



Minutes of meeting held at Mercat Centre on the 17 October 2019 at 7.30

1. Present Tom Anderson (chair) **TA**, Marion Macleod (secretary) **MM**, Sandra MacDonald (Vice Chair) **SM**, Isabell McLaughlan CC **IM**, Angie Cox CC (Minutes secretary) **AC**, Andrew Newdick CC **AN**, HClIr Derek Loudon **DL**

Public in attendance, David Chambers, Colin Graham.

2. Apologies Rita Fenton CC, HClIr Fiona Robertson Ron Ferguson CC

3. Police Report No police in attendance and no police report given via email. **MM** to follow up

4. Minutes of meeting held at Polnicol Hall on 19.09.19

Minutes approved by **SM**, seconded by **IM**

5. Matters arising from September minutes. Tree felling survey, Albyn advise they are still waiting for the results from Independent Survey. **DL** and **MM** to follow up

6. Reports by Highland councillors. Cross party monitoring groups- budgeting was better but still room for improvement. A three year budget for classroom additional support and needs for children could be hit by cuts and is causing concern for teachers and parents. New restructuring of Directors and Chief Officers with new boards could leave a transition gap which could prove interesting. A9 Tain by-pass consultation for reducing the speed to 50 mph. Evidence shows new speed halves the breaking distance, making it a bit safer for motorists. **AN** asked about whether HC will be charging employees to pay for parking at work? New parking signs have been installed in Tain and charges have been put in place in some Inverness car parks. It was noted that commuters from rural areas have little transport alternatives to their cars because public transport is not very consumer friendly at present. KALECC thank **DL** for his time and comments

7. Financial accounts – RFM absent no figures given. Poppy wreathes have been purchased. It was concluded figures wouldn't be much different from last month as not much money has been spent since then.

8. Community council issues. CC elections have been extended to the end of the month. CC's asked to fill in Tourism Levy survey or provide comments to **MM** asap if they feel the questions on survey don't cover all the issues – CC's have option to provide written statement -deadline for this is the 21st October 2019. Problems with Gmail email accounts have caused some issues. This was discussed and until IT problem is resolved **AC** is to send minutes to the KALECC secretary **MM**. **RF & TA** to follow up. Tree and other garden cuttings from a property in Milton have been put on land owned by Albyn. **MM** and **IM** to follow up. Next Port of Cromarty Firth joint meeting with CC's is on the 24th October 2019.

AC or **TA** to attend. Car park at Old Mill Road, Milton – complaints received about cars being worked on and the area being used as a work yard with various items being stored, including containers of unknown substances, which could be hazardous to pets, wildlife and children. **DL** to follow up.

9. Planning and licensing

- Wind energy development at Strathrory, 1st stage public consultation meeting on Wednesday 30th October. 3.30 – 7pm at Ardross. This is to assess worst visual impact of the new development.
- Temporary Met Mast at Beinn Tharsuinn. KALECC have no objections.
- Global and Nigg energy, responses to be made by the 13th Nov 2019.

10. Mental health and wellbeing Men's shed said their recent BBQ was a huge success and they received many compliments regarding the sheds and that they are being used. The grass roofs have been trimmed and the discarded fencing tidied up. The mink rafts have all been finished to order and have been a good source of income. KALECC thank Colin and David for their time.

11. Correspondence. None this month

12. AOB. **TA** confirmed that HC is charging communities to install their Christmas lights. Milton would need to find £427 for this. If a member of HC volunteers, i.e. unpaid, to install the lights, then HC will kindly offer the use of the equipment needed for free. KALECC are unhappy with the charge/cost and feel it is unjustifiable. **MM** to follow up

13. Date of next meeting: 21st, November 2019 at 7.30pm at Polnicol Hall. Everyone welcome.

14. Beinn Tharsuinn Fund

- KALE Development group, Approved
- Milton Improvement group, Approved

Meeting concluded 8.50

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

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