

**MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL OF THE ROYAL BURGH OF TAIN
MEETING HELD ON 26 SEPTEMBER 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 N Munro Mr McAllister

In attendance: Mr Rhind - Highland Councillor
Miss B Morrison/Miss L Munro - TRA

1.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Mrs Robertson.
2.	POLICE REPORT - none
3.	APPROVAL OF MINUTES
3.1	The Minutes of the meeting held on 29 August 2016 were approved by Mrs Mackenzie, and seconded by Mr Amos.
4.	MATTERS ARISING
4.1	Item 4.2 ref insurance for A9 entrance repairs. Mr Rhind reported that there was no update from HC insurance on the repairs to the A9 entrance.
4.2	Item 6.2 ref Mussel Boat. It was noted that the advert for the running of the Boat is not out as yet, but it is being repaired. It is estimated that repairs to the Boat will be around £10,000 without dry docking. It was disappointed to note that the Boat had not been better maintained. After being fixed it is hoped it will be dry docked for inspection, painting etc before having its safety certificate issued.
4.3	Item 7.1 ref Tesco bags of hope funding application. Mr Macdonald reported he had re-submitted the Tesco funding application for the Rose Garden benches in the new simplified format. It will be up to 6 months before we hear more. It was noted that the charity cycle ride funds in memory of Marnie Scott will be donated towards new benches elsewhere in the town. After discussion, Mr Nutt from the Youth Café will be contacted with the Tesco representatives email addresses to make use of their new food ‘waste’ initiative.
4.4	Item 11.1 ref Senior Citizen’s Party. Mr Rhind reported that there was not a problem having the party in the afternoon instead of the evening. It will be on 14/1/17. Item 13.1 ref Planning matters. Mr Macdonald reported he had spoken to Planning re the proposed Lidl pole sign application and they have indicated that they have asked them to reduce its height.
4.5	Item 16.1 ref Community Internet Radio Station. It was agreed that Mr Macdonald would get in touch with the correspondent and indicate the CC is not

4.6	<p>interested in pursuing this matter.</p> <p>Item 16.2 ref Tain flag. Mr Louden circulated a draft design flag for Tain. After discussion it was agreed to amend the flag so that the date 1066 was the only one on it. Local graphic artists are to be approached to see if they could progress this to high quality definition suitable for printing.</p>
5.	<p>YOUTH ISSUES</p> <p>Miss Morrison and Miss Munro reported that the sponsored walk planned for 16 September has been postponed until 7 October due to Forestry Commission application for permission issues. Plans are progressing for the Malawi trip next June. There will be various fund-raising events. After discussion, it was agreed that Mr Macdonald would get in touch with Community Energy Scotland re contributing something to this event. A new depute Head has been appointed. The 6th year pupils are keeping an eye on the 1st year pupils during break times. The buddy trip to Roller Bowl happened this week. It is likely the Charity Day will be at the start of November.</p>
6.1	<p>HIGHLAND COUNCILLOR'S REPORT</p> <p>Mr Rhind's report. Mr Rhind reported there had been a TRA 3-18 campus meeting last week and officials have come up with the preferred option for the site which is the lower (north) field including the all-weather pitch. There will be drawings soon to show the neighbours and there will be consultation prior to putting in for planning permission. Mr Macdonald circulated an indicative aerial view of the proposed building layout as per the presentation and noted it had yet to be published on the Council website. After discussion, it was agreed the 'big wall' community complex/swimming/gym area etc facing Scotsburn Road was wholly unacceptable. The 150 parking spaces proposed was lower than the 179 that currently exists and 35 drop-off spaces insufficient for the primary and nursery schools, given present access habits. There did not appear to be enough age segregation of external open play spaces. It was noted some of the science labs, metalwork and canteen areas were on ground floor with classrooms above giving rise to concern over possible fire and explosion. Proposed sprinkler systems were not considered sufficient safeguard. Disruption to pupils over an estimated 18 month build programme and estimated 12 month demolition of the present school was extremely worrying. It was acknowledged the design was still progressing but the early information was not encouraging given the limited area available to the Council for new development. The CC still wished the design to incorporate solar panels, not to have any flat roofs. Mr Rhind indicated the all-weather pitch which would require to be built on could be moved to the top field in advance of works to ensure continuity of use for this important community asset. The School reps indicated that they were aware of a parking survey and they will find out more information about it. Mr Rhind reported that the missing coping stones on the Quebec Bridge parapet had been replaced and repaired. The damp patch on the wall of the Old Academy has been attended to – there is a meeting soon to discuss future uses of this building. Meetings have been held about the vacated</p>

	Clydesdale Bank and the new Post Office but were disappointingly unproductive.
7.	COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITY - none
8.	OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE – correspondence emailed round previously.
9.	CHAIR’S REPORT
9.1	Mr Macdonald report was mostly about the School Campus meeting, discussed earlier. It was noted that there are yellow lines on both sides of Ankerville Street which hadn’t been there previously, losing useful spaces. Mr Rhind confirmed that one set of lines will be taken away as part of the amendments.
10.	VICE-CHAIR’S REPORT
10.1	Mr Amos reported that there is a scheme in place to replace bins and Tain will have to wait its turn. Mr Rhind to speak to officials about this matter. Mr Amos has started to repair and varnish another of the town’s benches.
11.	FINANCE AND TREASURER’S REPORT
11.1	The latest financial statement was circulated to the meeting. A cheque was given to Mrs Mackay for the cost of the new laptop. As an aside Mr Louden reported that he had attended the meeting about the new Post Office – he circulated a report. After discussion it was agreed to contact MP Paul Monaghan regarding the unsatisfactory manner in which PO and RSMcColl reps had dismissed community concerns, including matters of compliance with disabled access needs. Mr Louden also reported that he had attended a short meeting of the Beinn Thaurusin windfarm Community Company to approve the accounts. Mr Louden circulated and talked through a paper on the Common Good Fund and Alexandra Bridge accounts. It continued to alarm the CC so much CGF money had been drawn without consensus to fund the repairs. As an aside a discussion took place on the repairs to the new wall at the Cemetery. It was agreed to raise concerns about the shoddy workmanship and the fact the builders responsible were charging again to fix what was a problem of their own making.
12.	LETTERS - none
13.	PLANNING MATTERS
13.1	Erection of house, Viewfield Park – Mr Macdonald declared an interest and Mr Amos chaired the meeting for this item. It was agreed to note this application. Lidl revamp – agreed that it would be asked to keep the bottle recycling plus ensure proper siting of disabled parking spaces. Dornoch Bridge and Nigg round-a-bout advertising – agreed to object to advertising for road safety reasons and consistency with the recent decision to refuse consent for an Asda pole sign near the junction with the A9 for reasons of potential driver distraction. Housing development, Knockbreckarea – agreed that Mr Macdonald would speak to

	Planning and the landowner over housing delivery and future land use options.
14.	COMMON GOOD FUND – discussed earlier
15.	UNEXHAUSTED REMITS
15.1	3-18 year old Campus/Alexandra Bridge/Cemetery/Mussels/Beinn Tharsuinn – discussed previously. Website development – Mr McAllister had made changes to the website and it was agreed to put some items from the minutes into the news section. Trees and Green Environment – Mr McAllister reported that the floral displays come down tomorrow – volunteers welcome.
16.	ANY OTHER BUSINESS
16.1	Member of the public. A relation of a prominent former Tain family had been in touch offering a contribution towards the funding of the Alexandra Bridge. Given repairs had been finalised it was agreed to discuss projects worthy of alternative consideration.

THE MEETING ENDED AT 10.15 PM

THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING IS MONDAY 31st OCTOBER 2016