

**MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL OF THE ROYAL BURGH OF TAIN  
MEETING HELD ON 21 OCTOBER 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 C Mackenzie  
Mr N Munro Mr A Mohan

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

<b>1.</b>	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b> – Mr McAllister.
<b>2.</b>	<b>POLICE REPORT</b> - none
<b>3.</b>	<b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</b>
3.1	The Minutes of the meeting held on 26 September 2016 were approved by Mr Amos, and seconded by Mrs Mackenzie.
<b>4.</b>	<b>MATTERS ARISING</b>
4.1	<b>Item 11.1 ref Post Office.</b> Mr Macdonald to write to MP Paul Monaghan regarding the unsatisfactory manner in which the PO and R S McColl reps had dismissed community concerns.
4.2	<b>Item 4.3 ref Tesco bags of hope application.</b> Mr Macdonald reported it appeared only applications were successful in Inverness, Wick and Avoch. It is Groundworks who process the applications for Tesco. Concerns were raised that money for bags given in the local Tain store is not being distributed back to the local area. It was noted that the previous manager had attended a CC meeting has now left and there is another manager in place.
4.3	<b>Item 9.1 ref yellow lines.</b> Mr Rhind reported he is still pursuing the issue of the yellow lines at Ankerville Street. There has been concerns raised about the current position of the disabled parking bay. There are discussions about moving it to Grants. There are going to be new lines at the Bargain Centre and a small change to the Pelican crossing. Parking on the Wool Shop side is being considered.
4.4	<b>Item 11.1 re laptop.</b> It was noted that the laptop has been purchased and is working well.
<b>5.</b>	<b>YOUTH ISSUES</b>
<b>5.1</b>	Miss Morrison and Miss Munro reported that the sponsored walk happened on the last day of term – it not known as yet how much money was raised. No rubbish was left behind and it seemed to be enjoyed by all. The 6 <sup>th</sup> years went on an outward bound course to improve leadership and team building skills in Fort William. The preparations for the Malawi trip are not going well. Although

	<p>fundraising is happening, a substantial amount still has to be raised. If the trip does not go ahead next year the money will be donated to the school in Malawi. It is hoped that enough tickets to the Halloween Ceilidh will be sold for it to take place. The CC suggested it would be good have school representation at the Remembrance Sunday Service. If the school wishes to lay a wreath a wreath could be arranged. Seating would be reserved. Mr Waldie has been appointed as Deputy Head.</p>
<b>6.</b>	<b>HIGHLAND COUNCILLOR'S REPORT</b>
6.1	<p><b>Mr Rhind's report.</b> Mr Rhind reported that there was no update on the Mussel boat. HC have received the Mussel report from Herriot Watt University but Mr Rhind has not seen it, as yet. The adverts to go out shortly for expressions of interest in the boat. The Senior Citizen's Party is due to take place on 14 January. The Christmas lights are being worked on at the back of the Youth Café – they are 95% working. There is an issue with the lights that go on the Royal Hotel balcony – have got information how to fix them but ascertaining a cost. A Christmas tree is being donated. Saturday 26 November is the switch-on of the lights – they have invited Duncan Mackay to perform the honour. It was noted that the new Cemetery wall harling was in a very poor state on the outside, despite repairs and the Chief Executive has asked Ian McGillvray to respond to Mr Macdonald letter of complaint(no response as yet).</p>
6.2	<p><b>Mrs Robertson's report.</b> Mrs Robertson reported that the Mansfield Hub is opening on Saturday. A Co-ordinator is employed and CC members were invited to look around it. The Tain Youth Café AGM is on Monday. Mrs Robertson went round the area with the Roads Manager to identify repair priorities, and a wish list. There is a programme for the Jet-Patcher. Craighill Primary School toilets to be refurbished. The Tain website is being worked on – some training had taken place and images are available. The Scottish Government is doing a consultation on how Education is operated in Scotland and everyone is invited to contribute, with a closing date of the end of January. HC are spearheading Scotland with “Emerging Literacy” to help close the attainment gap. It is a new technique for reading and writing. Mrs Robertson indicated that Tain Initiative Group are looking for 3 years salary funding for a project officer. She asked whether there would be enough funds available if an application for this was put into the Common Good Fund (CGF), to which the Director of Finance replied there was. It was noted, regardless of this possible application, there would be funds in the CGF for repairs to the boat also. It was noted that the Robertson Trust fund project Officers for specific projects, but it would be clarified if the person could be self-employed or part-time. After discussion, concerns were expressed, given the low funds in the CGF, of putting in such a high application.</p>
<b>7.</b>	<b>COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITY - none</b>
<b>8.</b>	<b>OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE</b> – correspondence emailed to Members during the course of the month.
<b>9.</b>	<b>CHAIR'S REPORT</b>

9.1	Mr Macdonald reported there had been some difficulties with the re-routing of traffic at the Morangie junction due to road works. Mr Macdonald wrote to the Chief Executive of HC about the cemetery wall, but no reply as yet. He got in touch with Mr Daly re possibly releasing his development land adjacent to Asda for the 3-18 year old campus. Mr Daly was happy to discuss this item with HC. However, HC are not prepared to take this any further. It was felt by the CC members its various concerns over the last 2 years had not been taken seriously by the Council. After discussion, it was agreed that HC Education reps would meet with CC reps prior to the scheduled 3-18 year old campus stakeholders meeting on 9 November.
10.	<b>VICE-CHAIR'S REPORT</b>
10.1	Mr Amos reported that he has received lots of complaint about people not picking up dog poo. The repair of some of the town's benches are coming along. The fallen leaves on the Morangie Road will soon be a skid risk and a drain there is blocked again.
11.	<b>FINANCE AND TREASURER'S REPORT</b>
11.1	The financial statement was circulated to the meeting. It was noted that the laptop for the Secretary had been purchased. It was agreed to donate the old laptop to Malawi (once it has been returned to its factory settings). There will be some spend over the next few months due to the Christmas Lights and the Senior Citizen's Party. Mr Rhind/Mrs Robertson to discuss discretionary spend applications with Helen Ross. With regard to the Charitable Request fund – it was agreed that CCAST will be contacted with regard to funding needs for the Foodbank. As an aside it was noted that there is a display on the Mussel fisheries in the Collegiate Church.
12.	<b>LETTERS</b>
12.1	<b>Asda path.</b> A letter has been received from Knockbreck Primary School regarding the litter on the path from Aldie to Asda. The letter asks for bins and that the children could do a litter pick. After discussion, it was agreed to contact Asda and ask for bin provision, and get their agreement for a litter pick as a one-off gesture. In return, Asda may, hopefully, think of a good will gesture for the school.
12.2	<b>Keep Scotland Beautiful information</b> – noted and circulated.
13.	<b>PLANNING MATTERS</b>
13.1	<b>Erection of conservatory at Moss Road</b> – noted.
14.	<b>COMMON GOOD FUND</b> – discussed earlier
15.	<b>UNEXHAUSTED REMITS</b>

15.1	<p><b>3-18 year old Campus/Mussels</b> – discussed previously. <b>Website development/Alexandra Bridge/Trees and green environment</b> – no report. <b>Beinn Tharsuinn</b> – note one of the Directors has resigned from the Bonar Bridge area. <b>New Cemetery</b> – a newly erected grave stone has been damaged by the cemetery, evidently by a grass cutting machine – waiting for HC to come back regarding repairs.</p>
<b>16.</b>	<p><b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b></p> <p>16.1 <b>Remembrance Sunday.</b> Remembrance Sunday this year is on 13 November. CC members and any family members were invited to go to the Service – if they arrive there by 10.40 am, for seating by 10.45 am.</p> <p>16.2 <b>Co-option.</b> There is an opportunity to co-opt a local member of the Community, Morag Matheson. Morag is a retired local teacher and has previously served on the CC. Members were agreeable to her co-option and she would be invited along to the next meeting.</p>

**THE MEETING ENDED AT 10 PM**

**THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING IS MONDAY 28<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2016**