

**MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL OF THE ROYAL BURGH OF TAIN
MEETING HELD ON 23 MAY 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 Mohan Mr Macivor

In attendance: Mr Rhind/Mrs Robertson - Highland Councillors
Mr Nutt, Tain Youth Cafe

1.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Mr McAllister and Mr MacAngus.
2.	POLICE REPORT - none
3.	APPROVAL OF MINUTES
3.1	The Minutes of the meeting held on 28 March 2016 were approved by Mr Macivor, and seconded by Mr Amos.
4.	MATTERS ARISING - none
5.	YOUTH ISSUES
5.1	Mr Nutt reported that the Youth Café was now also a Family Centre. There is around 7,000 visits per year. The Youth Café will be running the tea tent at the Gala. As an aside it was noted that CCAST now have the keys to the former shop in the Mansfield Estate – they have managed to get funding for a 12 hours per week post for that location. Mr Nutt praised the recent community clean up at the Mansfield Estate. It was noted that 366 food boxes were given out to Tain residences last year, including 120 children recorded. It was noted that to become an official Foodbank high annual fees are incurred, which are a struggle to fund.
6.	HIGHLAND COUNCILLOR’S REPORT
6.1	Mrs Robertsons’s report. Mrs Robertson reported that 3 skips and a lorry were filled up with rubbish during the community clean up at the Mansfield Estate, plus painting and weeding carried out. Some of the badly damaged roads have been re-surfaced in the town. There are seagulls nesting at the TRA all-weather pitch again despite it being designed to prevent that – the School is looking at a seagull management plan. There are problems with parking at Knockbreck Primary and they are looking to get the lines repainted. Re a gap between the bin and the container bin, officials have indicated that this is not a problem. After discussion it was agreed that Mr Amos would forward photos of the problem to Mrs Robertson, who will progress this matter.
6.2	Mr Rhind’s report. Mr Rhind reported that he was unclear how to progress the

	<p>repair to the damaged wall at the entrance to the A9 by a member of the public. It was suggested that the responsibility for third party damage would normally lie with the driver responsible. HC to be asked to progress this matter. The grass in the Cemetery is looking better, and the landscaping has been tidied up. It has been agreed that the Common Good Fund (CGF) Officer post will go ahead. Meetings were held with officials from the Clydesdale Bank – it is doubted that the proposed closure will be reversed. It is hoped that a community benefit will be considered as a form of recompense to the town. There was also a meeting with Post Office representatives regarding the unsatisfactory use of McColl's shop. The secondary repair works at the Alexandra Bridge are going well, and it is hoped they will be finished soon. The contract has been awarded for the Nigg Ferry. The Mussel Fisheries boat is to be considered for dry docking. Re the repairs to the Murray Monument – Helen Ross is trying to get an update from Graham Mackenzie. The road pothole 'jetpatcher' is in the ward for 18 days.</p>
7.	COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITY
7.1	<p>Mr Bruce Macivor took the opportunity to comprehensively report that parking is a problem around the area of the top of Geanies Street/Hartfield Street. He suggested that the yellow lines should be extended in the interests of road safety. After discussion, Mr Rhind agreed to investigate this issue but it is not a straightforward matter unfortunately. As an aside, it is hoped that the yellow lines in the town will be redone to make them clearer.</p>
8.	OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE – correspondence emailed round previously.
9.	CHAIR'S REPORT
9.1	<p>Mr Macdonald reported that he and Mr Munro had been appointed to the Tain Initiative Group, and hopefully there will be progress in getting funds for a Development Officer for the town. Correspondence to HIE has been sent about progressing this item. The application to Tesco for bags for benches is ready to be sent off and will be submitted immediately following the CC meeting. Mr Macdonald provided input to the proposed CGF Officer post and the Mussel Fisheries deliberations/</p>
10.	VICE-CHAIR'S REPORT
10.2	<p>Mr Amos reported that the top football pitch badly required a dog-waste bin, as well as the industrial estate. It was noted that the bins at the Links car park require emptying more regularly. After discussion, it was agreed to make contact with the press to try and promote the problem with public dumping the dog waste bags by the side of the paths. Mr Amos also reported that the Alexandra Bridge seems to sway quite a lot when you are walking over it and some of the side panels are warped. Mr Amos to send photos to Mr Rhind. It was also noted that the road sweeper is needed in the vicinity of Mayfield house, and that the drains are choked. As an aside, Mrs Mackay indicated that the bench outside the court house was in a poor condition. After discussion, if the funding bid was successful for new benches for the Rose Garden, one of the best of the current benches possibly could</p>

	be situated there.
11.	FINANCE AND TREASURER'S REPORT
11.1	The accounts were previously circulated at the AGM before the meeting. Mr Rhind reported that he had been approached about the CC financially supporting a dance in support of the local Care Home. After discussion, it was agreed that as the Care Home was a private commercial operation, it was not appropriate to give public funding.
12.	LETTERS – none
13.	PLANNING MATTERS
13.1	Erection of agricultural building, Upper Rosemount – no comment. Erection of extension, 15 Scotsburn Road – Mr Macdonald to investigate and follow up if needed.
14.	COMMON GOOD FUND – discussed earlier
15.	UNEXHAUSTED REMITS
15.1	3 – 18 year old campus – the next meeting re the School will be on 15 June. Trees and green environment/ /Beinn Tharsuinn/website – no report. Alexandra Bridge/Cemetery/Mussels – discussed previously.
16.	ANY OTHER BUSINESS
16.1	CC computer. It was noted that the CC laptop is very slow. After discussion it was agreed to purchase a new laptop with a ceiling cost of £300, and options to be brought to the next meeting.

THE MEETING ENDED AT 8.50 PM

THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING IS MONDAY 27th JUNE 2016