

**MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL OF THE ROYAL BURGH OF TAIN  
MEETING HELD ON 27 JUNE 2017 AT 7.30 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER,  
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**Present:** Mr G Amos (Vice-Chair) Mrs C Mackenzie (Treasurer)  
Mr A Mohan Mr D MacIvor

**In attendance:** Mr Louden - Highland Councillor  
Constable N Bremner – Police Scotland

<b>1.</b>	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b> – Mr McAllister, Mr MacAngus, Mr Munro, Mr Macdonald
<b>2.</b>	<b>POLICE REPORT</b>
2.1	Constable Bremner reported that there had been in the last month 1 person charged with drug offences, 1 person charged for a domestic incident, 2 people charged for non-physical offences, 8 people charged for road traffic offences and 1 person charged for drink driving. Enquiries are still ongoing into 2 serious assaults which occurred on 18 June. 2 quad bikes and 1 motor bike seized following a number of reports from residents – enquiries still ongoing.
2.2	Mr Amos enquired whether his query from last month on a visitor being allegedly assaulted outside the Court House happened, had been investigated. Constable Bremner to follow up and report back. Several complaints from residents re walking past the Court House on Court days is difficult due to people standing on the pavement. It was agreed that the Police would highlight the ban on alcohol by the by-law. Constable Bremner encourages the public to engage with the Police on matters such as this. It was noted that a well known local drug dealer has been seen recently around the Rose Street area. Mr Louden highlighted problems in the Mansfield Estate with Pink Champagne substance – Constable Bremner encourages the public to phone Crimestoppers.
<b>3.</b>	<b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</b>
3.1	The Minutes of the meeting held on 29 May 2017 were approved by Mrs Mackenzie, and seconded by Mr Mohan.
<b>4.</b>	<b>MATTERS ARISING</b> - none
<b>5.</b>	<b>YOUTH ISSUES</b>
5.1	It was noted that the 2 TRA reps would be leaving school. It was agreed to contact TRA and enquire who the new reps will be.
<b>6.</b>	<b>HIGHLAND COUNCILLOR REPORT</b>

6.1	<p><b>Mr Louden’s report.</b> Mr Louden reported that he had a meeting with HC officials and asked that the grass is cut by Knockbreck School, but it hasn’t been done as yet but will ask again. Have no update on the repair to the Old Cemetery wall/lights at the underpass – will follow up again. The railings at the new Cemetery are very rusty and look terrible – will follow up on this. The 3 – 18 campus has been cisted. The consultation process is going to be done again, and Mr Louden hopes it will be done as quickly as possible. Work has been done on the white lines, and the drain cleaner has been in the area. HC capital and revenue budgets are struggling and it is a challenging financial position. At a committee meeting Councillor’s voted to reduce the committees from 5 to 3. A discussion took place on how HC could generate income.</p>
7.	<p><b>COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITY</b></p> <p>7.1 <b>Cromarty Firth Mens Shed project.</b> David and Colin spoke about the Mens Shed project, which is an organisation which encourages men to get out of the house. They have secured a building in Milton They want to be self-funding. Anyone is welcome and they are normally there on a Wednesday. It is hoped to have an open day soon. The information they gave on the project will be put on Facebook and the website.</p> <p>7.2 <b>Coach parking/disability parking.</b> Ms Williams indicated that there was some spare capacity for coach parking in the Burgh, which included by the Royal Hotel, by Mansfield, and the old Medical Centre. The Stagecoach car park during the day was also mentioned. This item to be progressed. Ms Williams reported that feedback to her indicated that the disabled parking space outside Grants was not the right space for it. Options that were put forward was Mansfield car park, Market Street, Geanies Street and Bank Street. Ms Williams indicated that if a coach was parking in the Mansfield car park, that it is at the Masonic end and not the Royal Hotel end.</p>
8.	<p><b>OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE</b> – correspondence emailed round previously.</p>
9.	<p><b>CHAIR’S REPORT</b></p> <p>9.1 Mr Macdonald send a report via Mr Amos as he was not at the meeting. Facebook comments on litter, abandoned cars, play areas and equipment were read out. It was noted that the play equipment by Seaforth Court was the last ones in Tain. Mr Louden taking this up with Albyn Housing. Mr Macdonald is delighted that the 3 – 18 campus consultation is being revisited and look forward to working with the community and HC. On 19 June (<b>GEORGE</b> – didn’t get this all down something to do with retraining on Scottish Futures Trust?).</p>
10.	<p><b>VICE-CHAIR’S REPORT</b></p> <p>10.1 Mr Amos reported that most of the items he wished to raise had already been discussed.</p>
11.	<p><b>FINANCE AND TREASURER’S REPORT</b></p>

11.1	Mrs Mackenzie circulated the up to date financial position. It was noted that a letter from Helen Ross indicating the grant money to be received.
<b>12.</b>	<b>LETTERS</b>
12.1	<b>Housing in the Countryside</b> – it was noted that only 5 houses had been build in the Ward in the last year.
12.2	<b>Licensing legislation of fire displays</b> – noted.
<b>13.</b>	<b>PLANNING MATTERS</b>
	It was noted the retrospective planning permission for a shop to change from a bicycle one to a food outlet (Snack Shack).
<b>14.</b>	<b>COMMON GOOD FUND</b>
14.1	It was noted that there has been an offer for the boat, but it is not finalised. It is ensured that the monies will be ringfenced in the Common Good Fund.
<b>15.</b>	<b>UNEXHAUSTED REMITS</b>
15.1	<b>Cemeteries/3-18 campus/ acebook page</b> – discussed previously. <b>Alexandra Bridge/Website development/ Green Environment</b> – no report. Mr Louden has resigned as a Director of <b>Beinn Tharsuinn Windfarm Community Company</b> . It was proposed by Mrs Mackenzie, and seconded by Donald MacIvor that Mr Amos is his replacement.
<b>16.</b>	<b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b> - none

**THE MEETING ENDED AT 9.20 PM**

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