



Minutes of meeting held at Polnicol hall on the 17 January 2019 at 7.30

1. Present Tom Anderson (chair) **TA**, Rita M Fenton (Treasurer) **RMF**, Marion Macleod (secretary) **MM**, Isabell McLaughlan CC **IM** , Angie Cox CC **AC** (Minutes secretary) HCllr Derek Loudon **DL**

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

2. Apologies Sandra MacDonald (vice chair) **SM** Ron Ferguson CC **RF**, Andrew Newdick CC **AN**. Question was raised as to who our official Ward Councillor was **MM** to follow up.

3. Police Report no Police report or attendance by officers at meeting. **MM** to follow up

4. Minutes of meeting held at Polnicol Hall 15.11.18

Minutes approved by **IM**, seconded by **AC**

5. Matters arising from November minutes. White lines in Barbaraville still not done. Incident of local driver being accused of not placing his vehicle correctly at junction when turning, by another road user. HCllr **DL** and **TA** to follow up and ensure road TEC's have all relevant information. All books written by Mr Wallace on history of Arabella have been distributed. Partnership meeting was attended by **AC**. CC's unsure if caravan up at Lamington had been picked up, **MM** to follow up. No objections to any planning. **RMF** gave brief update on Port authority meeting: £2.1 million going towards a new quay in Invergordon. There were 190 ships last year, 210 ships this year. There is a shortage of buses transporting ship holiday makers on local tours. It is estimated that the ships bring in and extra £15 million pounds to the Highlands each year. For more info www.pocf.co.uk KALECC thank **RMF** for her time attending the meeting.

6. Reports by Highland councillors there have been meetings where HCllrs can address problems in services across wards. Budget cut is a huge problem and identifying where money needs to be spent is hampered by lack of return of that money. Grants to communities is being hit the hardest. 3-18 campus project on going, again finance is a worry. Consultation on the campus has gone to the committee. The potholes in Milton will be mended this year, only two roads are being fixed in the area. The other road being mended is outside Tain Royal academy. It was noted that there was usage by buses on both of these roads. KALECC thanks **DL** for his time.

7. Financial accounts - £1282.05 gross in KALECC Account.

8. Community council issues. Community councils may have more responsibility for more things in their area. Budget cuts are an issue. **TA** has asked CC's to look at a review and give feedback. The draft proposals made by Councillors will be circulated to the general public for a public consultation. CC's are not being merged and boundaries are not being re

drawn. Community councils are being asked to invite 2 x 14-18 year olds to meetings each month, CC's consultation agreed it was a good idea. **TA, MM** to follow up.

9. Planning and licensing nothing this month to report.

10. Correspondence. None

11. AOB. Nigg Energy Park are examining their health and safety programme. 167 ships and 3 rigs have visited or are currently on site this year. Fabrication, accommodation, repairs and painting are underway until May. Work is being done on the East side quay. Nigg Skills academy giving people the chance to gain a level 2 in engineering. Hopefully the 24 vacancies will be given to local people.

Cromarty firth Men's shed gave a quick update on what was happening with their group in woodland cabins. Their sale of wooden reindeer and mushrooms sold well at Mercat Christmas fayre. New equipment has been purchased and they are looking for phase 1 generators to help power their tools for wood craft etc. KALECC thank them for their time.

12. Date of next meeting: 7.30pm 21, Feb, 2019 at the Mercat centre in Milton.

13. Beinn Tharsuinn Fund Applications RMF to follow up Rock challenge application

Meeting concluded 8.25

Angie Cox Minutes Secretary, Kilmuir and Logie Easter Community Council

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