

# THE NOTICEBOARD

## CAN YOU HELP?



### Can You Help The Wee Bus Project?

With the wee bus project going from strength to strength, we are now looking for someone that would enjoy the volunteer role of interacting with residents to explore travelling options with them and to implement the journey plan for them.

If you'd like to find out more about what's involved, please contact Bruce Morrison at [ferintoshcc30@gmail.com](mailto:ferintoshcc30@gmail.com) or Tel: 07387 364541



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# A Message From the Editor

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Welcome to June.

We're off to a fine start weather wise.

Once again, there's lots going on this month. I still feel we're very Culbokie focused, so please, if there are things going on in Mulbuie and Easter Kinkell - let me know.

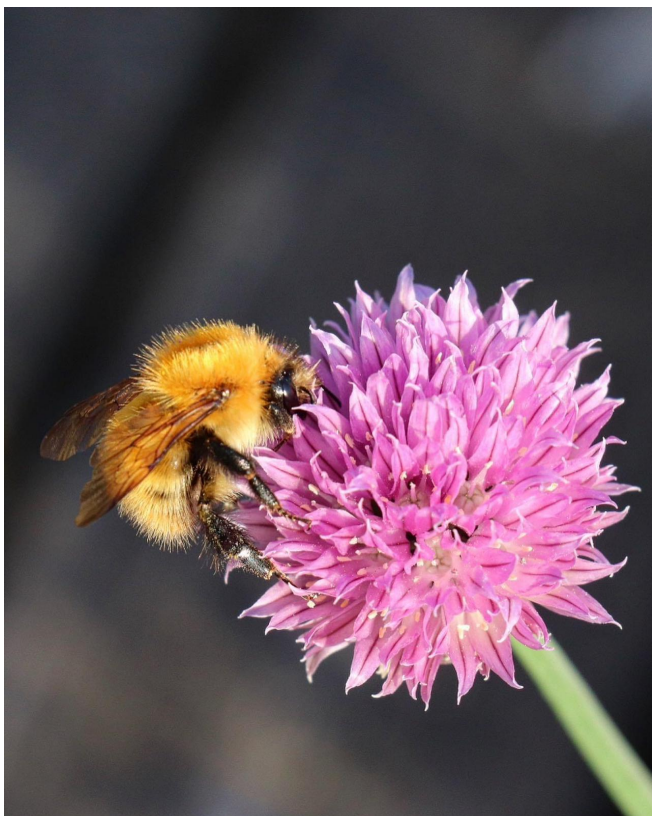
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One important piece of information to highlight, Heather Bannerman has managed to arrange with the Red Cross that any funds made from unwanted items recycled in the container at the Culbokie Recycling Area at the park, be paid into the Senior Citizen's Party Fund. So please, use the recycle facility for any of your unwanted items and help raise much needed funds for the Culbokie Senior Citizens party. Great job Heather.

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I hope to see some of you at the Place Plan events on Saturday 3rd June.

Becky



Bee on clover by Eilidh Richmond

# Black Isle Local Place Plan



**You've told us  
what you think.**  
**Now let's decide  
what to do.**

Join us at one of our two events where we'll be discussing the priorities laid down by the community and how we can begin to address them.



**Opportunity Black Isle**  
Your place, your future

## Saturday 3rd June

**Morning session**  
Start 10am sharp  
Finish by 12:30pm  
**Findon Hall, Culbokie**

**Afternoon session**  
Start 3pm sharp  
Finish by 5:30pm  
**Fortrose Free Church,  
Fortrose**

Both events will be chaired by Black Isle resident Rory Mair.

We've completed 9 Community Engagement events from Cromarty to Muir of Ord and everywhere in between. We've carried out engagements in Fortrose and Dingwall Academies. We're working with the primary schools. We've spoken to lots of community groups, and happy to speak to more. We've analysed over 2,000 comments and now it's time to feed these back and start to identify outcomes for the priorities that have been identified. If you'd like to help with that process, please join us on Saturday 3rd June (details in poster above). If you'd like to find out more, please email: [becky@blackislestud.co.uk](mailto:becky@blackislestud.co.uk) or [nick@nickwrightplanning.co.uk](mailto:nick@nickwrightplanning.co.uk)

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# Culbokie Community Trust

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## Bug & Bee Hunt

Wild flowers are starting to pop up on Culbokie Green and various bugs and bees are starting to take up residence. Come along to our 'Bug and Bee Hunt' to see what's there and get some help from the Ranger to identify all the little critters. Adults and children are welcome to this 'drop in' event organised by Highlife Highland.



### Bug and Bee Hunt at Culbokie Green

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June, 1:30pm to 3:30pm

Drop in, no booking required

Adults, children and families all welcome

Join us to find out what creepy crawlies and bees make Culbokie Green their home! Wildflower areas are an important site for many of our declining insects, how many will we be able to find on the day!

All children must be accompanied by an adult.



We ask for donations for this event to help with our work, which goes towards education about and protection of the nature of the Highlands. Please give what you feel you can afford.



## Dates for your Diary

- Friday, June 30th

Closing date for entries into the Black Isle Photo Competition 2023

- Saturday, August 26th

The Black Isle Photo Festival and Cream Tea (Findon Hall, 2-5pm)

- Saturday, September 23rd

The Black Isle Food Festival (Findon Hall, 2-5pm)



**The Black Isle  
PHOTOGRAPHIC  
COMPETITION  
2023**

— First time and keen amateur photographers —

**This year's theme...**

**"Seasons of the Black Isle"**

**CATEGORIES**

1. Best photograph (using a camera)
2. Best photograph (using a mobile phone)
3. Best photograph using any device, for entrants aged 13 and under

Rules and entry forms available on the Culbokie Community Trust website [www.culbokiect.org](http://www.culbokiect.org) or email [event@culbokiect.org](mailto:event@culbokiect.org)

**ENTER NOW - DEADLINE 30TH JUNE 2023**

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## Culbokie Community Market

### Indoor market and café in Findon Hall

**Saturdays 17<sup>th</sup> June and 15<sup>th</sup> July 1000-1200,**

A great opportunity to buy local produce, bread/patisserie items, cakes, chocolate etc. or various locally made craft items, plants and more.  
(Food vans still outside 1000-1100)

Enjoy a cuppa, cake/bacon roll and a chat in the café

Make it a date and support our local producers

**Outdoors Every Saturday 10.00-11.00**

**Car Park beside the Church  
Pro Fish and Highland Prime**

## Culbokie Sharing Shed

**Open Every Day 0900-1800, Wed to 2000 beside Church**

Many thanks for ALL your donations. Please keep them coming.

It's the 'go to' place for holiday reading,

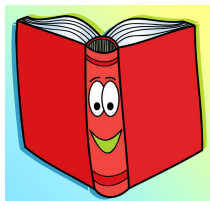
plus local plants are now a regular feature.

Please continue to come along, bring and/or take items.

**(Donations can be placed in the bins at the back but please ensure items are complete, in date, clean and no clothes/shoes/material etc)**

**Thanks to everyone for their continued support**

To keep up-to-date with what's available join the Culbokie Sharing Shed group on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/343545136916931/>



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## The History Group

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### The road to nowhere a.k.a. The coffin road

There aren't too many roads in and around Culbokie and they all, apart from one, have an obvious destination. The road in question leads down past the manse from the Spar shop junction. Today the road's sole purpose is to serve the various houses that have been built over the years but the houses are there because of the road and not the other way round.

The answer is that it was the most direct way to reach the Urquhart and Ferintosh Churches and the Preaching Site given that there is no obvious location for a religious building within the boundary of Culbokie and consequently the road would have seen many community processions taking the coffin to church.

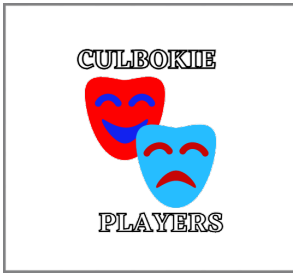
Over the years the road would have lost a lot of its usefulness only serving the houses in and around the Churches and so when deciding on the design and layout of the new A9 it would have been an easy decision to sever the road. Hence it now is the “road to nowhere”.

A selection of topics relating to “Churches & Religion” can be found here

<https://history.culbokiect.org/index.asp?pageid=724552>

Recently a Scrapbook compiled from the start of new management of the Ferintosh Community Market in 2009 has come to hand. This will be worked on and extra material added to the [Community Market](#) pages and *The Noticeboard* pages.

For further information access [history.culbokiect.org](http://history.culbokiect.org) and check out “History Recent Additions”.



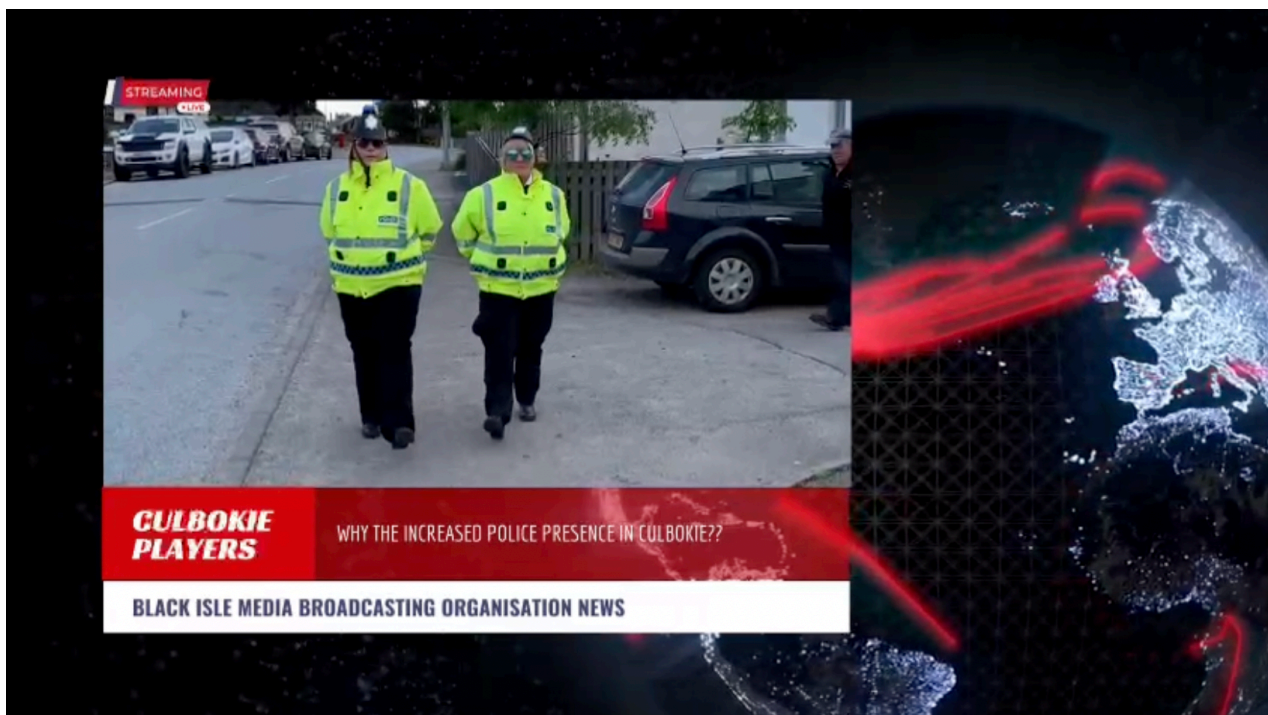

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# Culbokie Players

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We are now 4 weeks away from our summer event, the CULBOKIE SPECTACULAR, which takes place on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July. This will be a fun and entertaining evening of, sketches, song, dance, and comedy. The Culbokie Players will be showcasing several sketches we have been working on, alongside the help of some Culbokie Residents. There will be a couple of outside acts for you to enjoy as well.

Tickets are £5 and can be purchased from Culbokie Spar, Sheila Robinson, and at the June Culbokie market. This is a particularly special event for us as it's the Culbokie Players 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, so we are throwing all our talents into pulling off this Spectacular. Make sure you keep an eye out around the village for possible previews of some of our sketches.







**THE CULBOKIE PLAYERS**

**10<sup>th</sup>**

**ANNIVERSARY**

Come along and join us on the 1st July as we kick off our 10 year anniversary celebrations with the

**CULBOKIE**

**SPECTACULAR**

Tickets £5 and can be purchased from the Culbokie Spar or by Contacing Sheila on 07889 706 539

This is an 18s and over event  
Cash bar on the Night

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# Culbokie Church Centre

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## Culbokie Church Centre activities

**Sunday morning services at 10.30am** (also online at [www.cruparish.online.church](http://www.cruparish.online.church) and via Facebook, and on Youtube afterwards) except for Sunday 4th June when there is a Joint Service in Cromarty at 11am

**Sunday School & creche** on the 11th and 25th June



Café on Tuesday afternoons from 1.30 to 3.45pm



Line dancing on Wednesday mornings at 10am



Walking group on Thursday mornings at 10am



Mid week meeting on Thursday evenings at 7.30pm on 8th, 22nd and 29th June



Senior Citizen's Friendship Group on Monday 5th June, with a talk by Margaret Harkins about Jali Education Trust in the Gambia, followed by tea



Women's Fellowship meal out on Thursday 15th June



Soup lunch, 12 - 2pm, Saturday 24th June. Donations on the door, also baking and bric-a-brac stall



For further information, please see [www.culbokiechurchcentre.org](http://www.culbokiechurchcentre.org) and Facebook



## FERINTOSH SWI

### **A date for your diary!**

## **Ferintosh SWI branch will be starting up again in September. Remember, anyone within the locality is very welcome.**

We meet in the Ferintosh Hall on the first Wednesday of each month at 7.30 pm. The format is a short business meeting followed by a Speaker then tea/coffee, biscuits and a blether!

At a recent committee meeting topics for the future ranged from Lifeboats, Culbokie History Club, Invergordon Tunnels to Taste and Try, Search and Rescue, arm chair yoga and 'hands on' crafts. Some of these as well as different topics may well find themselves featuring on the final programme.

We hope to see you at our first meeting on Wednesday 6th September at 7.30pm.

Further information, please contact Christine Pokornieki 01349 866036 or Elaine Slinn 01349 863763

Jill Mutton.



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# Ferintosh Community Council

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We are fortunate to have a very active Community Council who work hard on behalf of residents. The Community Council area is spread across 3 different areas, so the Council rotate their meeting locations to reflect that.

The next meeting of the Community Council will be held on **Wednesday 14th June, 7.15pm at Ferintosh Hall**

As a resident, you can become involved in a number of ways:

- Join the FCC email list and stay up to date with their activities
- Respond to consultations that FCC circulate
- Attend meetings
- Volunteer on behalf of FCC to follow up an issue or project. Our Community Councillors are all volunteers and as the saying goes ‘many hands make light work’.

If you would like to be included on the email list or are interested in finding out more, please email Bruce Morrison, Secretary at **ferintoshcc30@gmail.com / 01349 877127**

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If you would like to receive an electronic copy of the Noticeboard, please email [becky@brachla.co.uk](mailto:becky@brachla.co.uk) and we can add you to the list.

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