

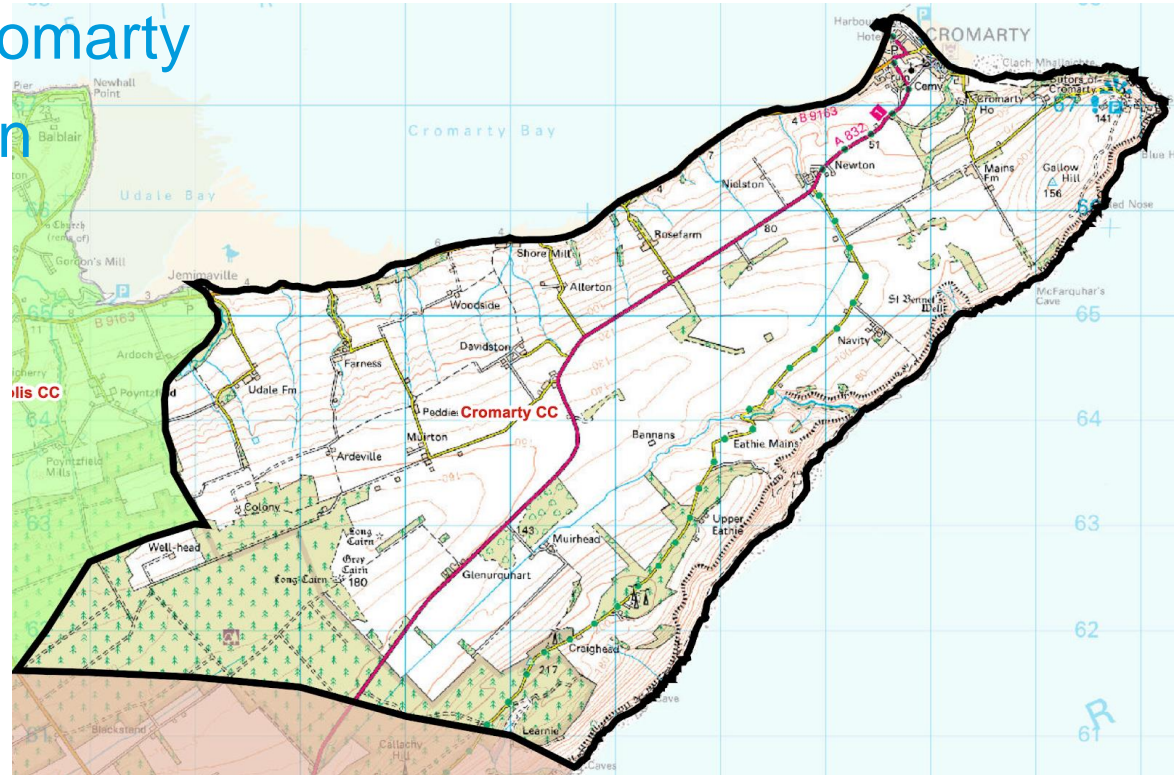
CROMARTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUST

“SLIPS” AND “TRIPS” (and more)

Sheila Currie - DTAS conference – August 2024

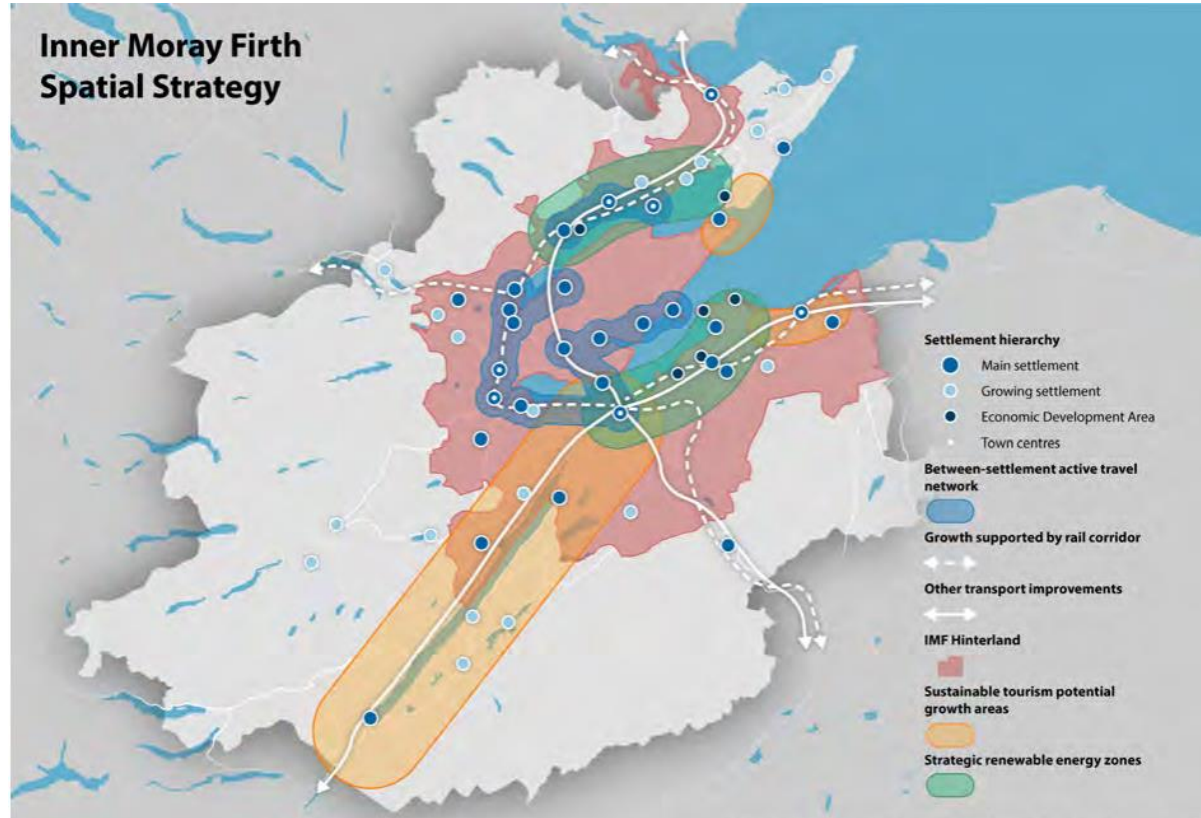
• Cromarty - Background

- We cover the parish of Cromarty
- C1000 people, 700 in town
- Ancient burgh
- Historic wealth
- Economic fragility
- Environmental fragility
- Lack of housing



- Cromarty – wider context

- Part of Inner Moray Firth
- Part of “Greenport” area
- Tip of Black Isle
- Seasonal Ferry to Nigg
- Travel To Work - 25 miles to Inverness or Dingwall
- NC500 (good & bad)



- Cromarty CDT – ‘Save Sandilands House’

- CCDT set up to preserve oldest building
- Community Council not have powers
- 2017 first public meeting
- Bought with loan
- Links with housing in field
- Uncertain at present



- Cromarty – Thrift Shop

- Run by Volunteers
- Makes good money
- Strong local support
- Visible benefit to town



• Cromarty – Slipways [the “Slips”]

- Slips condemned
- Ferry essential to town
- & wider Black Isle/E Ross
- RTIF: ‘make bigger bid’
- - so we added Campsite!
- Slips built bigger (2021)
- Lease income
- Supports local businesses



- Cromarty – Campsite [the “Trips”]
- Problems – also Opportunities!



• Cromarty - campsite

- Covid!!!
- Weak in-house skills
- Poor choice of consultant
- Planning issues
- Saved by Development Officer
- Work started Spring 2023



Our Funders



- Cromarty – campsite
- September 2023 - First happy campers!!!
- ‘steady’ bookings through winter
- Very busy spring/summer 2024
- Many return bookings
- Solid income
- cromartycamping.com/book
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- Cromarty - campsite

- Campsite Warden
- Apprentice
- Local jobs, training etc
- Paid for from income
- Great local cred!



- Cromarty – Development Officer

- 2022 Strengthening Communities Fund/DTAS
- Absolute Lifesaver
- We step up at least 5 gears!!!
- Allows Directors to focus on:
- Strategy, Governance, Risk Mgt, Future
- Funding to 2025 (whew!)
- Funding Strategy in process



- Cromarty – Royal Hotel

- Community Buyout?
- Feasibility Study (SLF £)
- Community Consultation



We decide not to go ahead

Cromarty – other buildings

- East Church Hall (ex childcare centre)
 - - want community use & rental income
 - - delays (Common Good)
- Industrial Unit by campsite
 - - CAT application
 - - future business income?



Cromarty - Future

- Who knows!
- If get funds for Development Officer(s) – more success
- If not get funded posts – back to Volunteer directors
- Broad range of board skills
- Great support from DTAS, Just Enterprise, Third Sector Interface
- Strengthen ACTIVE membership & working groups
- Share and Learn

- Message from DTAS

- “we would like to ask all workshop hosts to dedicate 3-5 minutes at the end of each workshop to identifying a
- **call-to-action, final takeaway or message**
- that may have come out of the workshop and share these with us afterwards”