



Minutes of meeting held on the 20.01.22 at 19.30 via Zoom

Meeting commences at 19.41

1. Present Tom Anderson **TA** (chair), HCllr Derek Louden, **DL**, HCllr Alisdair Rhind **AR**, Ron Ferguson **RF** CC, Rita Fenton **RMF** (Treasurer), Sandra MacDonald **SM** (Vice Chair), Allan McLeod **AM** CC, Angie Cox **AC** (minutes secretary), Marion Macleod **MM** (Secretary)

Public in attendance none

2. Apologies none

3. Police report. No report received. The police have dates for KALECC meetings. **DL** to forward the details of new Inspector on to **MM** to see if this would improve communication with the CC.

4. Minutes of ordinary meeting, via zoom, held 18.11.21

Minutes approved by 1st **SM**, 2nd **RFM**

5. Matters arising from minutes. No further issues of speeding in Polo. Potholes in Milton and Delny have been temporarily fixed. Capital budget was discussed and the roads around Milton should hopefully be done next year. Common good land, **MM** has replied via email. The Cromarty Firth Men's Shed hope to hold an event when restrictions allow, following the cancellation of their Christmas event. Invoice for Milton Christmas lights not received yet but lights still to be taken down. **MM** unsure if funding from Beinn Tharsuinn has gone through yet. **RFM** and **MM** to follow up. Streetlights at Meddat Bridge are still out of sync with night-time hours, **DL** to follow up. Response to Onshore Windfarm Policy sent, no reply has been received but the closing date for consultation was 21.01.22, and there may be a reply after this.

6. Reports by Highland Councillors. There has been no TRA campus meetings since Christmas. The next meeting, with officers, is being held on 24.01.22. Planning application has been submitted to THC. Activity to start building on site should be later this year with the completion of the new TRA campus finishing in August 2024. TRA parent council have written to the Chief Executive regarding the TRA swimming pool, no response has been received yet. **DL** to follow up. Sport Scotland and Highlife Highland could put money towards the new pool. **AR** said people have been phoning TRACC to try and book swimming lessons for themselves or their children. This highlights the high demand for a public swimming pool in the area. Roads and potholes, Milton and surrounding roads are hopefully getting a share of the capital budget to be resurfaced. **RMF** reported that Scotsburn road is very badly damaged, **AM** highlighted that this road is used when the A9 is closed due to RTA's. Advice was given to keep taking photos and reporting damage and potholes. **DL** said that lack of

money in previous years has been exasperated by Covid. **AR** said on Monday 17.01.22 there had been a road management meeting and the agreed funding was £900K for this coming financial year but it was acknowledged that this wasn't nearly enough to sort out existing problems. Gary Urquhart said during this meeting that Scotsburn road will be repaired over the next few days. **AR** was disappointed by the repairs made to potholes in Milton and is going to raise the poor workmanship done in the hope to get a proper fix. HCllrs **DL** and **AR** said that THC is acutely aware of the pothole problem due to the number of claims being made by drivers for burst tyres, bent rims and broken suspensions. **AC** highlighted subsidence and potholes on the Kildary to Arabella Road but this stretch of road is unlikely to be fixed anytime soon. A further visit is being made to the playparks in our area with a decision on which parks will receive funding due on 17.02.22. **AM** said Milton play park was featured on the front cover of the North Star newspaper and in the Ross-shire Journal. The Easter Ross ward has been awarded £23K for play parks.

KALECC thanked **DL** and **AR** for their time

7. Annual accounts there is currently £1587.36 in the bank. KALECC is currently holding money for a defibrillator which is still to be installed at the church. **RMF** to follow up with Fiona Ross, who is going to install defibrillator.

8. Community Council issues. Strathroy appeal has been approved with conditions. **RF** gave CC's a brief description of a 60-page report re appeal. KALECC hope funds from the wind farm will be divided fairly between communities. KALECC are going to contact developer to reiterate that they are keen to see a fair distribution of any Community Benefit funds and are still interested in Community Ownership. **MM** to follow.

9. Planning and Licensing. No complaints from CC's on the extension to the dwelling in Arabella.

10. Mental Health and wellbeing. Nothing to report this month, no meetings.

11. Correspondence. Nigg liaison meeting, **RMF** confirmed that she will attend these meetings and the Port authority meetings. **TA** said he would attend if **RMF** was unable to. **MM** to forward on contact details to ensure **RMF** get emails re meetings directly. Local development plan, **TA** said Barbaraville shop and transport details which were incorrect on initial plan have been corrected. KALECC had also advised that residents are in favour of further housing development in Barbaraville but only within the current village boundary. Proposal will be available in March 2022 for CCs to comment.

12. AOB Sheep worrying at Meddat farm, **AC** has asked for all dogs to be kept under closer control. Dogs have been seen in the garden and front fields which are at least 500 yards away from the core footpath. Planted field margins should not be walked on as they have been put down to encourage wildlife and access is not really permitted on these areas. **AC** also said there has been an increased amount of litter being thrown from vehicles, by Meddat bridge. Food, in amongst litter, from fast food companies, is a danger to wildlife and livestock, it also blocks drains which causes flooding and encourages rats. **AC** also asked when public toilets in seaboard are going to be opened to the public again as there has been an increase in people using the small, wooded area by Meddat drive as an open toilet. Toilets at Skiach, Invergordon and Ainess are open. Lengthy discussion about the service school bus from Milton to TRA terminating at the end of summer term in July 2022. An appeal letter has been sent out to some parents. **AC** has forwarded the appeal letter to **MM** and **DL** to follow up. The issue has come about after the boundary changes, as discussed at our last meeting. Pupils already attending TRA from Milton and Kildary now face paying for bus travel or applying for a bus pass, although the bus timetable was changed, and no

service bus was running to take pupils to school. It also affects anyone trying to get to work in Tain. **AC** said the change should have been phased, it is unreasonable to make the changes and expect parents to pay due to new guidance and it wasn't kind to expect pupils to change secondary schools' mid education either. It is possible that up to 11 pupils are affected by the boundary change. Both **DL** and **AR** have no answers as to why the boundary change came about, despite asking at various meetings with David Summers and Derek Martin. Pupils and students under the age of 22 are to be given free travel, from February 2022.**DL, AR, AC** to follow up. **RF** highlighted issues with storage for CC emails, with many old emails held. **TA** agreed that old emails from previous CC should be deleted to free up storage space. **MM** to follow up.

13.Date of next meeting 17.02.22 at 7.30 via Zoom unless guidance on social meetings changes. Members of the public welcome, please contact **MM** for details

14. Beinn Tharsuinn. No applications

KALECC thanked everyone for their attendance and time.

Meeting concluded 20.48

Angie Cox Minutes Secretary, Kilmuir and Logie Easter Community Council

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