

**MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL OF THE ROYAL BURGH OF TAIN
MEETING HELD ON 28 JANUARY 2019 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 Macrae Mr C Piper
Mr G Holdsworth Mrs S Mackenzie

In attendance: Mr Louden/Mrs F Roberson- Highland Councillors
Douglas Macleod/Iona Mercer – TRA
Caitlan Finlayson/Caithlyn Munro – Tain Youth Forum
Mr R Parks, Highlife Highland
PC Duncan/PC Mackay – Police Scotland
Helen Ross – Senior Ward Manager, Highland Council

1.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Mrs Mackenzie
2.	POLICE REPORT
2.1	PC Mackay reported that there has been 7 people charged with assault/disorder. 4 of these incidents relates to vandalism. For the remaining 3 undetected crimes enquiries are still ongoing. 7 people charged with road traffic offences, and 1 person charged with drug offences. The Police are working along side multi agencies in relation to youth disorder. With regard to the recent disturbances in the Mansfield Estate that is being dealt with. Any information on these events, please contact the Police. With regard to the CCTV cameras – they are working and has helped in an assault case.
3	BLARLIATH COMMON GOOD LAND CONSULTATION
3.1	Mr Munro and Ms Ross gave background in the proposed solar project, which is in the early stages. The current grazing land has a limited income, and this project could result in a bigger income. Some of the Community Empowerment Act legislation came in at the end of the year with regard to consulting Community Councils. The Common Good Officer joined by phone – he indicated that because of the tight timescales a planning application had to go in because of the Feed In Tarriffs. The first decision to make is – is this a viable project? There are no final figures on the total cost of the project as yet. There will be both local and national connection to the National Grid. The maintenance cost of the project will be built in to the financial model, and the finance of this will be bourn by Highland Council, not the Common Good Fund. After discussion, it was agreed to support this project.
4.	APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING

4.1	The Minutes of the meeting held on 26 November 2018 were approved by Mr McAllister, seconded by Mr Amos, subject to Mr Holdsworth's name being corrected from Mr Goldsworthy in the present list.
5.	<p>MATTERS ARISING</p> <p>5.1 Ref Asda Path – it was noted that the path flooding was still happening. Asda to be contacted again. It was suggested that a reach out could be made to the land owner. It was noted that the path is not always gritted, and Mrs Robertson to contact Asda to pursue getting it gritted. As an aside Mr Louden indicated that he still has to pursue works on the trees on Shore Road.</p> <p>5.2 Ref Visit to Nigg – Mr Piper reported that the event at Nigg workyard was interested and that they are trying to diversify business from gas and oil. There was a multi-million pound contract on a rig before Christmas. They are increasing fuel bunkering, and the fabrication shops are busy. They are looking for the CC to support increased berthing capacity, and are planning a public consultation. They have a Skills Academy, that is 16 weeks long, with 24 training places available.</p>
6.	<p>YOUTH ISSUES</p> <p>6.1 TRA. It was reported that the TRA pre-lims have started and are ongoing. The School has done some charity work for the Highland Hospice, with a City Scramble – with prizes from local businesses. The final presentation will be 12 February. £3,000 has been given to the charity Seaboard Cares as part of the Youth Philanthropy Initiative. Tain Youth Forum. The group has finished a project on mental health, and has raised awareness. They are looking at producing a film on the 3-18 campus, interviewing pupils on what they think of the school now. It is hope the wide distribution of the film will help with funding of the new school. Mr Louden offered to get in touch with the Schools Minister with a view to them visiting the School.</p>
7.	<p>TAIN & DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT TRUST</p> <p>7.1 Mr Macrae reported that there had been positive reports from the Christmas market. The Hub works have started and it will hopefully be up and running soon. There is a public consultation due to take place on 7 February. The Trust is going to look at it's constitution to help with the Old Picture House - the group has got funding from SSE for a feasibility study.</p>
8.	<p>HIGHLAND COUNCILLOR'S REPORT</p> <p>8.1 Helen Ross. Helen reported that the monitoring report for the Common Good Fund (CGF) was going to Committee this week. Helen to send out a link to it. She reported that there was a movement problem with the Alexander Bridge, but not an immediate risk. A Highland Council engineer is to investigate, but there is no immediate risk to the public. The CGF will have to fund any repairs as the Bridge is a Common Good Asset. No mussel survey this year, but it is being pulled forward, so that there can be surveillance of the mussels. With regard to the Market Street stalls – waiting</p>

	<p>for a lease to finish, and there is another tenant moving in. Some stoneware to fix. A partnership between Tain Development Trust and Highland Small Housing Community Trust with regard some housing at the Wildlife Garden. Helen to let the CC know if the HSHCT is interested. It has been suggested that if it is not used for housing then, it may be worthwhile selling the land on the open market. There is a public consultation on a road traffic order. A discussion on the traffic order at Tesco's took place, and a site visit in planned.</p>
8.2	<p>Mrs Robertson's report. Mrs Roberson reported that the roads resurfacing budget has been agreed – whilst the roads chosen to do are in Milton/Fearn and Ballintore, in future it will be at Morangie Road and Kirksheaf. It is hoped to have the CC review completed by November. There seems to be an appetite for change. She suggests the CC looks at it. There was a Partnership meeting at TRA on mental health, and the Pupil Equity Fund was used to employ an Educational Psychologist, and a counselling service. It is now being looked at how to develop this initiative to the wider community – she is going to write to CC's with a view to canvassing their opinions. Sandra Campbell, Acting Head of Care & Learning has been invited to visit TRA. The forthcoming year's budget Committee meeting is in February – there is a potential budget gap of £30 million. New member in the Mansfield Estate Residents Group is being sought. Mrs Robertson met with the Budget Leader and Chief Executive (CE) of HC re the 3-18 campus – no funding has been allocated to it, and other ways of getting the funding is being looked at. Funding has been agreed for the painting of the entrance signs to the Burgh. The Manager of the bins in the High Street has been asked to provide nicer ones – being reviewed.</p>
8.3	<p>Mr Louden's report. Mr Louden is trying to work on ideas for funding the 3-18 campus. The new CE of HC is making changes and looking at everything with a view to budget savings. At Nairn Committee meeting, the members decided to put their CGF in investments. Our Councillors have to have a discussion to see if this is a good idea – Helen Ross to be asked to investigate what Nairn is doing. There is one interested party in taking over the Post Office.</p>
9.	COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITY - none
10.	CHAIR'S REPORT
10.1	<p>Mr Munro indicated that he wishes the community to grasp opportunities like the solar project. He noted Cunarder Lane was in the best condition he's seen for a long time. He indicated that if any member has an interested in any item, they should declared an interest – it is self-monitoring at present. This to be added to the agenda – proposed by Mr Piper, and seconded by Mr Macrae.</p>
11.	VICE-CHAIR'S REPORT
11.1	<p>Mr Amos reported that the Senior Citizen's party went well. Mr Amos thanked Mr Rhind for his help. The Duthac Centre invoice is still to come. Mr Amos showed the After School Club's poster – they are concerned about dog mess and vandalism in the Rose Garden. They wish to raise money for the Rose Garden for flowers/shrubs. Mr Louden and Mr Munro visited the After School Club (post meeting note – Mr Munro was not able to visit due to work commitments). Mr Amos</p>

	was asked to make a statement to the Ross-shire Journal on the frequent accidents on the A9. The consultation starting soon on a 50 mph speed reduction. Long term BEAR are looking at round-a-bouts. He would like to know the costings of the emergency services at the crashes. Re the barrier at the toilets in the Rose Garden – suggest that a meeting is convened with HC officials on a way forward. Mrs Robertson offered to set up a meeting.
12.	FINANCE AND TREASURER’S REPORT
12.1	Mrs Mackenzie circulated the up to date financial position. It was noted that the grant for the Senior Citizen’s party has been received. It was noted that the Christmas lights need a lot of expenditure spent on them. It was agreed that Mr Munro would discuss this matter with Mr Rhind. As a aside, it was agreed to find out what the Beinn Tharsuinn Community funding is from April.
13.	LETTERS
13.1	Transport Scotland. A letter has been received from Transport Scotland with an update on the A9 junctions. They are looking at all improvements.
14.	PLANNING MATTERS
14.1	Proposed erection of extension to house at Bogbain Road – agreed to support.
15.	COMMON GOOD FUND – previous discussed.
16.	UNEXHAUSTED REMITS
16.1	Facebook – Mr McAllister still to contact Mrs Mackenzie about getting her involved in updating Facebook. Website – Mr McAllister reported that Tain community website is down at the moment. Trees and green environment – Mr McAllister reported that the vegetation at the Woody Braes is growing. Senior Citizen’s Party – speak about this matter at the next meeting.
17.	ANY OTHER BUSINESS
17.1	Gritting – noted that some gritting on Scotsburn Road was done after the school bus had passed by in the morning (HC policy is to complete the gritting by 9 am). Gully’s – it was noted that gully’s are full on St Andrew’s Road/Morangie Road – however there is only one gully machine in Tain.

THE MEETING ENDED AT 10.10 PM

THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING IS MONDAY 25th FEBRUARY 2019