

**MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL OF THE ROYAL BURGH OF TAIN  
MEETING HELD ON 27<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2020 AT 7.30 PM IN THE COUNCIL  
CHAMBER, TAIN**

**Present:** Mr N Munro (Chair) Mr G Amos (Vice-Chair)  
Mr A Mohan Mr N Akeroyd  
Mr G Holdsworth Ms E Houliston  
Mr D Macrae

**In attendance:** Mr Louden/Mr Rhind – Highland Councillors  
Mr R Parkes - HLH, Caithlyn/Alex – Youth Forum  
PC Gardener/PC Cameron – Police Scotland

<b>1.</b>	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE –</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>COMMUNITY COUNCILLOR’S DECLARING AN INTEREST –</b> Mr Mohan declared an interest in Mussel Fishery and Mr Akeroyd declared an interest in Dornoch Lifeboat.
2.1	Mr Munro gave tribute to Frank Martin, Barber, who died recently. He had been a barber for 75 years and lived to 92 years. A Minute’s silence was given to Mr Martin as a mark of respect.
<b>3.</b>	<b>POLICE REPORT</b>
3.1	PC Gardener/PC Cameron reported that there had ben hi-visibility foot patrols in the area, and license premises checks, and they are trying to reduce road traffic incidences. Since the last meeting in November there has been 4 incidences of vandalism, 1 drugs, 6 disorder/assaults, 1 domestic offence, 3 theft by shoplifting and 10 road traffic incidences. The new Inspector is James Rice. It was noted that some youths in dark clothing, with no lights on their bicycles has been spotted in a couple of place – Mr Parkes to put up notices in TRA about this matter. It was noted that there was another crash at Asda junction today. It was also noted that there are still speeding drivers on Geanies Street/Hartfield Road – Police will give this extra attention and a speed survey has been requested.
<b>4.</b>	<b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</b>
4.1	The notes of the meeting held on 25 <sup>th</sup> November 2019 were approved by Mr Amos, and seconded by Mr Macrae, subject to Mr Akeroyd named corrected in spelling in the present list
<b>5.</b>	<b>MATTERS ARISING</b>
5.1	<b>Item 5.2 ref Nigg Energy Park –</b> Mr Louden reported he was not able to attend the event but would email out the presentation to CC members.

5.2	<b>Item 5.3 ref Hartfield Road speeding</b> – whilst speaking earlier about this matter, Highland Council will advise the Police on this matter before proceeding. Different options of capturing speed including wires across the road and a camera – a one-way flow of traffic was suggested.
<b>6.</b>	<b>YOUTH ISSUES</b>
6.1	Rob Parkes, Highlife Highland indicated that Kaitlyn/Alex was a representative from the Youth Forum. They reported that have some more active teens in the Forum. They have a focus group and a wider group. The Forum meets every 2 weeks. One of the projects being looked at is an “escape room” and is in the planning stage It was noted that there may be funding available from April in the Beinn Tharsuinn Community fund. Some pupils have received the Saltire Award of 500 hours volunteering and it is hoped that it can be made into a special event – the school would like to see a stand along event – the Council Chamber was offered as a location for the ceremony. There has been an Area Forum meeting in Dingwall – coming out of this is a concern for the environment – a litter pick was suggested and is in the planning stage. Some pupils have undertaking Mentors is Violence – making pupils of the different kind of violence. What is happening with the proposed 3 – 18 campus was asked – noted there is a paper to the Corporate Resources committee soon – but not seen as yet.
<b>7.</b>	<b>TAIN &amp; DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT TRUST (TDDT)</b>
7.1	Mr Macrae reported that the Christmas Market went well. The Trust is now a registered charity and this opens up new funding schemes.
<b>8.</b>	<b>HIGHLAND COUNCILLOR’S REPORT</b>
8.1	Mr Louden reported that a report on HC finances was released last week – some poor results. There is a change in HC Committee structure – more Committees but meeting less frequently. HC has the second lowest reserves in Scotland. NHS has a large deficient and they are saying this is partly due to not enough funding for adult social care which they do on behalf of HC. Mr Munro expressed the CC sympathy to Mr Louden on the recent death of his mother. Mr Rhind wished to expressed his gratitude on the good work the grave diggers in Tain undertake. It was noted that the Christmas Lights are on 24 hours. There were some faults in the lights, which have been fixed. There are some invoices for work to brackets at Geanies Street, Christmas lights for the tree. Gifts, and staff costs. The invoice for Metalwork of £720 is still to be paid. It was proposed to hold a meeting with representatives from the CC, Tain Gala and the Development Trust with the idea of raising funds for the Christmas Lights.
<b>9.</b>	<b>COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITY</b> – discussed previously.
<b>10.</b>	<b>CHAIR’S REPORT</b>
10.1	Mr Munro reported that there was another vehicle accident on the A9 at the Asda junction. It is hoped that the proposed 50 mph restriction will help the situation.

<b>11.</b>	<b>VICE-CHAIR'S REPORT</b>
11.1	Mr Amos reported that there has been 10 accidents at the Asda junction since the new lines have been put on. Cameras at the junction has been suggested. There are soon changes at skips. It was noted that 73 people were at the Senior Citizen's Party. Mr Rhind and George and Beccy and the volunteers were thanked for their help at the Party.
<b>12.</b>	<b>FINANCE AND TREASURER'S REPORT</b> – it was noted that the entertainers bill was paid as was staff costs.
<b>13.</b>	<b>LETTERS – Democracy Matters</b> – note. <b>50 mph speed limit on A9 bypass</b> – discussed previously.
<b>14.</b>	<b>PLANNING MATTERS</b>
14.1	<b>Erection of house at Hartfield Road</b> - note. <b>Errection of house, outbuildings and garage, Hartmount Holdings</b> – in support of house, but concern about state of the road.
<b>15.</b>	<b>COMMON GOOD FUND</b> – Solar panels – still issues with power companies – there is a political battle at present.
<b>16.</b>	<b>UNEXHAUSTED REMITS</b>
16.1	<b>Trees and Green Environment</b> – noted email from David McAllister re litter in the Rose Garden. There was a slip at the Woody Braes. A vote of thanks was given to Mr Mohan and Stevie on his work on the BMX track. Sewerage on Knockbreck PS grounds still an ongoing issue – the Chief Execuitve of Highland Council to be contacted to ask what's happening. Crikerty steps repaired/improved. Complaint about the poor state of road at Kirksheaf (Mr Louden declared an interest) – Mr Louden to find out where the adopted road ends. <b>Beinn Tharsuinn Windfarm Community Company</b> – Mr Amos continue as representative for the CC. <b>Cemeteries</b> – repaired on one side of entrance – Mr Amos to get a quote (he declared an interest in this item). <b>Facebook/Website Development</b> – Mr Holdsworth taking over – change agenda item to Social Media. <b>Mussel Fisheries</b> – no report. <b>3 – 18 campus</b> – discussed previously.
<b>17.</b>	<b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b>
17.1	<b>Dornoch Lifeboat</b> – a proposed planning application for a new Dornoch Lifeboat station was discussed. After discussion, it was agreed to support this application. <b>Co-option</b> – to be put on the next agenda.

**THE MEETING ENDED AT 22:00 PM**

**THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING IS MONDAY 24<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2020**