

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL OF THE ROYAL BURGH OF TAIN MEETING HELD ON 29 AUGUST 2016 AT 7.30 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TAIN

Present: Mr D Macdonald (Chair) Mr D Louden (Treasurer)
 Mr G Amos (Vice-Chair) Mrs Mackenzie
 Mr Mohan Mr Macivor
 Mr McAllister

In attendance: Mr Rhind/Mrs Robertson - Highland Councillors
 Constables Munro and Fothergall – Police Scotland
 Miss B Morrison/Miss L Munro - TRA

1.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Mr MacAngus.
2. 2.1	POLICE REPORT Constable Munro reported that the crime in the last month was 7 arrests for disorder, 8 arrests for drug offences, 1 serious and 1 minor assault arrests, 20 road speeding disorders, and 15 other road traffic offences. There is an issue with drugs at TRA but the Police are working with the school to overcome this. It was noted that none of the traffic offences are linked to the NC500. It was also noted that tickets and fines are issued for traffic offences. There are new parking enforcement staff to be employed by Highland Council (HC). There was a discussion on the Reliance van parking out side the Court and Police requiring the parking bay for documents to do with cases. It was agreed to contact the Court/Police re parking outside the Court?
3. 3.1	APPROVAL OF MINUTES The Minutes of the meeting held on 27 June 2016 were approved by Mr McAllister, and seconded by Mrs Mackenzie.
4. 4.1 4.2 4.3 4.4 4.5	MATTERS ARISING Item 4.1 ref laptop for Secretary. It was agreed to purchase the laptop suggested by Mr Macdonald at £329 plus £15 delivery. Item 4.2 ref wall at A9 entrance. Mr Rhind reported that the damaged wall is still being looking into by HC insurance Item 6.1 ref 3 – 18 years old campus. It was noted that the next meeting of the stakeholders group is 15 th September. Item 6.1 ref coping stones missing at Quebec Bridge. It was noted that this is still to be repaired – Mr Rhind to follow up. Item 6.1 ref noticeboard at the Train Station. Mrs Robertson reported that she

	had taken out the old posters. New ones are needed and the noticeboard needs a good wash.
4.6	Item 6.1 Old Academy. It was noted there is a damp patch on the wall – Mr Rhind to progress this item.
4.7	Item 13.1 ref 2 houses, Station Road, planning application. Mr Macdonald reported that they were not consulted by Planners on this matter. After discussion it was agreed to go back to Planning and ask HC to satisfy itself the height of the buildings will not compromise the setting of the Cat B listed former railway station building.
5.	YOUTH ISSUES
5.1	Mr Macdonald welcomed the new representatives from TRA. They reported that they had recently become school Captains. They will be organising the Sponsored Walk on 16 September, the Buddy trip to Rollerbowl on 29 September, the Charity Day in October. They are willing to hear any ideas from pupils as they would like them to have input on non-school items. There may be a Malawi trip – they are waiting on numbers and fund-raising. Pupils from the school are going to help with the taking down of the town centre floral displays.
6.	HIGHLAND COUNCILLOR’S REPORT
6.1	Mrs Robertson’s report. Mrs Robertson reported that the yellow lines had been redone, with a disabled space outside the opticians, and parking bays added. The Mansfield Community Hub will be opening soon – there is a Support Worker employed and there is going to be a programme of activities including a drop-in and mother and toddlers. New bins have been added to the priority list on the Area Committee. TRA is advertising for a new Deputy Head Teacher. The Youth Philanthropy Initiative is continuing. HC are purchasing a new Jet Patch for Tain – it will have a programme of work to attend to. New TEC officers for the area. There is a continuing problem with weeds. There is still difficulty recruiting and retaining Head Teachers – there is a new programme of management of schools. Improvement works on Craighill Primary School toilets.
6.2	Mr Rhind’s report. Mr Rhind reported that the Clydesdale bank had not responded to his request for community funding and there is a meeting soon re concerns about the new Post Office. The formal opening of the Alexandra Bridge went well. In 2-3 weeks time expressions of interest in the running of the Mussel Fisheries boat will be advertised. Herriot Watt University are undertaking a stock survey by the end of September. Murray Monument – the broken piece has been damaged before and a replacement would have to be specially made – no funding at present. After discussion, it was agreed to confirm its Cat B listing and ask Helen to speak to Historic Scotland with a view to seeing if any funding would be available. Mr Rhind is disappointed at the state of the Old Cemetery – he is going to discuss this with the new officials in charge. It was noted that some cars and lorries are still parking on the pavement in the High Street. There will be a general traffic order covering all the Highland Council areas, and the CC will have an opportunity to object if so wish. There is new signage going up. It was noted that

	<p>the Mussel boat is now at Helmsdale. The MCA will be visiting to ascertain whether to issue a safety certificate. The boat is being looked at to see if any repairs are required. Mr Louden has asked for more information on the costs of the Alexandra Bridge particularly the final amount that the Common Good Fund (CGF) gave to the repair project. After discussion, it was agreed that the previous minutes would be looked at to see what amounts of money out of the CGF came before the CC for consideration.</p>
7.	COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITY
7.1	<p>2 representatives from Tesco reported that there was a project on food waste, that was deemed suitable to go to local charitable organisations. It was noted that the CC application for Bags of Help was unsuccessful and there is a new criteria application for up to £5,000, which the renewal of the Rose Garden seating would appear to comply with. Mr Weir to pass back more information on the previous application criteria. Mr Weir gave his email address so the CC can contact him at any time. Mr Macdonald confirmed he would re-visit the application for funding and re-submit it in accordance with the new guidelines. It was noted that there were youth car races in Tesco car park, and the Police are keen to resolve this.</p>
8.	OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE – correspondence emailed round previously.
9.	CHAIR'S REPORT
9.1	<p>Mr Macdonald reported that he had contact from Robbie the Pict regarding the poor state of the Old Cemetery which resulted in the former sending an email to MSP Fiona Hyslop. Mr Macdonald visited the Mussel boat in Helmsdale and thought it looked in good condition. Mr Macdonald felt it was a shame the Bags of Help funding application had been unsuccessful. He confirmed he would re-visit the application and re-submit it in accordance with the new guidelines. The Highland Games went off well. Staff from Morangie Distillery were at the event and he had had a chat about the possibility of having an emergency access across CGF land between the warehouse development site and the Blarliath Industrial Estate road.</p>
10.	VICE-CHAIR'S REPORT
10.1	<p>Mr Amos reported that he was at the official opening of the Alexandra Bridge. He was approached by a youth wishing a bin closer to the skate park. After discussion, it was agreed that Mr Amos to ask HC to put a bin there. The youths also asked if more modifications would be possible to the skate facility. Mrs Robertson to speak to Mr Nutt about the possibility of getting a group together to progress this.</p>
11.	FINANCE AND TREASURER'S REPORT
11.1	<p>The financial statement was circulated to the meeting. Financial costs paid out</p>

	since the last meeting include website costs. The possibility of have an Old Folks party in the afternoon was discussed – Mr Rhind to investigate. It was suggested to approach Tesco for donations of food.
12.	LETTERS
12.1	Great British High Street Award. Mr Macdonald to read the detail and circulate if appropriate.
13.	PLANNING MATTERS
13.1	Co-op High Street signage – internally illuminated projecting signage is not considered appropriate for the Conservation Area. Railway Station CCTV/ Extension to House, Moss Road – note. Lidl illuminated pole sign – check to see if objected before, and repeat if necessary. Pharmacy High Street signs/Hartmount Conservatory/DLSM cabinet, 11 Stafford Street – Mr Macdonald to do a summary of the proposals and sent out to CC members.
14.	COMMON GOOD FUND – discussed earlier
15.	UNEXHAUSTED REMITS
15.1	3-18 year old Campus/Alexandra Bridge/Cemetery/Mussels – discussed previously. Website development – Mr McAllister is going to change news and notices. Trees and Green Environment – Mr McAllister reported that there is going to be a sponsored cycle in memory of Marnie Scott and the money is being donated toward benches for the Burgh. Beinn Tharsuinn – AGM soon.
16.	ANY OTHER BUSINESS
16.1	Community Internet Radio Station. Someone has been in touch to ask whether the CC has thought about starting a Community Internet Radio Station. After discussion, it was agree to reply the CC had not thought about it nor was it likely to be something worthy of consideration at this moment in time.
16.2	Tain Flag for Rose Garden. It was agreed to further explore getting a flag for Tain. It was noted that Mr MacAngus had been given details of the process for the flags from Helen. Mr Macdonald to get the details of the process from Mr MacAngus.
16.3	Tain website. Although it was noted that the Tain.org website was excellent it shouldn't be live as yet as there was more work to be completed on it.

THE MEETING ENDED AT 9.50 PM

THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING IS MONDAY 26th SEPTEMBER 2016