discussion surrounding how to engage with both young people and the elderly in the area. • Discussion surrounding the A96/Inshes plan.
9.	Date of Next Meeting	Next meeting (provisional): Tuesday 20 th August, 7pm, Fraser Park Bowling Club.