

**MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL OF THE ROYAL BURGH OF TAIN
MEETING HELD ON 30 JANUARY 2017 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
Mrs M Matheson Mr D McAllister
Mr D Macivor

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

1.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Mr MacAngus.
2.	POLICE REPORT – emailed to Mr Macdonald earlier in the day
3.	APPROVAL OF MINUTES
3.1	The Minutes of the meeting held on 28 November 2016 were approved by Mr Amos, and seconded by Mr McAllister.
3.2	The Minutes of the Special meeting held on 15 December 2016 were approved by Mr McAllister and seconded by Mrs Mackenzie.
4.	MATTERS ARISING – no update as part of the agenda
5.	YOUTH ISSUES
5.1	Miss Morrison and Miss Munro reported that the School passed the HRMI inspection. The Malawi trip in June is going ahead with 7 pupils plus staff. As part of the leadership course some of the pupils have to raise money through a business for the Highland Hospice – the school are selling hoodies and have quite a few orders. Mr Waldie is settling in as Deputy Head. The Christmas Dance was very successful, despite no fireworks. The Christmas Concert went very well also. The pre-lims are coming up.
6.	HIGHLAND COUNCILLOR’S REPORT
6.1	Mr Rhind’s report. Mr Rhind reported that removal of the yellow lines on Ankerville Street is taking longer than anticipated. Yellow lines are planned at the Bargain Centre. The Grants bakery parking space will become a disabled bay, moved from Tower Street, opposite. There has been no more vandalism at the public toilets – there is a discussion ongoing re a charging system. The 3 – 18 campus pre-application meeting was successful. All comments received will be evaluated. The round-a-bout advertising was not approved by the North Planning Committee. The Christmas lights have been taken down and stored – disappointed that some of the lights were not working. The gully emptier is in the area and Mr Rhind hopes the blocked drains have been dealt with. The Senior Citizen’s Party

6.2	<p>went well and special thanks to George and Becky Amos for all their help. The Mussel fishery report went to Committee and the sale of the boat is being referred to HC, with the money being ringfenced to the Common Good Fund. The potholes continued to be repaired as best they can. The lighting repairs are behind and Dingwall workers are helping out. The abandoned scooter on the High Street has been taken away.</p> <p>Mrs Robertson's report. Mrs Robertson reported that the Education Committee approved additional funding of £7,000,000 for the new 3 – 18 year old campus. The project is now worth approximately £52,000,000. The Mansfield Residents group held their meeting in the new Hub. There is a part-time worker at the Hub. The jetpatcher has been to Scotsburn Road and Shore. The Hub at Mansfield Estate is looking for funding for new shutters over the windows. Jim Stevens is coming to the next TRA Parent Council meeting re recruitment and educational issues. There is an issue re the amount of dog poo. It was noted that in some cities that are designated dog walking areas. After further discussion it was agreed to explore the use of signage warning of diseases that dog poo carries, plus put an article on the CC website.</p>
7.	COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITY - none
8.	OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE – correspondence emailed round previously.
9.	<p>CHAIR'S REPORT</p> <p>9.1 Mr Macdonald reported that the CC's funding application had secured £1,000 from Tesco's Bags of Hope fund for new benches for the Rose Garden. He thanked everyone for their efforts at the Senior Citizens party and noted the shift to an afternoon time had worked well. Mr Macdonald reported he had attended the pre-Planning public consultation for the 3-18 campus. Some new detail was on display but not the 3D images hoped for. A comprehensive discussion on the development took place with questions being posed on the ability of the site to accommodate the scale of development. It was agreed to raise again with the Council the prospect of an alternative greenfield site and the following detail was agreed to be included amongst the CC's observations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visual - Townscape appraisal and Visual Impact Analysis with a 3D model and accurate cross sections through the site illustrating the true scale of the development and impact on surrounding buildings and streetscape. • Traffic – Impact Analysis and Traffic Management Plan • Drainage – Impact Assessment in recognition of considerable known issues on site • Disturbance to academic performance - Question about the disturbance to pupils from 4 years of construction and demolition noise, also playground noise from staggered useage • Future - Development is not future proofed in terms of expansion space. • Decant - Pupil transition management plan – how/when pupils from the different schools move in • Play areas - Pupil play area provision and segregation

	<p>Energy - Renewables at the school</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fire risk - Science classes should be on top floor • Flood risk – Flood Risk Assessment • Playing fields – sufficiency of provision for small children and grass surface wear and tear • All weather pitch – to be included in initial phase <p>It was disappointing to note that the wall is still in poor repair at the new Cemetery extension. Mr Macdonald still had no response to his letters from October 2016. Mr Rhind to follow this up. It was noted that the metal work at the New Cemetery is in a bad state. Mr Rhind hoped that the trees at the Old Cemetery have been taken away. Mr Rhind reported that, work will be needed at the Woody Braes as some of the trees have Dutch Elm disease. It was noted that this work may need a temporary road closure on safety grounds. Mr Rhind to discuss implications for the CGF with Helen Ross.</p>
10.	VICE-CHAIR'S REPORT
10.1	Mr Amos reported that he had finished repairing the second bench and the third bench will be coming soon for repairing. The road verge is collapsing between Tain and Glenaldie and he wished to bring it to the attention of the CC. Mr Rhind to raise the matter with the Highland Council. The 10 miles per hour sign has been removed by Home Bargains. The Senior Citizen's Party went very well. An issues was dealt with.
11.	FINANCE AND TREASURER'S REPORT
11.1	The financial statement was circulated to the meeting. Mr Louden thanked Mr Amos for the food donation. Still one artist to put in an invoice. A Discretionary Grant application for £449.47 has been put in. A line is to be added for the Hire of Hall in the financial statement. It was agreed to give Mrs Amos some flowers as a thank you from the Community Council for her much appreciated help at the Senior Citizen's Party.
12.	LETTERS – circulated already
13.	PLANNING MATTERS
13.1	Erection of building to form annex to existing Children's Nursery including formation of car park and play area, Victoria Road – noted. Mr Macdonald declared an interest. New showroom and commercial building, 4 Blarliath Estate – noted. Erection of illuminated signs, logo signs, poster display until – Mr Macdonald looking at this application as it was received late, will circulate detail to the CC members if required.
14.	COMMON GOOD FUND – discussed earlier

15.	UNEXHAUSTED REMITS
15.1	3-18 year old Campus/Mussels/New Cemetery/Website development – discussed previously. Alexandra Bridge – Mr Rhind reported that the retention money of £3,000 was used. Beinn Tharsuinn – no report.
16.	ANY OTHER BUSINESS
16.1	Duthac House. Mr Rhind reported that the water ingress reported has been repaired. In the far off back extension bedrooms there has been a couple of roof collapses due to water ingress and is in a bad state of repair. Interest has been expressed in using the building as a respite centre.
16.2	Rose Garden seats. Mr Amos was thanked for refurbishing some of the current Rose Garden seats. The charity cycle ride raised over £2,000 for the seats in memory of Marnie Scott. Mr Macivor indicated that Tesco wish local groups to continue applying for the Bags of Help funding. It was agreed that Mr Macdonald and the Manager of Tesco will swap emails and discuss help for the old cemetery.
16.3	Duthac Centre. It was noted that the railings at the Duthac Centre need attention. Metalwork UK may be able look at the repair.

THE MEETING ENDED AT 10.20 PM

THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING IS MONDAY 27th FEBRUARY 2017