

**MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL OF THE ROYAL BURGH OF TAIN  
MEETING HELD ON 22 OCTOBER 2018 AT 7.35 PM IN THE COUNCIL  
CHAMBER, TAIN**

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

**In attendance:** Mr Louden/Mrs Robertson - Highland Councillors

<b>1.</b>	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b> – Ms Mackenzie, Mr Macrae, Mr Holdsworth. Mr Munro gave thanks to Mr Macdonald, and an appreciation was given for all the work he had done, and wished him well for the future. A welcome was given to Mr Piper as a returning member.
<b>2.</b>	<b>POLICE REPORT</b>
2.1	Mr Munro read out an email from Inspector Johnston re the crime statistics for the month, which were – 1 person charged for domestic non-physical, 1 person charged for theft by shoplifting, 1 person charged for road traffic offences, and 9 persons charged for speeding offences. Patrols ongoing around Scotsburn Court, and the Rose Garden. Calls to Morangie House have been minimal this month. It was sadly noted of a death of a youth in the Mansfield Estate. Mrs Robertson reported about the knitted trauma teddy's, which are given to children to help with situations.
<b>3.</b>	<b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</b>
3.1	The Minutes of the meeting held on 27 August 2018 were approved by Mrs Mackenzie, and seconded by Mr Amos.
<b>4.</b>	<b>MATTERS ARISING</b>
4.1	<b>Ref Asda Path</b> – it was noted that the works to fix the drainage had been completed. The situation is going to be monitored.
4.2	<b>Ref WW1 ending</b> – Mr McAllister asked to write the wording for the brass plaque which will be placed in the triangle garden, once the wording is approved. The CC approved the wording.
<b>5.</b>	<b>YOUTH ISSUES</b>
5.1	It was noted that there were no Academy School reps this year attending the CC meeting. After discussion, it was agreed that Mr Macdonald would contact the school again on this matter.
<b>6.</b>	<b>HIGHLAND COUNCILLOR'S REPORT</b>

6.1	<b>Mrs Roberson's report.</b> Mrs Robertson reported that as part of the WW1 endings there is going to be a rose bush planted in the Rose Garden. There is also going to be a People's Parade. There is also a Poppy Parade. The pupils in the Schools are designing the Poppies. Craighill Primary School have now got new toilets, and a partition between classrooms. Work still to be done on ceilings. P1 is nearing at full capacity. Part of the Rose Gardens railings have been taken away due to health and safety issues. The Community Payback group are going to be undertaking painting and other items. Car parking charges – the Ross-shire area is against them. No detriment this year if do not make the target. There is a new Chief Executive – Donna Manson. A new Director of Care & Learning will be appointed soon.
6.2	<b>Mr Louden's report.</b> Mr Louden indicated that CC members can arrange to meet before the Remembrance Service on 11 <sup>th</sup> November. There was a meeting on WW1 endings, and it was agreed that there would be commemoration and not celebration. Mr Louden to provide a reprise. Car parking charges – Parking Enforcement Officers will be working throughout the Highland, and will come to Tain once the yellow lines are completed. Toilets – counter in Tain ones, with a low footfall. Ward Forum – John Bruce from Fisheries Protection is going to speak about boat licenses. Cunarder Lane has been tidied up by the Community Payback group. A report on the 3-18 Campus will be going to Committee. HC have yet to agree site selection. There was a discussion on modular design, Parent Council.
<b>7.</b>	<b>COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITY</b>
7.1	It was noted that the seat beside the Courthouse has been refurbished. However, the bins beside them look unsightly. Mrs Robertson will endeavour to arrange that the HC bins are moved. The Courthouse to be chased up re moving their bins.
<b>8.</b>	<b>TAIN &amp; DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT TRUST</b> – no report.
<b>9.</b>	<b>CHAIR'S REPORT</b>
9.1	Mr Macdonald reported that HC has asked for a tree survey in regard to the Grove development. A letter of thanks to the CC was read out for their support for the development. Highland Small Community Development Trust – looking at self-build houses in Tain – at the environmental garden, and Tarlogie. Next step is to get the sites valued. Tain & District Development Trust has asked the CC to sponsor a Memorial Award at a cost of £250. After discussion, it was agreed to offer a contribution of £50.
<b>10.</b>	<b>VICE-CHAIR'S REPORT</b>
10.1	Mr Amos reported he had refurbished the bench by the Courthouse. It was noted that HC have no money to replace the barrier at the Rose Garden.
<b>11.</b>	<b>FINANCE AND TREASURER'S REPORT</b>
11.1	Mrs Mackenzie circulated the up to date financial position. It was agreed that Discretionary Grant applications will go in for the Senior Citizen's Party, and for the

	Christmas Lights. Mrs Robertson indicated that there was going to be a discussion on the Christmas Lights at the Gala Committee, and she will report back.
<b>12.</b>	<b>LETTERS</b>
12.1	<b>A9 junctions.</b> Mr Louden reported that he was relentlessly pursuing making the first entrances to Tain from the A9 safer. Mixed problems why there are so many accidents have been identified.
<b>13.</b>	<b>PLANNING MATTERS</b>
13.1	<b>32 housing units – phase 3, Jackson Drive</b> – support.
<b>14.</b>	<b>COMMON GOOD FUND</b>
	Helen Ross indicated that the report and monitoring document will be out this week and going to Committee. Market Street shop is still vacant. Woody Braes work is monitored twice a year. There was a discussion on how the oysters planted by Glenmorangie Distillery would affect the mussels. Mrs Robertson to get information on this matter from a Planner in Wick.
<b>15.</b>	<b>UNEXHAUSTED REMITS</b>
15.1	<b>Trees and Green Environment</b> – there was a discussion on dog poo, and the large amount there is around Tain. It was noted that the person who deals with this in HC to deal with this. <b>Beinn Tharsuinn Windfarm Community Company</b> – it was noted that due to a mistake in the accounts there is a reconvened AGM soon. It was agreed that Mr Munro would be the rep on this Board. <b>Cemeteries</b> – it was noted that the railings have been painted, and the steps improved. The outside of the wall has not been worked on. <b>Senior Citizen’s Party</b> – it was suggested that the Academy could be approached to see if they were willing to provide dancers/Gizzen Biggs. Entertainment/beverages required. Mr Louden to discuss with Mr Rhind.

**THE MEETING ENDED AT 10.10 PM**

**THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING IS MONDAY 26<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2018**