



#### **Minutes of meeting held at Mercat Center on the 21st February 2019 at 7.30**

**1. Present** Tom Anderson (chair) **TA**, Rita M Fenton (Treasurer) **RMF**, Marion Macleod (secretary) **MM**, Sandra MacDonald (Vice Chair) **SM**, Isabell McLaughlan **CC IM**, Angie Cox **CC** (Minutes secretary) **AC**, Ron Ferguson **CC RF**, Andrew Newdick **CC AN**, HCllr Derek Louden **DL** HCllr Fiona Robertson **FR**

**Public in attendance**, Elizabeth Ross, Alistair Fenton, Colin Graham **CG**, David Chambers **DC** Allan Cooper

**2. Apologies** HCllr Alisdair Rhind

**3. Police Report** Police report sent via email:

1. There has been no reported crimes in the council area since the last meeting in January
2. Police have responded to 3-4 calls in the Milton area relating to drunkenness, drugs intelligence and a dangerous driver when no crimes were recorded and were resolved as medical matter, intelligence logging and no trace.
2. PC N0831 Hollie Mackenzie has been appointed school liaison officer for Milton Primary School and she has already made contact with the school and made arrangements to attend and talk to the children

#### **4. Minutes of meeting held at Polnicol Hall 17.01.19**

Minutes approved by **RMF**, seconded by **IM**

**5. Matters arising from January minutes.** White lines in Barbaraville still not done, a white lining/snow plough machine is broken. Caravan left at a Lamington layby has been removed. Potholes are continued to be filled and repaired. **TA** said that no consultation for CC feedback has appeared on Highland Council website, KALECC are supportive of younger people becoming involved in Community council. **TA** and **MM** to follow up

**6. Reports by Highland councillors** road surfacing is to be carried out in Balintore and Milton, with Milton should be a priority because the bus route road is in a bad condition. The fixing of potholes are an ongoing. There is a person down on the resurfacing and pot hole mending teams and it has hampered repair work being done. Highland Council has a recruitment freeze on at the moment, due to budget cuts, meaning the vacancies can't be filled, but hopefully there will be money in the budget to get the jobs advertised soon. Highland Council are giving Community councils £350 to help with ongoing costs, this was greatly appreciated. There is a mental health and Wellbeing meeting taking place at Tain Accademy on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 7pm. There is increasing awareness of a growing mental health problem with some young children /pupils and professionals from the Black Isle suicide

awareness programme are meeting up with Education Psychologists to give parents a progress report and to share information on how to improve things in the community and not just in schools. Teachers and HCllrs are going to map groups in the communities to help families/pupils get better access for supporting mental health wellbeing. Scot Gov are providing the funding for this. **IM** reported that gritting by houses 10-16 in Drovers way was unprofessional and dangerous. Gritter personnel had missed the path and circled the grass area instead and this left an "ice skating rink" leaving the path too slippery to walk on. Some residents are disabled/ wheel chair bound and were unable to leave their homes. **FR** To follow up. **MM** said brown bins in Milton were not collected and have been filled with other refuse. This isn't being taken away and the smell from everyday rubbish will only get worse. A date needs to be given for brown bins to be emptied and taken away. **FR** to follow up.

KALECC thank HCllrs for their time.

**7. Financial accounts** - £1247.05 gross in KALECC Account.

**8. Community council issues.** Port authority would like to do a trail of information boards which will tell economic, social and environmental stories around the Firth that visitors and locals can follow. The idea has been very popular and the proposal is to design and install a board in each of the nine communities that border the Firth and officially launch the trail next year to coincide with Scotland's year of coast and waters. CC's thought the picnic site in Barbaravile would be a good place to put a board up. Men's shed volunteered to design and make it. KALECC supportive of making application and doing the relevant paperwork for the boards. **MM** and **TA** to follow up.

**9. Planning and licensing** Milton Stores application, no objections **MM** to follow up.

Nigg Planning application of new dock and storage area on existing helipad. No objections.

**10. Correspondence.** **MM** and **AC** are going to attend Health and wellbeing partnership meeting in Tain Royal academy on 28.03.19 7pm. Ian Mclain sent an email, on behalf of Alba, asking for Gaelic speaking CC's to volunteer at events. **MM** to follow up

**11. AOB.** Port Authority update from **RMF**. A leaflet was passed around which **RF** is going to scan onto KALECC website. For more info on this please visit [www.morayoffshore.co.uk](http://www.morayoffshore.co.uk), [www.mhvestasoffshore.com](http://www.mhvestasoffshore.com) or [www.kalecc.org.uk](http://www.kalecc.org.uk)

Partnership meeting, **AC** gave a quick update on how things are progressing. The partnership has a new logo and represents the 5 areas it covers- Seabaord, Alness, Milton, Tain and Invergordon. Some of the issues raised at the meeting; was trying to help people stay fit and well and to reduce time spent in hospital, bed blocking, and getting people back in to their homes and communities quicker. More focus to help with hunger and nutrition before people get to crisis point. Drugs, mental health, social isolation for the over 50's and housing shortages were discussed. A survey for Alness has been completed and copies were handed round at meeting. Milton should be getting a survey soon. Surveys are a starting point, to try and get people to voice their concerns, confidentially, with the view to address social needs, pulling resources and professionals together to target and solve these issues. Maybe volunteers to go door to door to get answers from questionnaire as well as online was raised. For more information on the partnership, survey and other meetings in your area please got to

[www.highlandccp.org.uk/easter-ross-community-partnership.html](http://www.highlandccp.org.uk/easter-ross-community-partnership.html) or email [engageercp@gmail.com](mailto:engageercp@gmail.com)

Cromarty firth Men's shed gave a quick update on what was happening with their group in woodland cabins. Lack of ownership of the ground and cabins a concern. Milton woodland trust was dissolved in October 2017. Ground and woodland now belongs to the crown. Men's shed will continue to upgrade the toilets but no major money can be spent on maintenance of cabins until ownership is resolved. KALECC are supportive of Cromarty Firth Men's shed but can't help financially or with legalities. KALECC thank **DC** and **CG** for their time for more info please visit <https://cf-ms.co.uk/>

**MM** needs Office update on KALECC laptop. **RF**, **RMF** and **MM** to follow up

Alan cooper asked about a defibrillator to be housed somewhere in Milton area. A defibrillator was used from Albyn house in Invergordon to help a patient in Milton who had a cardiac arrest. Suggested site was Ken's garage because it is central to the area, just off A9. Defib' has a coded access, the number to ring is on the housing. **AN**, **MM** to follow up.

**12. Date of next meeting:** 7.30pm 21, Mar, 2019 at Polnicol Hall

**13. Beinn Tharsuinn Fund** applications for funding must be from an organised charity. KALECC can't apply for funding. **MM** and **RMF** to follow up and discuss at next wind farm meeting

Meeting concluded 8.35

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

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