

**MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL OF THE ROYAL BURGH OF TAIN
MEETING HELD ON 25 APRIL 2016 AT 7.30 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER,
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Present: Mr D Macdonald (Chair) Mr D Louden (Treasurer)
Mr G Amos (Vice-Chair) Mrs C Mackenzie
Mr MacAngus Mr Mohan
Mr Macivor

In attendance: Mr Rhind/Mrs Robertson - Highland Councillors
Miss R Allan/Miss E Macleod – TRA reps

1.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Mr McAllister and Mr Munro.
2.	POLICE REPORT - none
3.	APPROVAL OF MINUTES
3.1	The Minutes of the meeting held on 28 March 2016 were approved by Mrs Mackenzie, and seconded by Mr MacIvor.
4.	MATTERS ARISING
4.1	Item 10.1 ref accidents at A9 junction. Mr Amos updated that meeting that there has now been 21 accidents at Morangie and Adsa A9 junctions. It was noted that there is no response from the Police regarding the attending of meetings.
4.2	Item 6.2 ref grass seed used at the Cemetery. Mr Rhind still to follow up this query.
4.3	Item 6.1 ref photos of bins for the centre of Tain. The photos had been sent to Mr Macdonald and a discussion followed on the most appropriate design.
5.	YOUTH ISSUES
5.1	TRA had a dance in which 172 attended and made £270 profit. The School is promoting the importance of science subjects. The leavers lunch is happening soon. The award ceremony has taken place. Miss Allan and Miss Macleod have been asked back to the School to help with the process of appointing new Captains. There will be Vice-Captains for the new School year in August. Miss Allan and Miss Macleod thanked the CC for their support.
6.	HIGHLAND COUNCILLOR'S REPORT
6.1	Mr Rhind's report. Mr Rhind reported that King Street/Queen Street and Stafford Street are being resurfaced soon. Potholes are filled in as they occur. The works to the wall at the Cemetery will start soon. The report to Committee on the proposed Common Good Fund Officer in being tabled for May. The comments the CC submitted will be taken into consideration. There is a meeting about the new Post

6.2	<p>Office with the Policy Officer/Mr Rhind including the concerns of location, space, and disabled access. The CC can be represented at the meeting. The Alexandra Bridge finishing works start shortly – it will be closed for a number of days. The tenders are in for the Nigg Ferry and are being evaluated. The St Mary’s Well bin has been requested. The report on the Mussels goes to Committee on Wednesday and Mr Rhind and Mrs Robertson to meet to discuss the way forward on this. A planning application from Glenmorangie Distillery is coming to Committee – Mr Rhind will be seeking an overall plan for the whole development. The proposed closure of the Clydesdale Bank is a disappointment to the town. Mr Rhind is meeting with officials from the bank to make a case to keep the bank open. Mr Macdonald to attend the meeting as well. It was suggested that if the Clydesdale Bank closes that the Post Office could be re-located to the building, given the current location is unfit for purpose. There are repairs to the monument - scaffolding is going up with a view to see if the broken stone detail can be fixed. Mr Rhind met with officials with a view to looking at development in Tain – there is land zoned for housing but no developers have come forward. There is some opportunity for Council funded housing as the Scottish Government has finance available.</p> <p>Mrs Robertson’s report. Mrs Robertson had reported to the Highland Council that rubbish was falling down between the bin and the cover. Photos of possible bins for the town were circulated and it was agreed to get bins similar to ones already in place. On May 16 there is a Mansfield Estate community clean up – with weeds being the biggest problem – the event is going to be publicised. On Friday Mr Rhind/Mrs Robertson are taking the Highland Council Chief Executive around the area for the day.</p>
7.	COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITY – none
8.	OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE – correspondence emailed round previously.
9.	CHAIR’S REPORT
9.1	Mr Macdonald reported that he had no meetings to report on since the last time the CC met. The observations on the proposed Common Good Fund Officer had been prepared and submitted.
10.	VICE-CHAIR’S REPORT - none
11.	FINANCE AND TREASURER’S REPORT
11.1	Mr Loudon circulated the draft AGM accounts. It was agreed to take out the loan repayment information. The Charitable Bequests account is down due to a donation to the foodbank.
12.	LETTERS
12.1	Bags of Help funding. Information about funding to improve local green space

	<p>has been received. Various suggestions were put forward and it was agreed that an application should go in for new benches for the Rose Garden. Mr Macdonald to pass the information to Mr McAllister. Mr Macdonald to prepare and submit the application by 3 June.</p>
12.2	<p>Social Enterprise training for young people. Information has been received on social enterprise training. The information to be passed to Mr McAllister so it can be put on the website. It was disappointing to note the evening training times and Inverness location were of little practical use to those potential attendees from further afield dependent upon public transport. Mr Macdonald to ask whether there are plans for a similar rural initiative.</p>
13.	PLANNING MATTERS
13.1	<p>Glenmorangie Distillery - Installation of container boiler unit with associated base and service connection - support</p>
14.	COMMON GOOD FUND
14.1	<p>A discussion took place on the Tain Mussel report going to Committee on Wednesday. Mr Mohan declared an interest in this item. Mr Louden circulated a document of the Mussels profit/loss from 1976-2016. Mr Louden also circulated the Mussel sales from 1976-2014, After discussion, it was agreed that the CC does not want to be dependent on a 3rd party for the fishing of the mussels as this would not be in the best interests of the resource. Selling or separating the boat from the licence would risk removing future community influence over the fishery. Mr Rhind indicated that he would like the boat docked at no cost. That would give the community time to consider all the options. It was the consensus that there should be a local solution to this issue, and that the Mussels are fished sustainably. Marketing of the Mussel was voiced as very important and it may be worth contacting HIE – Mrs Robertson to pass the relevant telephone number to Mr Macdonald.</p>
15.	UNEXHAUSTED REMITS
15.1	<p>Website – a new bed and breakfast business has contacted the CC with a view to being mentioned on the Tain community website. Mrs Mackay to forward the email again to Mrs Robertson. It was noted that there is another website for tain visittain.org. Trees and green environment/3-18 year old school campus/Beinn Tharsuinn – no report. Alexandra Bridge/Cemetery/Mussels – discussed previously.</p>
16.	ANY OTHER BUSINESS
16.1	<p>Date Protection renewal. It was noted that the Data Protection yearly renewal has been paid - £35.</p> <p>Date of the next meeting/AGM. It was proposed that the next meeting and AGM</p>

	would be held on 23 May – this was agreed.
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	Facebook campaign for safer junctions on A9. It was noted that there is a new Facebook campaign, with regard to accidents at the Asda and Morangie Road junctions, calling for junction upgrades.
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THE MEETING ENDED AT 9.10 PM

THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING IS MONDAY 23RD MAY 2016