



### **Minutes of meeting held at Mercat center on the 19 April 2018 at 7.30**

**1. Present** Tom Anderson (chair) Rita M Fenton (Treasurer) Marion Macleod (secretary), HCllr Alisdair Rhind, Charles Robb CC, Isabell McLaughlan CC, Andrew Newdick CC, Angie Cox (Minutes secretary) Ron Ferguson CC

**Public in attendance**, Elizabeth Ross, Alistair Fenton, Yean Traylor, Lorna Paterson

**2. Apologies** Sandra MacDonald (vice chair)

**3. Police Report** Vandalism reported in Old Mill rd. Illegal parking in Drovers way. 3 drivers have been caught speeding at Milton with speeds ranging from 44 mph-47 mph in a 30mph Zone. Speed checks have been carried out in Barbaraville as a requirement but no motorists were caught speeding, one speeding driver warned following a reported incident with a pedestrian.

### **4. Minutes of meeting held at Mercat centre 15.02.18**

Minutes approved by RMF, seconded by IM.

**5. Matters arising from March minutes.** Grass cutting has commenced in Milton with both push and ride on mowers being used. Grass cutting is back under Highland council. Discretionary budget is not enough to support all areas of funding and this will continue to cause problems when deciding where money should be spent. TRA 3-18 campus is ongoing, stakeholders meeting is being held in Tain on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April. AC to attend. Recycling bins have been emptied. Bus services in the ward are non-existent in the afternoons which is causing frustration to those who rely on public transport to get around.

**6. Reports by Highland councillors** – Cut backs to budget mean there are fewer meetings of HCllrs throughout the year. Potholes are getting fixed, parked cars in some areas are making access to mend roads still an issue. Update on TRA 3-18 campus given, final decision of site to be made by Highland Council. KALECC thank HCllr AR for his comments. Concern expressed re TRA Stakeholders group format.

**7. Financial accounts** - £1098.28 net in KALECC Account. Concern expressed about expenditure of KALECC budget and an overview by RMF given as to how money was being spent on admin, insurance and sundries. A budget meeting was suggested for the autumn and TA asked HCllr AR to report back to Highland council about CC's unhappiness about the cut to the KALECC budget.

**8. Community council issues.** RF gave an overview on the Scottish fire and rescue service proposed changes and how the service responds to emergency call outs, manages equipment, man's full and part time stations etc. Statistically less fires are occurring, but all fires are dangerous and CC's want to be assured that staffing and equipment are up to the

same high standards for the jobs they are supposed to do. AF raised concern that three manned fire engines is not enough to fight a fire. Headquarters in Inverness monitor stations to man fires accordingly, this seems to be working effectively. KALECC want to thank the fire and rescue services for the excellent and invaluable service they already provide and MM to make reply.

**9. Planning and licensing issues** Network Rail have applied for EIA (environmental impact) for proposed new railway bridge at Delny and formal application not required. KALECC await planning application of bridge.

**10. Correspondence.** Email to HCllr DL about potholes in Milton, TEC to follow up. Ongoing grass area in Milton still hasn't been cleared as part of winter maintenance. Thoughts on whether to approach community services to help clear the area? MM and TEC to follow up.

**11. AOB.** RMF gave update on Port meeting attended. 9 rigs are in at the moment, 3 to be inspected by SEPA, with more coming in for maintenance. North Queens dock de-commissioning will begin this summer. Wind Turbines have been delivered to Nigg. Cruise ships are not docking at Admiralty pier. There is a new cruise and crew club and new gift shop for passengers to use. Better money changing facilities for passengers is being provided after complaints about the lack of this service. Nigg oil terminal is for sale and Nigg has just had its 700<sup>th</sup> rig in for maintenance. AC gave a quick overview of the 2 partnership meetings attended and how progress was being made across all areas in Easter Ross. The meetings are a cooperation of Fire, Police, NHs, after school clubs, schools, HC and ward officers and other social groups. Information from questionnaires, services and the public are being compiled to give better understanding of how services can be made to access everyone living in the area. Multi partnership cooperation mean resources and funds are pooled, hopefully leading to a more inclusive service for everyone working and receiving services. Representatives from Northern Ireland have heard of the Partnership scheme in the Highlands and attended the meeting to take back information, they have been working towards a similar programme for the last 2 years. Concern raised by CR about men's shed and their public liability insurance if lack of ground ownership is ongoing. TA confirmed that it wasn't KALECC responsibility and that it was a HC matter.

**12. Date of next meeting:** 17 May 2018 Polnicol Hall at 7.30. Everybody welcome.

**13. Beinn Tharsuinn Fund Applications** Polnicol Hall, unanimously agreed.

Meeting concluded 8.30

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

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