



Minutes of the meeting held at Polnicol Hall on the 20 September 2018 at 7.30pm

1. Present Tom Anderson **TA** (chair) Marion Macleod **MM** (secretary), Rita Fenton **RMF**, (Treasurer), Isabell McLaughlan **IM** (CC), Ron Ferguson **RF** (CC),

Cllr Derek Loudon, Cllr Alasdair Rhind

Public in attendance, Elizabeth Ross, Alistair Fenton, Ian Wallace

2. Apologies: Sandra MacDonald **SM** (vice Chair), Andrew Newdick **AN** (CC), Angie Cox **AC** (Minute secretary)

3. Police report. Police not in attendance and no report sent to **MM**

4. Minutes of ordinary meeting held at Mercat Centre on 21 June 2018

Proposed by **IM** and seconded by **RF**

5. Matters arising from minutes

No further update on the proposed bridge at Delny

Give Way sign as you leave Milton is damaged – **MM** to advise HC

Post Meeting Note – MM contacted HC regarding damaged sign

Potholes in Milton – **Cllr DL** to contact HC regarding potholes in the old village in Milton.

Post Meeting Note – MM contacted Cllr DL and Cllr AR to confirm some of the worst potholes in that area were filled, contrary to what she had been told.

White lines in Barbaraville – **Cllr DL** to contact HC

Port Authority – No update

Susy Macaulay, P&J Reporter – No reply following email to advise her that KALECC do not meet in July and August

Hogg Weed – no further update

6. Reports by Highland Councillors.

Cllr AR confirmed that there is no further update regarding the Tain 3 – 18 Campus following the conclusion of the initial consultation - Officials are currently going through the consultation responses.

There is also no update with regards to the funding for the Campus.

Cllr DL advised that HC reserves are reducing and are already below the amount recommended by Audit Scotland. Cost pressures and limited funding from the Scottish Government mean HC is dipping into reserves when faced with additional costs due to issues like adverse weather.

Half way through this financial year, and several of the measures chosen to save HC money, and help them balance the books have failed to be implemented – namely the closure of Public Toilets and the introduction of Parking Charges in some towns.

Cllrs and CC members expressed their concerns about HC's budget given the failure to implement savings decisions, and the consensus was that the decisions had been made in haste without proper consideration given, and it is hoped that lessons have been learned.

KALECC thanked the Cllr's for their time.

7. Financial Accounts

RMF reported that there is £1457.65 in the account, and there were no questions for the Treasurer.

8. Community Council issues.

Community Council Scheme Review – Some CC members have attended the drop-in sessions and discussed KALECC's views/concerns. KALECC members discussed these further and decided that the on-line consultation should be completed to reiterate the points already made at the drop-in sessions. **TA to complete**

Resignation of KALECC Member/ Co-option of new member - **TA** noted the resignation of Charles Robb and confirmed that Helen Ross has been notified. Co-option of a new member was discussed – if anyone wishes to join KALECC, details should be sent to **TA**.

KALECC Budget & Spending - Discussion regarding financial situation – KALECC's reduced budget doesn't cover current expenses. It was decided that further consideration is needed.

9. Planning and Licensing

18/03867/FUL - Siting of static caravan and installation of septic tank/soakaway – No objections. **MM to respond**

18/04146/PIP - Replacement of existing sub-standard cottage- No objections. **MM to respond**

Post Meeting Note: Responses sent to planning

10. Correspondence.

Letter and Leaflet from Royal Mail regarding Scam Mail. Copy given to Polnicol Hall and the Mercat Centre. Copy also to be added to KALECC Website. **RF to action**

Letter from Health Promotion & Training Coordinator offering a 30-minute Bowl Cancer awareness talk. Although KALECC support the cause, due to the lack of attendees at our meetings, it was felt this wouldn't be necessitated. **MM to respond and thank him for the offer.**

11. AOB

Ian Wallace spoke about the booklet he has produced about Arabella, and its history. He intends to have 200 copies produced – with a copy being given to each home in Arabella, and those people that helped him compile his booklet. The remaining copies will be sold by the Mercat Centre, with any proceeds being kept by the centre

12. Date of next meeting – 18 October 2018, Mercat Centre at 7.30pm

13. Beinn Tharsuinn Fund

Kilmuir and Logie Easter Action and Development Group: History of Arabella Booklet – Approved by CC Members

KALECC: Poppies for Arabella - Approved by CC Members