



Minutes of meeting held at Polnicol Hall on the 15 March 2018 at 7.30

1. Present Tom Anderson (chair) Rita M Fenton (Treasurer) Marion Macleod (secretary), Charles Robb CC, HCllr Derek Loudon, Isabell McLaughlan CC, Sandra MacDonald (vice chair) Angie Cox (Minutes secretary)

Public in attendance, Elizabeth Ross, Alistair Fenton,

2. Apologies Andrew Neewdick CC, Ron Ferguson CC

3. Police Report since the last meeting no crimes or significant incidents have been reported. 8 drivers have been caught speeding at Milton with speeds ranging from 43 mph-47 mph in a 30mph Zone. Speed checks have been carried out in Barbaraville as a requirement but no motorists were caught speeding.

4. Minutes of meeting held at Mercat centre 15.02.18

Minutes approved by RMF, seconded by MM.

5. Matters arising from February minutes. – Only feedback about the NR presentation was by a member of the public about lack of initial consultation, by NR, to nearby home owners. TA received a reply from Highland council regarding grass cutting. A review is being held about the reduction in budget/finance of grass cutting but no final option has been selected, but grass cutting budget is going to be cut! Tourism questionnaire was circulated to members. Discussion on Beinn Tharsuinn money and how it should be worded in minutes following complaint from unsuccessful applicant. Agreed to print outcomes for transparency but not the reason.

6. Reports by Highland councillors – Ward funding budget has been halved. This will put a lot of pressure on community councils and some may be forced to close. Top up to funding by individual councils that are struggling may be available. HCllr DL gave a detailed account about the participatory budget presentation and awards in Tain. The day was organised and went well but only 2 groups from outside Tain were awarded with money and HCllr DL would like to see money more evenly distributed around the ward. People who were there on the day voted for 7 different projects and the money was given to those projects with the most votes. SSE have grants available to local projects and the forms are easy to fill in, deadline for this is 15.05.18 Capital budget for care and learning has been reduced too and TRA 3-18 campus has been moved down the list in receiving money. HCllr DL is disappointed to see just how far down the list TRA went and is going to follow up the matter to see what can be done to improve this, to make sure that when the opportunity arises again all the info needed will be ready to give to the Highland council to secure the funding for the new campus. HCllr DL to ask HCllr AR for more information on how this can be achieved. HC Redesign board,

ideas from staff and services to find better ways of doing things in the future to save money. Commercial board-generate own income, not from increasing taxes and charges.

7. Financial accounts - £1572 net in KALECC Account. £40 cheque not yet cashed. Discussion on how money by KALECC was spent last year and that there is not enough from this year's budget to cover spending. There is enough in KALECC reserves to keep going for two years.

8. Community council issues. Scottish fire and rescue: Change in how the service responds to emergency call outs. Smaller vehicles to be used in remote areas and fire and rescue personnel to be trained as first responders. Fewer retained 24hour (full time) personnel also caused concern. KALECC to discuss further at next meeting. Highland shop front design was noted, no discussion. Management of schools programme, HCllr DL explained about school clusters (Associated School Group, ASG). Parents were supported by HCllrs to shelve proposals of Head teachers not teaching in schools. The idea was that if head teachers didn't teach there would be more money to fund teachers, and that Head teachers could oversee up to 5 different schools. Parents thought this would be ambitious and not acceptable. (There is already clustering of schools in Easter Ross for e.g. Fearn, Inver and Portmahomack have the same head teacher)

9. Planning and licensing issues No objections to planning of new dwelling in Lamington. New house at the Glebe (Shandwick) has been passed.

10. Correspondence. Meeting at TRA of 3-18 campus is on Thursday 22.03.2018 at 6.30pm in the Parish Church Hall in Tain.. Easter Ross Partnership meeting is at Knockbreck School on Wednesday 21.03.18. SM (vice chair) raised concerns about potholes in Milton. Advice given was to take pictures of the worst offenders and provide locations to get them fixed quicker. SM and HCllr to follow up. Query about men's shed occupying/using woodland lodge and workshop without proper permission and whether CC were liable if anything went wrong. HCllr DL to follow up.

11. AOB More grit on pavements after snow would have been more helpful to residents in Kildary, Old Station road and Milton. Recycling bins in Milton are full despite correct number being rung to report this. Some buses from Invergordon to Tain have stopped from Stagecoach services, this is not controlled by HC. Concerns were raised about lack of proper equipment to clear ditches and stop road surface water after snow melt and heavy rain. HCllr DL to follow up the above. New telecommunications mast, by sewage works Milton, seems to be working effectively. Woodland at Meddat has been replanted with new commercial stock.

12. Date of next meeting: 19 April 2018 Mercat centre at 7.30. Everybody welcome.

13. Beinn Tharsuinn Fund Applications none this month

Meeting concluded 8.40

Angie Cox Minutes Secretary, Kilmuir and Logie Easter Community Council

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