

**MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL OF THE ROYAL BURGH OF TAIN  
MEETING HELD ON 22 NOVEMBER 2018 AT 7.30 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 Mr Macrae  
Mr Cliff Piper Mr Goldsworthy  
Mrs S Mackenzie

**In attendance:** Mr Louden - Highland Councillors

<b>1.</b>	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – none</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>POLICE REPORT - none</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>COULL LINKS PRESENTATION</b>
3.1	Mr Haspell Project Manager for the Coull Links Golf project indicated that building a golf course at Embo was a great opportunity for other golf courses in the area. He reported that there are no plans for an sort of accommodation being built with this plan. Mr Haspell is going around Community Councils and groups making them aware of the project. He hopes hotels and bed & breakfasts will also benefit from the project. It was noted that the public enquiry will take place on 25 February 2019 for approximately 3 weeks. Mr Haspell was asked why the landowner had not completed a management plan for the development, but he indicated it was before his time. Stuart Morrison, the professional golfer, Tain golf course indicated that he spend a lot of time gathering information about the development. If the Coull Links course gets the go ahead, visitors may go to that and Dornoch course, but don't visit Tain/Brora/Golspie ones, which would impact on visitor numbers. RAMSAR offers protections to wetlands. Dr Tom Dargie from Not Coull group indicated that he is concerned about the loss of the environmental area if the project goes ahead, and is against Scottish Government planning policy. The wetlands are protected. He suggests that the development is in the wrong place. Mr Munro indicated that as the Community Council (CC) are not consultees in this project, no comment will be made at this time other than the meeting was glad to hear both sides.
<b>4.</b>	<b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF AGM</b>
4.1	The Minutes of the Inaugral AGM meeting held on 22 October 2018 were approved by Mr Amos, and seconded by Mr McAllister, subject to Mrs Robertson's name being added to the present list.
<b>5.</b>	<b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING</b>
5.1	The Minutes of the meeting held on 22 October 2018 were approved by Mr Piper, seconded by Mr Amos.

<b>6.</b>	<b>MATTERS ARISING</b>
6.1	<b>Ref Asda Path</b> – it was noted that the path still had water running over it when it rained, and that there was a lightbulb not working. After discussion it was agreed to contact the Manager with a view to them rectifying these problems.
<b>7.</b>	<b>YOUTH ISSUES</b>
7.1	It was noted that there were no Academy School reps this year attending the CC meeting. After discussion, it was agreed that Mr Mohan would contact the school again on this matter.
<b>8.</b>	<b>TAIN &amp; DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT TRUST</b>
8.1	Mrs Mackenzie reported that the Development Trusts AGM is on 13 December. She would like it widely advertised and it was agreed that she would take over the CCs Facebook page. The information will also be put on the CC website. The Awards Ceremony was a great success – it raised the profile of the group and awarded individuals. Arrangements are still ongoing for the Christmas Market and switching on of the lights. The High Street will be closed from 1 – 8 pm. A complete list of stall holders was suggested to put on Facebook. The Hub is ongoing – problem with asbestos, but it is being dealt with. Once that is dealt with, other works will begin. Knockbreck School has been in touch with ideas for the future.
<b>9.</b>	<b>HIGHLAND COUNCILLOR REPORT</b>
9.1	Mr Louden read out a list of meetings he had attended including planning, budget, allocation of roads, Ross & Cromarty Area Committee, Tain Museum, Ward Forum (including mussel license information), Mental Health Seminar, Fearn CC, Duthac Centre, Commemoration events, Redesign Board, Housing Debt, Tain & Easter Ross Civic Trust, Corporate Resources. Mr Louden reported that R S McColl are closing and there are other interested parties in taking over the Post Office business. Questions were asked about Elder trees on Shore Road that has been mutilated – Mr Louden to investigate.
9.2	At this point there was a presentation to Mr Macdonald for all his good work on the CC.
<b>10.</b>	<b>COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITY</b>
10.1	Information was just handed in and it was agreed that Mr Munro would look at the information and sent it round.
<b>11.</b>	<b>CHAIR’S REPORT</b>
11.1	Mr Munro reported that the commemoration events for the ending of WW1 were excellent. An invitation has been received from Mr Kennedy of Nigg Energy Park for 2 CC representatives for an update on current and future work (post meeting note – Mr Munro unable to attend, but Mr Piper attended). It was agreed that Mr Munro

	and Mr Piper would attend. Information from the Highland Licensing Board has been received about the closure of the High Street during the festive period. It was noted that there will be a new Scottish Government funding stream for school builds in a couple of years. A Committee Report on the 3-18 campus will be forthcoming soon.
<b>12.</b>	<b>VICE-CHAIR'S REPORT</b>
12.1	Mr Amos reported that entertainment is still required for the Senior Citizen's Party on 12 January – he is to approach Mr Rhind for assistance. He reported that there seems to be no grit during the recent icy period for the road at the Industrial Site. Mr Amos read a letter from the After School Club – the children wish to be involved in the community and would like action on dog muck on paths, and rubbish in the play parks. Mrs Mackenzie suggested the children undertake an active campaign (with assistance). The children could do litter drawings for the community. The children have an inspirational wall, and made Halloween scarecrows, and are busy decorating the Christmas tree.
<b>13.</b>	<b>FINANCE AND TREASURER'S REPORT</b>
13.1	Mr Louden on behalf of Mrs Mackenzie circulated the up to date financial position. It was noted that the £50 cheque for the Tain & District Development Trust has been left off. The Discretionary Grant application for the costs of the Senior Citizens Party was signed, and will be sent off (for £600).
<b>14.</b>	<b>PLANNING MATTERS - none</b>
<b>15.</b>	<b>COMMON GOOD FUND – previous discussed Mussels.</b>
<b>16.</b>	<b>UNEXHAUSTED REMITS</b>
16.1	<b>Cemeteries/3-18 campus/Facebook page</b> – discussed previously. <b>Website development</b> – it was noted that the upkeep of the website is shared with Mr Macdonald – it was suggested to approach Mrs Mackenzie with a view to her sharing the task instead. Mr Munro to update the introduction. <b>Green Environment</b> – it was noted that there is a lot of lorry activities at the A9 layby south of the Asda junction which is churning up the grass. <b>Windfarm Community Company</b> – rescheduled AGM <b>3-18 campus</b> – it was noted that the Ross-shire Journal poll on the most appropriate site for a new campus in Tain resulted in 79% in favour of the Craighill site (330 votes cast).
<b>17.</b>	<b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b>
17.1	The next meeting of the CC will be the 28 January 2019.

**THE MEETING ENDED AT 10.45 PM**

**THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING IS MONDAY 28<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2019**