

**NOTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL OF THE ROYAL BURGH OF TAIN
MEETING HELD AT ROYAL HOTEL, TAIN ON MONDAY 30th MAY 2022 AT 7.30
PM**

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

In attendance: Mr Louden/Mr Rhind/Ms Rawlings – Highland Councillor's

1.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – none
2.	POLICE REPORT
2.1	Apologies from Inspector Matthews to the meeting as he is on annual leave. The Police report was previously circulated and Mr Amos read out the statistics.
3.	APPROVAL OF MINUTES
3.1	The Minutes of the virtual meeting held on 25 th April 2022 were approved by Mr Macrae, and seconded by Ms Houliston.
4.	MATTERS ARISING
4.1	Public toilets – it was noted that that the specification for the repairs of the toilets should be asked for, and how much money was spent. Mr Rhind believed that the toilets were meant to be made of vandal-proof material. Toilets are now open, and the Police are investigating the vandalism crime.
4.2	Bin at Albyn house on way to Asda – noted that there still is not a bin in place. It was agreed to ask Asda to place a bin.
5.	YOUTH REPORT
5.1	Noted that pupils from TRA were undertaking a Growing Together for Alzheimer's project. Mr Amos to speak to Rob Parkes to get a brief outline on this.
6.	TAIN AND DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT TRUST (TDDT)
6.1	Mr Macrae reported that the recent community market was well attended with 30 stallholders. There is a gardening Grow-a-Sunflower competition. Tain Task Force did a volunteer recruitment drive. There are going to be more food festivals in the Seaboard villages. There are discussions with other Development Trusts. More work on the Old Picture House required including applying for more funds.
7.	HIGHLAND COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

7.1	Mr Louden thanked the public for their support, and will work and try and improve things. Mr Rhind and Mr Louden are in the Administration Group. None of the standing committees in May, June or July. Mr Louden has got in touch with the Chief Executive about the 3-18 campus – the work is more expensive than anticipated. Costs will be discussed at the Committee meeting at the end of June. Local contractors are able to bid for sub-contractor work.
8.	COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITY
8.1	Alan Ogilvy reported that he was at the meeting to explain about a housing development at Knockbreck and Burgage From. The owner had an offer from a developer and they accepted. At present the planning application is being prepared. Copies of the development were passed around. There has to be some affordable and self-build housing. Proposals including room for 2 – 5/6 bedroom houses. He understands that sewerage has capacity for the proposed development. The full project may take 10 – 15 years. Wish to keep the path between Burgage and Asda. Once the application is in, it can take up to 4 months to process. Flyers and questionnaires were left.
9.	CHAIR'S REPORT
9.1	Mr Amos reported that the Old Folk's Party is on Friday, and he asked for volunteers to help. Donations for the raffle prizes are welcome. Mr Macrae to bring along the cheque book. Re the bins on the High Street – hope to get rid of them for the street party.
10.	VICE-CHAIR'S REPORT
10.1	Mr Mohan reported on the bike track progress – as a group they can not take on a lease of land but would have to form a community interest group.
11.	FINANCE AND TREASURER'S REPORT
11.1	Mr Macrae read out the balances in the bank accounts.
12.	LETTERS
12.1	Correspondence has been received regarding the vandalism of the public toilets. After discussion it was agreed to leave it to the Police to deal with. Mr Rhind/Mr Louden to check if the CCTV system is working. If you wish to report a crime phone 101, and pick option 4.

13.	PLANNING MATTERS
13.1	Change of use to commercial unit and sign at gym – Blar Liath – no comment. Erection of garage – 39 Knockbreck Road – no comment.
14.	COMMON GOOD FUND
14.1	Mr Louden still waiting for a reply to his query on land at Blar Liath as it is owned by the CGF. As an aside, Mr Louden to get update on the community windfarm.
15.	UNEXHAUSTED REMITS
15.1	Beinn Tharsuinn Community Company - previously discussed. Social Media – Mr Holdsworth reported there was a message on Facebook about the state of the Pond at the Links – Mr Amos to speak to Mr McAllister. Trees and Green Environment – Mr Louden/Ms Rawings to invite Hamish Torry from Glenmorangie Distillery to the next meeting. A invite has been sent to Ken Robertson of Distillery of Mid-Fearn but no response. Noted some of the weeds at the Mansfield Estate are a foot high. A tree at Seaforth Road is bending over and could cause damage – Mr Louden to progress. Some grass cutting done perfectly. Tidy Up Tain day tomorrow. Community Paybacks clients are undertaking work around the area – it is hoped they will paint the railings at the Duthac Centre. 3-18 Campus – discussed previously.
16.	ANY OTHER BUSINESS
16.1	The CC are invited to a Service of Thanksgiving at Tain Parish Church on 5 th June at 8 pm – all welcome.
16.2	Noted disabled access is not good around Tain – pavements not wide enough, but there may be some funds available to improve them.
16.3	Traffic calming – 20 mph speed limit, no information – Mr Louden to chase up. Also he can ask about the Police level of staffing.
16.4	Note AGM at the next meeting in June.

THE MEETING ENDED AT 21.30 PM

THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING IS MONDAY 27th 2022