



## Minutes of meeting held on 18 February 2021 at 7.30 via Zoom

### 1. Present:

Tom Anderson **TA** (Chair), Marion Macleod **MM** (Secretary), Rita Fenton (Treasurer) **RMF**, Ron Ferguson **RF** CC, Isabell McLaughlin **IM** CC, HCllr Derek Louden, **DL**

**Public in attendance** - None

### 2. Apologies:

Angie Cox **AC** (Minute Secretary), Sandra MacDonald **SM** (Vice Chair), Dave Macrae (Tain & District Development Trust), HCllr Fiona Robertson

### 3. Police report:

Apologies given for nonattendance due to shift cover. Report sent to **MM** prior to meeting - no callouts in our CC area since our last meeting and local Patrols are ongoing. No issues raised for the Police.

### 4. Minutes of meeting held on 21 January 2021:

Minutes Proposed by **RFM** and 2<sup>nd</sup> by **RF**

### 5. Matters arising from Minutes:

**RMF** confirmed that an Invoice has been received from HC for the Christmas Lights in Milton and that the Discretionary Ward Fund payment had been received, and payment will now be made. **RMF** to follow up. **MM** advised that there is still no date for when HC will be able to take down the Christmas lights due to Covid Restrictions.

**RF** and **TA** confirmed that the Potholes previously reported have or are in the process of being dealt with.

### 6. Reports by Highland Councillors.

**DL** noted that an extra £10M had been set aside for roads in 2020/21 but this work had not gone ahead due to the Pandemic, but it has been agreed that the money that was not spent on the roads will be carried forward to 2021/22. It was noted that the lack of spending this year has had a significant impact on the roads and concerns were raised as to how far the money will go, given the extremely poor condition of all the roads in our CC area.

**DL** also noted that HC have received more money from the Scottish Government than was initially thought and so hopefully the Budget Statement will not be as bad as expected.

**7. Annual accounts** - Currently £1333.09 in the account.

**8. Community Council issues.**

All CC Members present agreed to continue with our current insurance provider, Zurich, and **RMF** to arrange annual payment.

**RF, TA & MM** gave other CC members a brief overview of the Zoom meeting they had attended with Eli Harji and Mark Cummings of Invicta Public Affairs, re the Strathroy Windfarm. All those who attended felt the meeting was beneficial and it was agreed that KALECC would respond to their Letter of Comfort, stating that we agree with the terms they set. **MM** to follow up. The next roundtable meeting will be scheduled after a planning decision has been made and will likely be early summer. In the meantime, KALECC to contact other CCs who are set to benefit from the Community Benefit Fund to discuss how the fund should be distributed between each CC. **MM/RF** to follow up.

**DL & CC Members** wished to note our thanks to **RF**, who produced a CBF Distribution Proposal on KALECCs behalf, which has been circulated to the other CCs and will be discussed at the next roundtable meeting.

**TA** noted that the Port of Cromarty Firth are hopeful in achieving a Green Port status which would maximise the job opportunities in the area, creating new skilled higher paid jobs.

**9. Planning and Licensing** - none this month

**10. Mental Health and wellbeing**

**11. Correspondence:**

Dave Macrae, Tain & District Development Group, provided a Stakeholder Report for February 2021 which was circulated to all CC members.

**12. AOB**

**MM** noted that some residents in Milton have been in contact to say they are still unhappy with the streetlights although HC have been out and made adjustments where possible. **MM** to contact HC again.

**13. Date of next meeting** – 18 March 2021 at 7.30 via Zoom

**14. Beinn Tharsuinn**

Milton Improvement Group – Approved

Tain Tennis Club – Approved (but not the full amount requested)