

## **Action Notes of the Cromarty Firth Ward Forum**

**4<sup>th</sup> December 2014, Alness Heritage Centre, Alness**

### **1 Attending / Representing**

Cllr. Carolyn Wilson	Highland Council
Cllr. Mike Finlayson	Highland Council
Ch. Insp. Iain MacLelland	Police Scotland
Insp. Jason Beeston	Police Scotland
Judy Hill	Police Scotland
Antony Gardner	Scottish Fire and Rescue Service
Mary Macdonald	Alness Community Council
Barbara Sutherland	Alness Community Council
Val Campbell-Smith	Invergordon Community Council
Helen Ross	Highland Council

### **Apologies**

Cllr. Martin Rattray	Highland Council
Cllr. Maxine Smith	Highland Council

3 members of the public

### **1. Police Scotland – Ch. Insp. Iain MacLelland, Insp. Jason Beeston**

There was a presentation by Ch. Insp. Iain MacLelland and Insp. Jason Beeston on Multi Member Ward Policing Plans, including an update on current performance information, followed by discussion.

#### **Main Discussion points**

- Anti-Social behaviour is a major issue within communities and its impact should not be underestimated. Information on a specific case to be passed to Police Scotland to check it is on the Anti-social Behaviour Partnership Group agenda.
- Police relationship with the Community is key. The importance of prompt reporting of concerns via 101 was emphasised. Police contact at CCs is also important for two-way communication. PCs complete forms after attending CC meetings to identify key issues for follow up.

### **2. Scottish Fire and Rescue Service – Antony Gardner**

There was a presentation which detailed current priorities and trends and outlined the Highland Local Fire Plan 2014-17 followed by discussion.

#### **Main Discussion points**

- Noted there is an officer based in each of the following offices: Thurso; Dornoch; Invergordon
- There will soon be a new Community Safety officer in place based in Dingwall and this post will cover the Cromarty Firth and Tain & Easter Ross wards.

- Concern was raised re speed of fire appliances when travelling south over bridge at the end of Alness high street, given how narrow it is there. Mr Gardner will raise the issue and highlight the local concern it causes with staff.

### **3. Further Questions /Issues**

It was noted that:

- There will be a presentation by the Invergordon Youth Group at the District partnership networking event on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December. They will repeat this at the Youth Parliament.

### **4. Date of Next meeting**

To be confirmed