



Minutes of meeting held on 17 June 2021 at 7.30 via Zoom

1. Present:

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

Public in attendance - None

2. Apologies:

Angie Cox **AC** (Minute Secretary)

3. Police report:

No report received prior to meeting. **MM** to follow up. No issues raised for the Police.

4. Minutes of meeting held on 20 May 2021

Minutes Proposed by **IM** and Seconded by **SM**

5. Matters arising from Minutes:

MM/IM confirmed that the Christmas lights had been taken down in Milton since the last CC meeting. Grass cutting in Barbaraville has now been done but **TA** raised concerns regarding several areas where verge cutting has not been done and which pose a hazard. **DL** noted the lack of verge cutting was due to a lack of manpower in the area and conflicting priorities such as potholes. **DL** advised that any areas of concern should either be reported to him or Gary Urquhart direct. **TA** to follow up. **KALECC** had supported the Stathrory Windfarm development but have been advised that the North Area Planning Committee voted against the proposal.

6. Reports by Highland Councillors.

DL advised that there is a Council meeting next week (24 June 2021) and they have been provided with a breakdown of the annual accounts for 2020/21. Surprisingly, HC have a budget surplus of 20.2m which has been added to the Councils non earmarked general fund, which now stands at £43.4m. HCs External Debt has also fallen by 96m. Full report available online. Annual inspections of Playparks have finished and most (if not all) do not have sufficient bark and some equipment has been removed as it did not meet safety checks. The Scottish Government have announced 60m funding for playparks and so HC do not want to start using their own reserves to update these parks until the funding become available.

Tain 3-18 Campus – the consensus is that the design is good but lacks a swimming pool. Currently looking for pre-planning feedback.

7. Annual accounts - Currently £1136.45 in the account.

8. Community Council issues

Stagecoach Service 24X – **DL** confirmed that he has spoken with Stagecoach and the service will be re-introduced from 28 June 2021. Previously suspended due to covid

9. Planning and Licensing

Pre-Planning Consultation event for Tain 3-18 campus is currently underway. **TA** to attend and KALECC to consider any comments they wish to make.

10. Mental Health and wellbeing

11. Correspondence

Letter of thanks from Mercat Centre for their Beinn Tharsuinn funding

12. AOB

Report of a dog being attacked and killed by another dog in the Milton woodland. **MM** confirmed that the dog warden is aware of this attack and is making enquiries.

Highland Council have Installed a speed/vehicle check on the road down towards the sea in Barbaraville, which residents believe is causing an issue with allegations being made that some people are repeatedly driving over this check. Locals would like to know why HC felt this check was necessary. **DL** confirmed that someone in the Dingwall Office had instructed a contractor to install this check, but that person was not available to update **DL** before this meeting. **DL** to follow up.

13. Date of next meeting – 16 September 2021 at 7.30.

It is not clear at this time if face to face meetings will be permitted by then or if the meeting will be held via Zoom. Update nearer the time.

14. Beinn Tharsuinn

Kilmuir & Logie Easter Community Group – Funding agreed.