

**MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL OF THE ROYAL BURGH OF TAIN
MEETING HELD ON 25 FEBRUARY 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

In attendance: Mr Louden - Highland Councillor

1.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Mrs S Mackenzie Mrs C Mackenzie.
2.	COMMUNITY COUNCILLOR’S DECLARING AN INTEREST
2.1	Mr McAllister declared an interest in the small wall by the public toilets as he is Secretary of Tain Task Force. Mr Mohan declared an interest in Mussel Fisheries.
3.	POLICE REPORT
3.1	It was noted that Sergeant Anna Johnstone had moved post, and that she has been replace by Joanne Thomson. Mr McAllister reported that he had met with Matthew Ravenhill at the Police Station and looked at the CCTV screens. The cameras can watch the Rose Garden if pointed there. It was noted one of the priorities for the Police is to keep an eye on the Rose Garden for vandalism.
4	SMALL WALL AT THE PUBLIC TOILETS
4.1	It was reported that repair work is required to the small wall at the public toilets. After discussion it was agreed to find out who owns the wall, and wait until a quote for the work is known. It was suggested that the pupils at the Academy may wish to become involved in fixing the wall.
5.	APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING
5.1	The Minutes of the meeting held on 28 January 2019 were approved by Mr McAllister, seconded by Mr Macrae, subject to Any Other Business – there is no gully machine in Tain – it is for the Easter Ross area. Also 8.1 reference HSHCT should read “Highland Small Communities Housing Trust”.
6.	MATTERS ARISING
6.1	Ref Asda Path – it was noted that the path flooding was still happening. It is not know whether Mrs Robertson had reached out to Asda about getting the whole path gritted.

6.2	Solar Panels – it was noted that there were letters of support for this project, and one letter with a series of questions. There are some elements of this project that require more discussion.
6.3	Wall and rails at public toilets – it was noted that a meeting was still to be set up to discuss the repairs to the railings at the public toilets – Mrs Robertson to progress.
6.4	Christmas Lights – Mr Munro spoke to Mr Rhind about the Christmas Lights and it was noted that there was little expenditure last year. Mr Rhind in discussion with a company that will either repair or provide new lights. Mr Rhind to get in touch when he knows more information. Mr Louden suggested a discussion with the Gala Committee.
7.	YOUTH ISSUES
7.1	It was noted that there is a meeting of TRA Parent Council on 21 March. Mr Munro to let School know he is attending. There is a feedback meeting on 28 March about the mental health service provided at the school with a view to widening it.
8.	TAIN & DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT TRUST
8.1	Mr Macrae reported that there has been a consultation to change the Constitution to charitable status. The jobs have been advertised, with the closing date this Thursday. The Hub is continuing slowly to be repaired – hope it will open by the end of March. Sandra Skinner enquired about the Branding for the Peninsula meeting – it was agreed that she would contact Tain Museum to ascertain details.
9.	HIGHLAND COUNCILLOR'S REPORT
9.1	Mr Louden's report. Mr Louden indicated that he had yet to look at the cut trees on Shore Road. There is a new tenant moving in to the Market Street shop vacancy. He has asked that the Tarlogie house site project is more of a priority. The tree causing damage to the Old Picture House has been cut down. HC are going to market the Station Road development on the housing market, although it is known there is bat boxes there. The bulging wall at the Collegiate Church has been clear and it was noticed the wall has fallen down. This may be a job for the Community Payback clients. Some funding has been found to provide paint for railings in the Burgh, which will be done prior to the summer. No price yet for the repairs to the Alexander Bridge. The HC budget – additional needs was looked at as they are higher than the Scottish average. Ward Discretionary Budgets got an extra £1,000 each, and Community Council's are to receive some extra funding in their annual grant. Extra money for road repairs this year. It was noted that the Post Office and shop will close in March as the lease ends and is not being renewed. For a few weeks after it is shut there may be a mobile Post Office – there may be other interested parties. Mr Louden/Mr Munro still to visit the After School Club. There was a meeting with HC officials at St Duthus Place by the Cemetery on road priorities/no entry signs. Mr Louden would like to see this area resurfaced – there are ongoing discussions with local residents. At the Ward Business meeting they talked about the Mussels and a possible survey. The planning team were at the meeting and indicated that they are starting to look at the Local Plan – their intension is to talk to communities and

	Community Councils. He asked that the Conservation Plan is taken off the back burner. He ran a surgery in the Service Point. Mr McAllister reported that the Service Point sign requires cleaning, and the vandalised notice board should be repaired. There are rangers stickers over the High Street – maybe they could be taken off by Community Payback clients. It was noted the bins are still be the Clock Tower – Mr Munro to speak to the Sheriff’s Clerk about this ongoing matter. It was noted that there are works on the A9, with a detour through the Burgh starting 10 March for 5 consecutive nights.
10.	COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITY
10.1	It was noted that there is a possibility of round-a-bouts at the A9 entrances to Tain. Mr Louden to contact BEAR and ask them when they are consulting on the 50 miles per hour speed limit.
11.	CHAIR’S REPORT
11.1	Mr Munro reported that a Community Fridge voluntary group has started in Tain. People can take and give – supermarkets give food that would otherwise go to landfill. After discussion it was agreed that a representative from the group would be invited to speak at the next CC meeting. The voluntary group will be promoted through the website.
12.	VICE CHAIR’S REPORT - none
13.	FINANCE AND TREASURER’S REPORT
13.1	Mr Louden, on behalf of Mrs Mackenzie circulated the up to date financial position. It was noted that Tain Schools are being sent their prize giving donations. CC is to get extra funding.
14.	LETTERS - none
15.	PLANNING MATTERS
15.1	Proposed erection of house and formation of access and private drainage at Tarlogie – no objection. Tain and District Development Trust – removal of shutters/installation of solar panels on Common Good land – support.
16.	COMMON GOOD FUND – previous discussed.
17.	UNEXHAUSTED REMITS
17.1	Website/Facebook Trees and green environment – no report. 3-18 Campus – a report should be going to the HC Committee in March – Mr Louden chasing up. Cemetery railings being painted.

18.	ANY OTHER BUSINESS
18.1	Bus stops by Health Centre – it was noted that there are bus stops by the new Health Centre but no buses pass that way. There is a dial a bus service, which is free for the elderly. After discussion, it was agreed to contact Stagecoach and ask them to reinstate buses that go past the Health Centre.

THE MEETING ENDED AT 9.45 PM

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