

**MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL OF THE ROYAL BURGH OF TAIN  
MEETING HELD ON 24 APRIL 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 A Mohan Mrs M Matheson  
Mr D MacIvor Mr B MacAngus  
Mr N Munro Mr D McAllister

**In attendance:** Mr Rhind - Highland Councillor  
Miss B Morrison/Miss L Munro – TRA  
Constables Wylie and Wislouch – Police Scotland

<b>1.</b>	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b> – Mrs Robertson.
<b>2.</b>	<b>POLICE REPORT</b>
2.1	Constable Wylie reported that there had been 7 incidences of road traffic offences. There had been a complaint about lorries revving their engines in the early morning at the Tesco store. It was noted that Tesco have given permission for the lorries to park there, so no offence has been committed but Police Scotland will monitor the situation. The bright slow down light-up sign at Rosskeen Church was mentioned – it was acknowledged by all at the meeting that there had been many accidents at the 2 main entrances to Tain, including recently and that round-a-bouts would slow traffic down.
<b>3.</b>	<b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</b>
3.1	The Minutes of the meeting held on 27 March 2017 were approved by Mr Amos, and seconded by Mrs Mackenzie.
<b>4.</b>	<b>MATTERS ARISING</b> – none
<b>5.</b>	<b>YOUTH ISSUES</b>
<b>5.1</b>	It was reported that consultations had been completed re.pupils opinion on the 3-18 campus – up to date drawings had been received by the school. Mr Agnew will feed back to the CC the outcome of the discussions. The exams are starting next week. The final year leaver’s lunch is on Friday.
<b>6.</b>	<b>HIGHLAND COUNCILLOR’S REPORT</b>
6.1	<b>Mr Rhind’s report.</b> Mr Rhind reported the yellow lines and the disabled bay on the High Sreet have not been completed as yet. The public toilets are not open as yet but hopefully soon. People with disabilities can use a Radon key to open the

	<p>disabled toilet (or one is available from the Service Point). The Mussel boat is for sale on the open market. The works on the Woody Braes was completed in over a week. There was a landslide just before the works started and concrete bollards have been put in place to combat further slippage. A report with further recommendations on the landslide will become available in due course. The wall damage at the Collegiate Church is being looked at. HC repaired the wall at the Asda entrance – they have asked the Police to notify them of any future damage so that relevant insurers can be contacted. Questions were asked and answered on disabled toilets, road traffic signs lying on the side of the road and the potential dangers from remnants of old road near the A9 opposite Hartfield Gardens area.</p>
<b>7.</b>	<b>COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITY</b>
7.1	<p>Ms Williams offered some comments on the 3-18 campus. She wished to know that educational advantages of the schools coming together. Mr Macdonald indicated that very limited reasons had been given eg primary school children having access to science and cookery at the new school, children's files in all the same place, and there would be a potential cut in management costs.</p>
<b>8.</b>	<b>OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE</b> – correspondence emailed round previously.
<b>9.</b>	<b>CHAIR'S REPORT</b>
9.1	<p>Mr Macdonald reported that he and Mr Louden had undertaken a traffic survey of the 2 primary schools to ascertain the present volumes of parental vehicular drop-off and pick-up activity. It was noted that the officials say that parking at the new campus will be adequate. However, the survey highlighted a much higher volume of traffic will require to be catered for and that was only the new demand emanating from the primary schools. The new land acquired by Housing at Craighill PS was discussed – it was noted that this might be for plots for self-build (especially for first time buyers). It was felt that the area by Craighill PS would be much more suitable for the new campus (possibly with an area for housing as well). It was hoped that the planning application plans would be available in the local Library, rather than only by appointment at Golspie. After discussion, it was agreed to hold a residents open day on the campus on 2 May between 2 – 8 pm for the benefit of those who might not have access to the proposals. The CC could record residents comments and report to HC on their behalf, if they so wish. There is a Hustings for the HC elections tomorrow night and all 6 candidates have confirmed they will attend. The Highlands Small Community Housing Trust have come back and said that they had no proposals to build on the Environmental Garden. It was suggested that the Environmental Garden is thinned out and made more accessible to the public, with benches.</p>
<b>10.</b>	<b>VICE-CHAIR'S REPORT</b> - no report
<b>11.</b>	<b>FINANCE AND TREASURER'S REPORT</b>
11.1	<p>Mr Louden circulated the draft accounts. He spoke about the depreciation of the laptop. Re the new benches money for the Rose Garden, Mr Louden to write cheque to the manufacturer. There will be around 7 – 9 benches.</p>

<b>12.</b>	<b>LETTERS</b>
12.1	<b>Twinning.</b> An offer to Twin Tain with a town in the Czech Republic. After discussion it was agreed to note the request, and write back to the person. In addition, it was agreed to contact once more Tain L’Hermitage as there has been no response following the last communications.
12.2	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sector Interface.</b> It was noted that there are meetings in Alness and Dornoch for the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sector Interface.
12.3	<b>3-18 Campus.</b> A letter of support from Kilmuir and Logie Easter CC was received regarding supporting a move to the Craighill site for the new campus.
<b>13.</b>	<b>PLANNING MATTERS</b> - none
<b>14.</b>	<b>COMMON GOOD FUND</b>
14.1	It was noted that the CC facebook page has 287 followers, 44 up since last month.
<b>15.</b>	<b>UNEXHAUSTED REMITS</b>
15.1	<b>Cemeteries</b> – No update on the wall repair, Mr Rhind to chase up. <b>3-18 campus</b> – discussed previously. <b>Alexandra Bridge/Beinn Tharsuinn/Common Good Fund</b> – no report. <b>Facebook page</b> - it was noted that the CC facebook page has 287 followers, 44 up since last month. <b>Website development</b> – Mr McAllister indicated that he will put on the January minutes on the website. <b>Green Environment</b> – removing the trees beside the damaged wall at the Collegiate Church will be looked at. The roots are pushing the wall. Mr Rhind to get Mr Richards to investigate. Mr Macdonald/Mr McAllister met with Mr Richards on site at the Woody Braes. It is proposed to plant 700-800 trees there. Because of the landslip there will be need to be a revised discussion on planting.
<b>16.</b>	<b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b>
16.1	<b>AGM.</b> The AGM will take place on 29 May, before the monthly meeting.

**THE MEETING ENDED AT 9.30 PM**

**THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING IS MONDAY 29<sup>th</sup> MAY 2017**