



## **Minutes of meeting held at Mercat Center on the 17.02.2017 at 7.30**

**1. Present** Tom Anderson (chair) Marion MacLeod (secretary) Rita M Fenton (treasurer) John Rodewald CC, Isabell McLaughlan CC, Andrew Newdick CC, Ron Ferguson CC, Angie Cox (Minutes secretary) HCllr Fiona Robertson

**Public in attendance**, Elizabeth Ross, Alistair Fenton, PC Alexander Smith

**2. Apologies** HCllr Jamie stone, HCllr Alisdair Rhind,

**3. Police report**, 4 people charged with speeding in our area. More information on businesses targeted by £50 counterfeit scam. Some organised groups have chosen the highlands to target banks and small businesses into parting with large and small amounts of cash or alcohol. All involved in the fraud scams and shop lifting have been caught. Caravans and other motor vehicles are being monitored and HCllr FR is going to contact the DVLA to get some assistance with this. 15 day notices placed on vehicles will still apply if they are removed from the vehicles. It is up to the owners to respond to the notice, or the vehicle could be towed away. TA and MM to follow up. IM asked Pc AS if there could be more communication/transparency of crimes committed by tenants to be brought to the attention of housing committee /landlords, as the crime may affect their tenancy agreement.

**4. Minutes of meeting held at Mercat centre 1512.2016** minutes approved by Andrew Newdick CC, seconded by Isabell McLaughlin CC

**5. Matters arising from the minutes.** Wrong date and venue on emailed copies to members from minute's secretary. Boundary commission replied to TA. No more news from Invergordon AD plant. Change of use for venues across the highlands for elections could save Highland council £60'000. Inshindown wind turbine has been rejected because of Capercaillie birds in the area. Street lighting in Ross crescent still not working and the verge at the junction on the A9, from Meddat Bridge, is still clogged with leaves and debris.

**6. Reports by Highland councillors**, there will be a £20m reduction in spending, to help with this short fall there will be a 3% increase in council tax and the 10% reduction second home tax is to be scrapped. Brown bin tax to be increased to £30 per year and £15 charge for the uplift of bulky house hold items. Some CC's raised concerns that this will lead to an increase in fly tipping again. Grass cutting is to be reduced by 5%, the council will not be contracting this out and taking it back in hand themselves, this could lead to a small increase in jobs. 10% reduction in street cleaning. This is a major worry as dog fouling comes under this bracket and in some

areas it is a big problem. Education and roads have been protected from any cuts. The new report for the budget will be done by March for the new council to follow after elections in May. The new TRA campus meeting was well attended. Comments made at the meeting are to be put forward to the pre planning committee. The land adjacent to Asda has not been put forward to the council by the owner and it was not one of the 4 proposed sites for the new campus to be built on. Some articles, in the press, on the how the new site is to be arranged is incorrect. The sports fields are to be situated at the top by the Mansfield hotel, with the main campus further down adjacent to the police station. Some residents have expressed concerns over the height of the 3 storey building, whilst parking & traffic, drainage and enough play space for the P1's were other concerns some people had. KALECC thanked HCllr FR for the update.

**7. Financial accounts**, there is £1135, 36 net in the bank. It is coming up to the end of the financial year and RMF gave everyone present at the meeting a breakdown of expenditure and income for KALECC over the last 12 months.

**8. Community council issues**, consultation/ survey for Scottish Planning, KALECC CC's were asked to look at for feedback by TA (chair) have all been received. The overall opinion was that it wasn't very condensed, concise or clear. It was agreed by CC's that KALECC are to reply to the key questions from the survey given to TA. MM and TA to follow up by 4, march, 2017. Historic windows and doors for property's in our area. A hand out was given showing designs and improvements made. Deadline for comments is 13, March, 2017. Community Council Website feedback survey. It is a website dedicated for CC's to use. It joins all CC's to each other because it is a national website. The deadline for this survey is 13, March, 2017.

**9. Planning and licensing issues**, planning was discussed in July's 2016 meeting regarding the housing for this site. Concerns for the 9 plots is mainly the drainage, water run off, to and from the A9. Clarity as to whether the septic tanks to each property are to incorporate this. TA & MM to follow up. No objections to single storey office in Barbaraville.

**10. Correspondence.** Ship to ship oil transfer in the Cromarty Firth Port, KALECC members are still opposed to the idea, favouring the Nigg terminal that is being used for this purpose to continue. Hand out of woodlands for sale in the area was shown to the meeting.

**11. AOB** RMF attended Easter Ross Community Partnership meeting. There are 8 core partnerships that are integrated by law and can't opt out of this agreement. The meeting was held to get ideas on how information can be shared and integrated between the 8 groups. Another meeting is being held at TRACC on Wed, 5<sup>th</sup>, April, 2017. 7.15 start. RMF to attend. Other CC's have been advised to attend also. RF has volunteered to update KALECC website and liaise with other CC's for information. RMF to check out website provider. Invite to meet with the commission on 2<sup>Nd</sup> March. TA and RMF to attend.

**12. Date of next meeting** Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2017

Meeting concluded 9pm

*Angie Cox Minutes Secretary, Kilmuir and Logie Easter Community Council*

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