

**Minutes of Crown & City Centre Community Council**  
**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> August 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>	<p><b>Members present:</b> Fiona MacBeath (FM), Julia Dall (JD), Pat Hayden (PH), Val Falconer (VF), Colin Mackenzie (CM), Mike Smith (MS), Donald MacKenzie (DM)</p> <p><b>In attendance:</b> Cllr Ian Brown (IB), Cllr Michael Cameron (MC), Cllr David Gregg (DG), Cllr Isabelle MacKenzie (IM)</p>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Apologies</b>	Becky Fretwell (BF), Francis Williams (FW)
<b>3.</b>	<b>Minutes of previous meeting</b>	Meeting on 18 <sup>th</sup> June 2024: proposed as an accurate minute by CM, seconded by VF.
<b>4.</b>	<b>Matters arising</b>	
<b>4a.</b>	<b>Walker and Fraser Park updates</b>	<p><b>Walker Park</b> CCTV update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Cllr IB</b> to follow up with HC.</li> </ul> <p>Equipment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seesaw in toddler park: it has a broken spring. New spring wasn't in stock, now in discussion about getting new bouncy toy to fit the base.</li> <li>• Frames not painted yet; awaiting suitable weather.</li> <li>• Grass cutting around equipment: Cllr IB noted that only grass cutting is being done, strimming is outwith the capabilities of HC at the moment.</li> <li>• No movement on BMX track yet, ongoing.</li> <li>• Broken swing reported to us: passed onto someone in the amenities department and is being dealt with.</li> <li>• Peter Kelly retired at end of June, PH notes with much appreciation Peter's support regarding Walker Park over the years.</li> </ul> <p><b>Fraser Park</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multi-use games area: no developments on this. Feeling is still that it'd be a good use of the area.</li> <li>• Discussion about the HC Roads &amp; Transport Depot on Diriebught Road and what will happen to that. Some concerns about the plans for development. <b>FM</b> will keep an eye on this.</li> </ul>
<b>4b.</b>	<b>Crown Primary School</b>	All members agreed to spend £800 on new equipment for Crown Primary after a request from Miriam Macdonald. This includes two eight-seater benches at £350 each (to be used for activities, crafts, and learning for the pupils, and for visitors during events), and £100 for skipping ropes.
<b>4c.</b>	<b>Highland Council updates</b>	<p><b>Town centre plans</b></p> <p>An extra meeting was envisaged but was shelved due to the latest news about Academy Street. Cllr IB updated CC regarding current situation. A decision will be made on 19<sup>th</sup> September – it's expected that a recommendation will be made with several options available.</p>
<b>4d.</b>	<b>Old High Church</b>	No updates. CM confirms that all treasures have been transferred. Many of these items are expected to be returned to the town house.
<b>4e.</b>	<b>Website and social media</b>	Social media: <b>FM</b> has received instructions for adding extra admins.
<b>4f.</b>	<b>Godsman's Brae</b>	Railings/bollards: Nei Young at HC said that this is not on the list due to small budgets and prioritisation. He agreed that it could use some maintenance and hopes that Mark/ward team will find some funding. Mark

		was consulted before the June meeting and, at that time, confirmed no budget available.
<b>4g.</b>	<b>Parking permits</b>	Parking permits for short-term lets and abuse of visitor passes: <b>FM</b> will ask <b>BF</b> if she's heard back on this, or will ask Shane herself. Recommended by Cllr IM that Philip Barron could be contacted too. Noted that some local businesses also give passes to their customers.
<b>5.</b>	<b>Correspondence</b>	FM spoke to Lorraine at BID – they're adding contact details to their website for people to report seagull issues in town. We will add this to our FB page too. It's hoped that Nature Scot will also come forward to discuss.
<b>6.</b>	<b>Planning</b>	Nothing to discuss.
<b>7.</b>	<b>Finance</b>	Balance at last meeting was £7,010.83. Payments since: Bowling Club for hall hire (£25). All information has been sent to HC for payment of the annual grant which should be received soon.
<b>8.</b>	<b>AOCCB</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bet McAllister has now retired and expressed an interest in joining CC. PH proposes BM be co-opted onto CC, seconded by CM. It's noted that Bet has unique knowledge and experience, and CC is looking forward to her attendance.</li> <li>Ride Across Britain returning to use Walker Park as a pitstop on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September.</li> </ul>
<b>9.</b>	<b>Date of Next Meeting</b>	Next meeting (confirmed): Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> October, 7pm, Fraser Park Bowling Club.