



## Minutes of meeting on the 04.12.23 at 19.30 in The Mercat Centre

Meeting commenced at 19.30

**1. Present** Tom Anderson **TA**, , Rita Fenton **RMF**, Beverly Wells, Allan McLeod **AM**, HCllr Derek Loudon, **DL**, Sandra MacDonald **SM**

**2. Apologies** Ron Ferguson **RF**, HCllr Maureen Ross **MR**

**Co-option of new Officers** **TA** opened the meeting and new members Sandra MacDonald **SM** and Ron Ferguson **RF** were co-opted and approved by all in attendance. **AM** to contact Ward Manager Helen Ross to confirm former members have rejoined.

**3. Police Report** None **AM** to contact Police Scotland to confirm local contact.

**4. Minutes of ordinary meeting on 09.11.23** Minutes approved by 1<sup>st</sup> **RMF**, 2<sup>nd</sup> **BW**

**5. Matters arising from minutes.** **TA** noted that the Fearn AD Plant had appealed its refusal decision. **TA** noted that the Chalet in Arabella had now been approved **RMF** noted there is a large shared septic tank for dwellings in that area and that the roadside boulders remain an issue. **TA** passed **AM** a receipt from Highland Council Archive Services for council documents. **DL** has discussed Bus Shelter repairs with Roads and will hope to progress with council. **BW** confirmed that the RSPB vehicle gate has been erected at track off Tarbat road. **DL** advised he has asked for passing place signage to be reinstated at lay-bys along Tarbat road. **DL** noted that weeding of footpaths can lie with Roads, Amenities or Housing and it is difficult to locate which department is responsible. **AM** noted that the footpath leading into the village had cleared a bit due to the cold weather but the leaf fall had now become the issue. **AM** to contact community payback to confirm if they could clear paths.

**6. Reports by Highland Councillors.** **DL** provided a report from THC. The Tain 3-18 Campus remains on program but has had a setback as the site manager has left the company but has been replaced. **DL** outlined the budget challenges facing THC in the coming years due to cost increase across all areas. THC should know what will happen with council tax in Jan/ Feb 2024. **DL** noted that he met with Roads colleagues to review the speed bumps on the road leading to the school. **DL** has asked the bumps to be made more effective. **BW** queried the issue with speeding and **TA** noted there was an ongoing consultation on recent speed limit changes.

**7. Annual accounts** Current balance of £1086.77 confirmed by **RMF** who also noted that we are awaiting our annual allocation from THC.

**8. Community Council issues.** **TA** confirmed that **BW** has confirmed to take responsibility for KALECC attending Port of Cromarty Firth P.O.C.F. **BW** raised the

issue of social media presence and asked **AM** to explain how social media is managed. **AM** agreed to review guidance on THC website. **TA** agreed to contact Ward Manager to review policies.

**9. Planning and Licensing.** Planning applications were discussed and it was agreed no action was required.

**10. Mental Health and wellbeing** **AM** to review ongoing correspondence regarding mental health and wellbeing

**11. Correspondence.** Delny crossing letter from Network rail prior to recent incident. **DL** to write to British Transport Police to query safety of the crossing.

**12. AOB. BW** noted noise concerns from Cromarty Firth which she has raised with P.O.C.F and plans to discuss at their next meeting. **BW** noted that there are several future development which may cause future noise pollution.

**13. Date of next meeting.** 18.01.24 at 19.30 at Polnicol Hall.

**14. Beinn Tharsuinn.** Milton Primary School and Polnicol Hall applications approved. *Post meeting note The Primary School confirmed to AM that balance was due to be paid in January and this was relayed to RMF via email on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2023.*

**TA** thanked everyone for their attendance and time.

Meeting concluded 20.45

*Allan Mcleod Secretary, Kilmuir and Logie Easter Community Council*