



Minutes of meeting held online via Zoom on 15 October 2020 at 7.30pm

1. Present Tom Anderson (chair) **TA**, Sandra MacDonald (Vice Chair) **SM**, Marion Macleod (secretary) **MM**, Rita Fenton (Treasurer) **RMF**, Ron Ferguson **RF** CC, HCllr Derek Louden **DL**

Public in attendance Dave Macrae – Tain & District Development Trust

TA welcomed Dave Macrae to the meeting as Community Liaison Officer for Tain & District Development Trust and Dave gave a brief introduction of his new role

2. Apologies Isabell McLaughlin CC **IM**, Angie Cox **AC** (Minutes secretary)

3. Police Report

No police in attendance due to shift Cover. Report for period 19 September 2020 to 11 October 2020 submitted prior to meeting:

Between 19/09/2020 and 11/10/2020 police had cause to deal with no calls in the Kilmuir and Logie Easter area.

No issues raised at the meeting for Police. **MM** to advise Police

4. Minutes of meeting held via Zoom on 17 September 2020 at 7.30pm

Minutes proposed by **RMF** & seconded by **SM**

5. Matters arising from September minutes. Still no information regarding proposed Council Ward boundary changes. **MM** to follow up

6. Reports by Highland councillors.

DL advised that HCs projected deficit of £246,000 (as reported at our meeting in Sep 2020) is now looking more like 10M.

Assumptions were made on announcements by Rishi Sunak which have not come to fruition and approx. 2M expected from the Scottish Government has not been received.

MP Kate Forbes created a paper outlining Fiscal Flexibilities which some in HC are hesitant to use. The paper highlighted the fact that HC has options, and it is up to them whether they choose to use them or not. It was noted that some parts of the UK would be happy if they had such flexibility.

Questions are being asked about what money will be spent on roads this Winter as it is not yet clear if the projected spends of approx. 20M mentioned back in February 2020 will happen. Concerns were raised that if enough is not spent on roads it will end up costing more in the long term.

DL raised his concern about HCs lack of Brexit planning, with the decision being made not to start these plans until the end of October 2020. He is unsure of what this 'plan' will look like at present.

TA asked for an update on Tain Royal Academy. **DL** confirmed that a new school for Tain is still top priority and will go ahead, although the time frame may have slipped slightly given the current circumstances.

DL also noted he has been invited to his first Parent Council Meeting at Milton Primary School and was pleased to receive the invite.

7. Financial accounts – £1424.11 (note payment for 2 Poppy wreaths already purchased still to be deducted)

8. Community council issues. No issues

9. Planning and licensing

TA and **SM** declared an interest in a forth coming Planning application re Change of use at Milton Inn and will not comment on it.

10. Mental health and wellbeing No update

11. Correspondence.

12. AOB

After discussion agreed **MM** and **RF** should represent KALECC on further Strathroy discussion.

13. Date of next meeting: 19 November 2020

14. Beinn Tharsuinn Fund

Grant to Barbaraviile Improvement Group approved