

**MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL OF THE ROYAL BURGH OF TAIN
MEETING HELD ON 30 OCTOBER 2017 AT 7.30 PM IN THE COUNCIL
CHAMBER, TAIN**

Present: Mr D Macdonald (Chair) Mr G Amos (Vice-Chair)
Mrs C Mackenzie (Treasurer) Mr A Mohan
Mr D McAllister Mrs S Mackenzie
Mr N Munro

In attendance: Mr Louden - Highland Councillor
Constable A Smythe – Police Scotland

1.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – none.
2.	POLICE REPORT
2.1	Mr Macdonald read out an email from Inspector Anna Johnston on this month's statistics, which included 5 people charged with disorder offence, 1 person charge with a physical offence and 3 people charged with non-physical offences, 2 people charged with drug offences, 16 people charged with road traffic offences, 1 person charged with drink driving, and 2 people charged with dishonesty related offences. Constable Smythe confirmed there is a Police operation looking at vehicles which are abandoned/uninsured/no MOT – to date 11 people have been reported to the DVLA and 4 people being investigated for no insurance. Items discussed included abandoned cars, speeding cars, CCTV, and parking on the zebra crossing.
3.	APPROVAL OF MINUTES
3.1	The Minutes of the meeting held on 25 September 2017 were approved by Mr McAllister, and seconded by Mrs Mackenzie.
4.	MATTERS ARISING - none
5.	YOUTH ISSUES
5.1	It was noted there was no update on the request for the School Captains to attend the CC meeting has been received. It was agreed to contact the School to arrange for them to attend the meetings.
6.	HIGHLAND COUNCILLOR REPORT
6.1	Mr Louden's report. Mr Louden circulated a Common Good Fund (CGF) statement of accounts he had compiled from 2011 onwards. It was noted that the Alexandra Bridge is in the accounts as an asset, rather than the repair that it was, the effect of which is to give a rather false impression of the health of the Fund. Mr Louden has received a draft conservation plan, and he hopes it will be finalised soon and distributed to the public. Mr Louden followed up about the repair to the wall at the bottom of Castle Brae – it is part of the Church and grounds. The bollards at the Woody Braes will be removed in November. A low cost repair

	<p>option has been identified and will be forthcoming shortly. Pavement repair works to be carried out at the Mansfield Estate – a 3 year programme. It was noted that the drainage should be done as well. The road maintenance programme includes Drummond Street and Morangie Road. It was agreed to write to the HC official in appreciation for asking the Community for its input here. The pillar in the old Cemetery are going to be taken down, dowels put in, re-mortared and re-erected so the gate will close. It has been agreed to paint the new Cemetery railings – no specific date as yet. When the new Cemetery railings are painted, the CC can ask for the old Cemetery railings to be done as well. In the new Cemetery extension the wall coping stones and external face require repair – Mr Louden to follow up. Will follow up tree by train station requiring to be cut back. It is believed that the Old Academy roans and roof tidying up is now out for tender. The new lease for the Football Club has been drawn up and will go in front of Committee for approval. New bark and fence repairs are required at the play area in the Links – Mr Louden to follow up. Global Energy had an expansive planning application presentation recently. Mr Louden has reported that railings in the Rose Garden need repair and it is hoped they are completed quickly. It was noted there is no co-ordination between the pavement sweeper and the road sweeper with regard to leaves on Morangie Road – Mr Louden to follow up.</p>
7.	COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITY
7.1	<p>Ms Williams indicated that being able to take part in the CC meetings is an excellent way of it being inclusive and welcoming. Mr Macdonald acknowledged that was the purpose of the CO and reminded members of the importance of the CC remaining accessible to the community. Ms Williams attended the 3-18 campus stakeholders meeting and wishes to arrange a public meeting for the community to have their say on the project. Communication was discussed, and it was agreed to re-inforce the dates of CC meetings on Facebook. Mr Macdonald still intends for the CC to organise drop-in sessions to help HC with its public engagement exercise over the proposed Campus.</p>
8.	CGF APPLICATION FOR TIG PROJECT OFFICER POST
	<p>It was noted that the CC had asked quite a number of questions on the application via Helen Ross but no update has been received to date.</p>
9.	OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE – correspondence emailed round previously.
10.	CHAIR’S REPORT
10.1	<p>Mr Macdonald reported he and Mr Amos has attended the 3-18 campus stakeholders group meeting. Mr Macdonald and Mr Louden declared a non-financial interest in the site selection. It was noted that the site close to Asda is now in the site selection, despite conflicting advice on this previously.. It was unanimously agreed that community involvement in the site selection was of utmost importance. After discussion, it was agreed to pursue a joint initiative with the Civic Trust in preparing simple but practical sketches of what a School may look like on each of the sites, as HC had confirmed they would not be doing that. This could be used in a series of early CC drop in sessions, which would provide the community with a more useful means of engagement. This could then feed into</p>

	<p>the HC site selection process. Mr Macdonald to pursue with Civic Trust. Beatrice Wind Farm Fund – Gail Ross MSP is helping intervene with SSE refusal to include the Tain, Inver and Portmahomack area’s inclusion in the fund on the grounds of visual impact. No update on Mr Macdonald’s letter regarding the Cemetery. No further forward with regard getting some constructive advice from Planning and Roads on the Grove re-development– the written explanation as to why officials couldn’t help in all likelihood required more effort than the task of responding with some simple pointers - very frustrating bureaucracy. The developer may choose to proceed with a Pre-Application request. It is considered the water crossing the path at Asda is their responsibility to repair, advice is being sought and it is hoped to hear an outcome soon. Aberlour Care Home – management have asked staff not to smoke in the lane, parking conditions are being re-inforced, and a client has been moved on. It was agreed to move the November CC meeting from 27th November to the 20th November. Remembrance Sunday Service is on 12th November, members of the CC and family are welcome to attend.</p>
11.	VICE-CHAIR’S REPORT
11.1	<p>Mr Amos was querying the change to the HC Ward Discretionary budget to a participatory process with the public deciding. Mr Louden reported an event will be arranged, organisations will do a presentation, and the audience will decide who gets the funding (up to £2,000). The changes would affect the CC if ever it wished to access the DB process. It was agreed to discuss this again at forthcoming meetings. It is not clear what is happening about the repairs to the Christmas Lights. Cllr Louden believes Cllr Rhind may have acted independently on this matter, and funding may have to be sought.</p>
12.	FINANCE AND TREASURER’S REPORT
12.1	<p>Mrs Mackenzie circulated the up to date financial position. It was noted that the cheque to Tain Task Force is now cashed.</p>
13.	LETTERS – spoke about previously
14.	PLANNING MATTERS
14.1	<p>3 Esther Place – erection of shed (already built) Moorfarm House, Scotsburn Road – outdoor riding arena</p> <p>CC resolved to write in support of both.</p>
15.	COMMON GOOD FUND – spoke about previously
16.	UNEXHAUSTED REMITS
16.1	<p>Cemeteries/3-18 campus/Facebook page – discussed previously. Alexandra Bridge – it was agreed to take this item off the unexhausted remits list. Website</p>

	<p>development –no report. Green Environment – the trees at Woody Braes – it was agreed to give regrowth a chance rather than introduce new planting. Windfarm Community Company – Mr Macdonald to forward Mr Amos’s details as he is taking over a Director. Mussel Fisheries – it was noted that the community still retain the Mussel fishing license.</p>
17.	ANY OTHER BUSINESS
17.1	Co-option. It was agreed to co-opt Katie Melville to the CC.
17.2	Tain Development Trust. Mrs Mackenzie gave an update on the Development Trust – there is a public meeting planned for 16 th November. They have project suggestions.

THE MEETING ENDED AT 10.45 PM

THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING IS MONDAY 20th NOVEMBER 2017