

**NOTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL OF THE ROYAL BURGH OF TAIN  
MEETING HELD ON 27 MAY 2019 AT 7.30 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER,  
TAIN**

**Present:** Mr G Amos (Vice-Chair, but Chairing meeting) Mr A Mohan  
Mr C Piper

**In attendance:** Mr Louden - Highland Councillor  
Scott Delgarno/Lin Mackay – HC Planning  
Neil & Helen Akroyd (Community Opportunity)

<b>1.</b>	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b> – Mr N Munro, and Mr D McAllister
<b>2.</b>	<b>COMMUNITY COUNCILLOR’S DECLARING AN INTEREST</b> – Mr Mohan declared an interest in Mussel Fisheries.
<b>3.</b>	<b>POLICE REPORT</b>
3.1	No police were in attendance, but the Chair had received The Police Report for the Tain Area for 28 <sup>th</sup> April to 23 <sup>rd</sup> May by e-mail from Sergeant Joanne Thomson. Incidents: Vandalism 0; Drug Offences 4; Disorder/Assault 4; Domestic Offences 3; Shoplifting 0; Road traffic offences 9. A number of people were cautioned and charged with road traffic offences due to pro-active spot checks. 2 persons charged with speeding offences. A reasonably settled month. 3 of the shopliftings had been detected. Diesel /had been stolen in the industrial estate. The persons responsible had not been identified. The number of persons cautioned and charged with road traffic offences as a result of pro-active stop checks was up quite significantly compared to last month. Our Road Policing department have carried out static speed checks in the vicinity of the town and 5 persons were charged with speeding. Officers will continue to carry out further speed checks where duties permit. Following significant damage being caused to the public toilets at the Rose Garden, High Street, Tain in an act of Wilful Fire-raising three youths were identified, cautioned and charged and reported to the Children’s Reporter. A youth has now also been cautioned and charged with the damage that was caused to the mirrors within the public toilets at the Rose Garden.
<b>4.</b>	<b>INNER MORAY FIRTH DEVELOPMENT PLAN</b>
4.1	Scott Delgarno/Lin Mackay from Planning indicated that there they were going round CCs making them aware of the forthcoming plan and encouraging groups/individuals to engage in the process. There are 3 main stages – Main Issues Report, proposed plan, and the examination stage. They are advertising calling for sites next week – and looking for online submissions. There is a Highland Councillor’s workshop on this matter on 6 June. Planning are undertaking a new needs/demands housing plan. Existing sites have to provide evidence of still being relevant. The adoption of the plan will likely by in 2022. A discussion took place

	<p>about transport. As an aside, Mr Ackroyd reported that he lived on Geanies Street and he has noticed cracks in his walls. HC are introducing parking restrictions on Geanies Street. Some suggestions discussed were weight restrictions for vehicles through the Burgh, a one way system, and moving the bus stop.</p>
<b>5.</b>	<b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING</b>
5.1	Approval of Minutes of meeting of 29 <sup>th</sup> April 2019 – as meeting not quorate, this item will be brought up at the next meeting on 24 <sup>th</sup> June.
<b>6.</b>	<b>MATTERS ARISING</b>
6.1	<b>ASDA path</b> – there were still flooding problems. <b>Health Centre Bus Stop</b> – noted that the bus company is undertaking a trial route passed the Health Centre – Mr Louden to go back to the company for an update.
<b>7.</b>	<b>YOUTH ISSUES</b> – no report
<b>8.</b>	<b>TAIN &amp; DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT TRUST</b> – no report
<b>9.</b>	<b>HIGHLAND COUNCILLOR’S REPORT</b>
9.1	<b>Mr Louden’s report.</b> Mr Louden reported he attended the TRA Parents Council meeting, and spoke about the 3-18 campus progression. There was discussion at the meeting on whether a loan from the Common Good Fund would be possible to get a site “shovel ready”. Capital budget not set as yet but a paper will come to Committee soon. MP Maree Todd went around the local schools. The Solar Panels project is going ahead. The oyster project at Glenmorangie Distillery in association with Herriot Watt University, as part of a filtration system is going ahead. After discussion, it was thought helpful is a representative from Glenmorangie Distillery come along to a CC meeting to speak about the project. No update on the repairs/costs to the Alexandra Bridge.
<b>10.</b>	<b>COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITY</b> – discussed previously
<b>11.</b>	<b>CHAIR’S REPORT</b>
11.1	Mr Amos reported that the AGM will be held at 7 pm on 24 <sup>th</sup> June, with the monthly meeting held at 7.30 pm or after the AGM is finished.

**12. VICE-CHAIR'S REPORT**

12.1 Mr Amos reported that the bench at the bottom of Tower Street has been washed. However there is a problem with seagull poo, and the bottom of the bench requires treatment. It was noted that the timetable at the bus stop was not user friend, and sometimes the buses didn't turn up. It was thought helpful to contact Hitrans reporting that the timetable doesn't correspond with the bus turning up. Some traffic at the Lidl junction are still not driving appropriately. 50 mph consultation on the A9 taking place. It was thought helpful to contact Transport Scotland with support for the 50 mph initiative.

**13. FINANCE AND TREASURER'S REPORT – no report**

**14. LETTERS – none**

**15. PLANNING MATTERS**

15.1 **Croft Arthur** – demolition of steading and erection of building extension – note.  
**New fascia signs at old RBS building** – noted.

**16. COMMON GOOD FUND – no report.**

**17. UNEXHAUSTED REMITS**

17.1 **Facebook items/Beinn Tharsuinn Community Ltd/Website Development/Trees and Green Environment/Senior Citizen's Party** – no report. **Cemetery** – railings painted. Repair of the knocked down pillar at the Old Cemetery is in the pipeline. **Mussel Fisheries** – discussions on the licence are still ongoing – Mr Louden to get an update on the survey **3-18 campus** – discussed previously.

**18. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

18.1 **BMX trackLinks.** It was noted that a community group has offered to clear up the BMX track as it is terrible overgrown. Mr Louden agreed permission for Mr Mohan to strim the area.

**THE MEETING ENDED AT 9.40 PM**

**THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING IS MONDAY 24 JUNE 2019**

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