

Community Council meeting 24 September 2012

Website

Though still in the process of being developed, the Community Council website is now up and running and can be found at

<http://www.tainroyalburgh.org/>

The site contains Community Councillor contact details; Meeting Agendas and Minutes. There is also a Feedback page enabling messages to be sent to The Community Council.

It is hoped the website will provide a useful resource for the community and offer a direct communications link between the community and the Community Council.

Japanese Knotweed

Consideration of a recent planning application in the town centre drew Member's attention to the presence of the troublesome plant, *Japanese Knotweed*. Members were pleased to note that, having alerted the Planning Authority, the latter had imposed strict planning conditions relating to the control of the plant as part of the granting of planning permission. After discussion, it was agreed to map the parts of the town where *Japanese Knotweed* is known to be present, with a view to providing control advice for affected landowners (based upon SEPA guidelines) and assist the Planning Authority in its future determination of town centre planning applications.

As the weed dies back over the winter, the mapping project will commence in Spring 2013.

Community Opportunity

The Community Council wishes to remind everyone of the opportunity being provided at the beginning of each meeting for members of the community and its interest groups to come along and raise in person issues of importance or concern, with a view to generating debate leading hopefully to resolution, assistance, or a way forward as appropriate.

The Community Council will next meet on Monday 29 October 2012 at the usual time, 7.30 at the Council Chambers, High Street, Tain.

Members of the public are reminded they are most welcome and to note access is via the side door at the top of Castle Brae.