

**MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL OF THE ROYAL BURGH OF TAIN
MEETING HELD ON 29 MAY 2017 AT 7.30 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER,
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Present: Mr D Macdonald (Chair) Mr G Amos (Vice-Chair)
Mrs C Mackenzie (Treasurer) Mr A Mohan
Mr D MacIvor

In attendance: Mr Louden/Mrs Roberson - Highland Councillors
Constables Wylie and Wislouch – Police Scotland

1.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Mr McAllister and Mr MacAngus .
2.	POLICE REPORT
2.1	Constable Wylie reported that there had been : Disorder Offences - 1 person charged; Drug Offences - 1 person charged; Domestic Incidents - 1 person charged for a physical offence; Road Traffic Offences - 15 persons charged; Vandalism - 1 person was identified, charged and reported for numerous vandalisms to vehicles within Tain. Mr Macdonald mentioned he had heard a tourist had been assaulted outside the Court as they took a photo. Constable Wylie will establish the facts, the incident may have been caught on CCTV. Mr Amos reported that a youth outside TRA school has been offered drugs by a noted (within the community) drug dealer – Police to follow this up.
3.	APPROVAL OF MINUTES
3.1	The Minutes of the meeting held on 24 April 2017 were approved by Mr MacIvor, and seconded by Mrs Mackenzie.
4.	MATTERS ARISING
4.1	Woody Braes. Mr Macdonald queried about how long the concrete structures at the Woody Braes will be in place. Mrs Roberson indicated that there will be a report forthcoming to the next Ward Business meeting.
5.	YOUTH ISSUES - none
6.	HIGHLAND COUNCILLOR’S REPORT
6.1	Mr Louden’s report. Mr Louden reported that he had spent the last 3 weeks learning about Highland Council and how it works. He will be attending CC meetings. He noted that he is now restricted about commenting in public on the 3-18 campus planning application prior to its going before the Committee. Mr Louden to follow up on damage at wall at the Collegiate Church. The fault at the underpass is HC responsibility, and it will be fixed.

6.2	<p>Mrs Robertson's report. Mrs Robertson reported that there are still alterations to be done on the yellow road lines. There will be an update at the next Ward Business meeting on the damage to the toilets. There is a new Community Works Officer, and a new post of Amenities Officer – a meeting has been planned with Mrs Robertson to have a walk-a-round the Burgh. There will only be 3 main Committees in HC instead of 5, with the first meeting taking place on Thursday. Some budgets are being given to Area Committees, with local decision making. Tain Task Force now have the funding for the Rose Garden benches and these will be ordered soon.</p>
7.	<p>COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITY - none</p>
8.	<p>OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE – correspondence emailed round previously.</p>
9.	<p>CHAIR'S REPORT</p> <p>9.1 Mr Macdonald reported that the local MP has raised the matter of a potential land swap with John Swinney and Kevin Stewart re the 3-18 campus and housing at Craighill. Planners have asked for a revised Transport Assessment, also to include management plans for construction traffic. The CC drop-in session on the 3-18 campus went well and was informative and helped towards our own submission. It looks likely the application will go to the Planning Committee on 1 August. A hustings was held in advance of the HC elections, thanks to Peter Whiteley for chairing. An email was received from Helen Ross indicating that Mr Louden will be the Lead Councillor who will be attending the Tain CC meetings. Mr Macdonald lodged an expression of interest to the Paths for All grants of £1,500 – for the riverside north side, or possibly for the Crickety Steps, depending upon sight of estimates due shortly.</p>
10.	<p>VICE-CHAIR'S REPORT</p> <p>10.1 Mr Amos reported that the repair to the last bench from the Rose Garden is nearly finished. He indicated that there is dog mess problems in parts of the Mansfield Estate, also some drains being full of debris. The Hartmount Holdings road area is unsuitable for any vehicle other than a car, not a refuse truck. Mr Amos handed out a Dornoch Firth Environment Enhancement Project leaflet from the Glenmorangie Distillery.</p>
11.	<p>FINANCE AND TREASURER'S REPORT</p> <p>11.1 Mrs Mackenzie circulated the up to date financial position.</p>
12.	<p>LETTERS</p> <p>12.1 Duthac Centre. An email has been received from the Duthac Centre requesting £500 towards a new piano from the Beinn Tharsuinn Windfarm Community Company. Mr Macdonald to email Alex MacManus and ask him to send the Duthac Centre an application form. It was agreed in principle to support the</p>

	application once it is in.
12.1	Tain Development Trust. Mr Macdonald has received an email from Tain Development Trust. The plans were generally well received, and noted, and the CC look forward to hearing of future progress. Mr Macdonald to email the information out to CC members.
13.	PLANNING MATTERS - none
14.	COMMON GOOD FUND
14.1	It was noted that there had been some enquiries from interested parties in respect of the Mussel Boat sale.
15.	UNEXHAUSTED REMITS
15.1	Cemeteries/3-18 campus/Beinn Tharsuinn – discussed previously. Facebook page - it was noted that the CC facebook page has 297 followers, 10 up since last month. Alexandra Bridge/Website development – no report. Green Environment – it was noted that the fence at the Play park at the Links is in poor condition and the surface is in need of a new layer of bark – TRA pupils are taking this on as a project.. Mrs Robertson is going to work with other groups in Tain to secure funding for new equipment.
16.	ANY OTHER BUSINESS
16.1	£30 yearly charge for brown bin. It was noted that this charge is being brought in from July.
16.2	Hustings for General Election. It was noted that the CC would not be arranging a Hustings in Tain for the forthcoming election.

THE MEETING ENDED AT 8.30 PM

THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING IS MONDAY 26th JUNE 2017