



Minutes of meeting held at Mercat Centre on the 20 June 2019 at 7.30

1. Present: Tom Anderson (Chair) **TA**, Rita M Fenton (Treasurer) **RMF**, Marion Macleod (secretary) **MM**, Isabell McLaughlan CC **IM**, Andrew Newdick CC **AN**, Ron Ferguson CC **RF**, HCllr Derek Loudon

Public in attendance, Elizabeth Ross, Alistair Fenton, Colin Graham, David Chambers

2. Apologies: Sandra MacDonald (vice chair) **SM**, Angie Cox (Minute Secretary) **AC**

3. Police Report: Since the last KALECC Meeting-

- 1 Male was arrested in Milton and charged with drink driving with a count almost 4 times over the drink driving limit
- Following a disturbance in the Old Mill Road area in Milton, two males were later arrested and charged with assault

No one present had any issues they wished to be passed on to the Police

4. Minutes of meeting held at Polnicol Hall on 16.05.19

Minutes proposed by **IM** and Seconded by **MM**

5. Matters arising from May minutes.

HCllr DL noted that he had received an email from the Housing Officer for Milton regarding the proposed tree felling, and an update from Nick Richards. The issue of the proposed tree felling was discussed by CC members, and it was agreed that it is not clear exactly what Albyn propose to do and so **HCllr DL** to contact Albyn to see if a face to face meeting can be arranged

6. Reports by Highland councillors

HCllr DL noted that the Capital Budget Committee Meeting would be next week.

HC are likely to be extremely restricted in terms of what they will be able to spend money on, due to increasing pressures on their Capital Budget – mainly due to past spending (on the likes of new schools which were not value for money) and servicing the debt on this spending.

Money is available from the Scottish Government, but HC are unlikely to ask for money as they would need to match any amount received, and they are unable to do so at present.

Several schools are needing serious problems addressed, and HC may only be able to address the issues of as few as 3 schools.

Director of Finance, Derek Yule, has now retired from HC.

HCIlr DL advised that the Van in the Carpark in Arabella now has a Notice on the window, but the vehicle has not yet been removed. Issue with D&E bus still being parked overnight at Milton School. **DL to contact them as MM not getting a response.**

7. Financial accounts - £1006.98

8. Community council issues.

- Inner Moray Firth Local Development Plan 2 – Call for Sites. **AC** was not present at meeting to update CC members on the joint CC meeting she attended regarding this plan. **MM** reminded CC members that KALECC had until 29th July 2019 if they wished to comment on this stage. It was felt that CCs would have more input at the next stages
- Joint Port of Cromarty Firth Meeting – no objections from CC members to the Ports proposal to invite representatives from the Development Trusts to our joint meetings.
MM to reply
Post Meeting note – MM has replied
- Cromarty Firth Heritage Trail Leaflet – **MM** to respond and advise them that we are supportive of their Idea for a Cromarty Firth Heritage Trail Leaflet
Post Meeting Note – MM has replied

9. Planning and licensing: None

10. Mental health and wellbeing

Networking event held on 19.06.19 at Tain Royal Academy. No one present at KALECC meeting to give update following this event.

11. Correspondence.

Letter received from the Milton Improvement Group thanking Beinn Tharsuinn and KALECC for the donation received towards the purchase of a Defibrillator for Milton.

12. AOB

Update from the Cromarty Firth Men's Shed – Milton Community Woodland and log cabins are "Bona Vacantia" (ownerless properties) and they have reverted to the Crown. Danger that they could be put on the market and sold. Due to the lack of interest from locals to form a group and put a case to the Queen and Lord Treasurers Remembrancer in Scotland (QLTR), the Men Shed has been persuaded to put a case together to ask that the woods/cabins are handed back to community. KALECC members agreed to provide a letter of support. **MM to follow up.**

13. Date of next meeting: 19 September 2019

14. Beinn Tharsuinn Fund Applications

Application received from a group of local residents based in and around Kildary to purchase a defibrillator – Application approved by CC members present.