

**MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL OF THE ROYAL BURGH OF TAIN
MEETING HELD ON 26 AUGUST 2019 AT 7.30 PM IN THE CHURCH HALL, TAIN**

Present: Mr N Munro (Chair) Mr G Amos (Vice-Chair)
Mr A Mohan Mr D McAllister
Mr C Piper Mrs S Mackenzie
Mr A Macrae

In attendance: Mr Louden/Mrs Robertson/Mr Rhind – Highland Councillor
Mr Parkes – Highlife Highland

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| 1. | APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Mr Holdsworth. |
| 2. | COMMUNITY COUNCILLOR’S DECLARING AN INTEREST – Mr Mohan declared an interest in Mussel Fishery. |
| 3. | POLICE REPORT - none |
| 4. | APPROVAL OF MINUTES |
| 4.1 | The notes of the meeting held on 24 June 2019 were approved by Mr Amos, and seconded by Mr Mohan. |
| 5. | MATTERS ARISING |
| 5.1 | Ref Glenmorangie Distillery. Mr Munro reported representatives from Glenmorangie Distillery could not make this meeting but would be attending the next meeting. |
| 6. | YOUTH ISSUES |
| 6.1 | Rob Parkes, Highlife Highland indicated that Kaitlyn Munro was a representative from the Youth Forum. If the CC wished any input from young people, they would be glad to help. The priority is to get 1 st and 2 nd years involved in the Youth Forum so there is a wide range of ages on it. They are looking for ideas to develop. They will be joining other areas Youth Forums later in the year. Mr Macrae indicated that he was trying to get youths involved in the music for the community market days. Kaitlyn Munro and Mrs Mackenzie agreed to pursue this matter. |
| 7. | TAIN & DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT TRUST (TDDT) |
| 7.1 | Mrs Mackenzie reported that the TDDT staff issues had been resolved. A marketing worker is soon to be recruited. Meetings are started to be booked in the Hub. A youth enterprise academy is being looked at. Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE) are looking at using the Hub as an innovation centre. They are doing a recruitment drive for volunteers and directors. They are going to be holding a community interest drop in event. The awards ceremony will be on 1/11/19 – voting starts online next week – sponsorship from Glenmorangie and Awards 4 All. The Morrision family |

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| | <p>wish to set up a memorial - the Alex Morrison Foundation and are looking to work with CIBT. A feasibility study and business plan have been completed for the Old Picture house. Unsuccessful funding notification from SSE. Mr Macrae reported that the community markets are going well with good turnout. One more in September then a Christmas market. As an aside a discussion took place on children refusers to go to school project, and are trying to get funding – it is hoped the old Janitor’s House could be used.</p> |
| <p>8.</p> <p>8.1</p> | <p>HIGHLAND COUNCILLOR’S REPORT</p> <p>Mr Louden reported on all the meetings/events he had attended including about the Old Picture House, Knockbreck prize-giving, Tain Highland Gathering (thanks to Morangie Distillery for the support), Home Start East Highland, Mansfield Residents Group and the Old Folks Christmas Party, other Community Councils, HC meetings, flooding at Mr Shaffi’s shop. 2 projects were picked to bid for the Town Centre funding pot – doing up King Street car park, and developing the Old Picture House. Post Office vans are now parking in King Street car park which means less spaces for the public – an urgent meeting with the Post Office was suggested. The Scottish Government in discussion with HC over funding for projects and the Tain 3-18 school campus is the number one priority. HC officials came to Tain Gala to ascertain public opinion which showed public support – recommended the Craighill site for location. Mr Louden thanked Mrs Robertson, Mr Rhind for working over the summer with the MSP’s (plus Parent Council, and Mr Parkes) in getting community consultation organised and communicated. There is a Stakeholders Group meeting soon – housing will form part of the bid for regeneration. Mrs Robertson reported that the Community Services Payback team have been painting walls in the Mansfield Estate. The Service Point awning going to be renewed. Railings painted at the Rose Garden. Mrs Robertson is trying to address the unsightly weeds. Mrs Robertson was given the budgets for the amount needed to fix the roads, and the budget available. It was noted the white lines have disappointed at the top of Geanies Street – it is hoped to get this rectified. Mrs Robertson also reported that people have trouble reading the Tain map in the noticeboard – this is be looked at. Someone was nearly run down between Home Bargain and Lidl – this to be discussed with HC. Mr Rhind reported that money was spent on repairing the Christmas lights 3 years ago. There is concern about the lights but they are being checked. Options for the future of the lights are being considered. Switch on of the lights will be the last weekend in November. TDDT to work with Mr Rhind to pursue best option. New street lights going up and more to do. Grass cutting ok – the fence has now been removed in the Moss Road path. Mr Rhind is against parking permits. The Crickety steps are being done up shortly. He congratulated Tain Task Force on the lovely flower baskets. There are some broken road lights on the A9 bypass. There are different opinions on cutting the verges.</p> |
| <p>9.</p> | <p>COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITY - none.</p> |
| <p>10.</p> | <p>CHAIR’S REPORT</p> |

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| 10.1 | Mr Munro stated that it was great that the 3-18 school campus was the number one priority for HC builds. Mr Munro spoke to the Sherriff's Clerk about the bins at the bottom of the Clock Tower – they are ok with putting them away but reluctant to change location due to health & safety concerns. The Sherriff's Court and Campbell Opticians could be written too about this matter. |
| 11. | VICE-CHAIR'S REPORT |
| 11.1 | Mr Amos reported the children had completed more no dog poo posters. Problems with a twisted pillar at the old Cemetery. He is looking at taking away Dr Graham's bench to repair it. Seagulls at Knockbreck PS are attacking people. |
| 12. | FINANCE AND TREASURER'S REPORT |
| 12.1 | Mr Macrae circulated an up to date finance report. The annual grant does not appear to be in – Mr Loudon to contact Helen Ross about this. The CC goes into abeyance after the September meeting due to elections in November. Mr McAllister indicated that he was not going to stand in the forthcoming elections – he was thanked for his invaluable work on the CC and Tain Taskforce – himself and Heather make the town a better place. |
| 13. | LETTERS |
| 13.1 | Parish of St John Ogilvy – they are asking for funding. After discussion it was agreed to seek advice from Helen Ross about funding religious groups, and put the Church in touch with TDDT. Tern Colony – Mr MacAllister replied to the Tern Colony and renewable work. |
| 14. | PLANNING MATTERS |
| 14.1 | Arthurville Grove - - build on extension to house – no comment. Grant Park – erection of storage shed to football pitch – note. |
| 15. | COMMON GOOD FUND |
| 15.1. | Work on the Solar Panel project is progressing. The vacant shop unit in Market Street has been let. The survey on the Mussels is going ahead. No update on the boat license. |
| 16. | UNEXHAUSTED REMITS |
| 16.1 | Trees and Green Environment – Mrs Williams letter was noted. Beinn Tharsuinn Windfarm Community Company – AGM on 16/9/19. Cemeteries – the high wall near the railway bridge is in poor condition – being taken forward. Facebook/Website – Mr McAllister will hand over the information on Facebook/website to someone else after the election. Mussel Fisheries – spoke about previously. |
| 17. | ANY OTHER BUSINESS |

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| 17.1 | Extra funding for the CC -it was agreed to apply for the extra funding from HC. Bike Track – thanks were given to Mr Mohan on his work on the bike track. Mr Mohan is going to try and develop a bike group. |
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THE MEETING ENDED AT 22.10PM

THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING IS MONDAY 30 SEPTEMBER 2019