



Minutes of ordinary meeting on 15 June 2023 at 19.30 in Polnicol Hall

1. Present - Tom Anderson **TA** (chair), Ron Ferguson **RF** (Vice Chair), Rita Fenton **RMF** (Treasurer), Marion Macleod (Secretary) **MM**, HClIr Derek Loudon, **DL**

Public in attendance - Elizabeth Ross, Sandra MacDonald, Beverley Wells

2. Apologies - Allan McLeod **AM** CC, Angie Cox **AC** CC (Minute Secretary)

3. Police report – Police were unable to attend but provided the following report prior to the meeting:

During the period 13/05/2023 to the 13/06/2023 Police received 22 calls from the Kilmuir and Logie area with the following crimes recorded:

- DISORDER/ASSAULT: 1
- Vandalism: 2
- DRUG OFFENCES: 0
- DOMESTIC OFFENCES: 1
- THEFT/THEFT BY SHOPLIFTING/FRAUD: 0
- CHILD PROTECTION ENQUIRY: 0
- ROAD TRAFFIC INCIDENTS: 2

High-Viz mobile and foot patrols continue to be carried out in the area along with positive engagement with partners and members of the community. Particular attention is being paid in relation to reports of Anti-Social Behaviour. Several persons were charged for a variety of Road Traffic Offences because of pro-active policing on our roads and the Operation Cedar initiative continues to educate, detect, and reduce road traffic fatalities.

4. Minutes of ordinary meeting on 18 May 2023 – Minutes approved: 1st **RMF** , 2nd **RF**

5. Matters arising from minutes - 31 July 2023 is Sarah Rawlings official retirement date. Highland Broadband - members noted the frustration of some residents in areas where installation has already taken place, namely the mess some pavements have been left in by the contractors undertaking the work on behalf of the company.

6. Report by Highland Councillors – **DL** advised that The Highland Council plan to build 5 solar farms on five sites: 2 in Inverness, 1 in Tain, 1 in Brora and 1 in Wick. This initiative is expected to cost about £28m and make approx. £120m. Installation will be paid for by The Highland Council. So far, Highland Council have had to bring expenditure down by cutting services, but this is not sustainable, and they now need to focus on income generation to stop the loss of even more services. The initiative will also see The Highland Council's own

electricity cost come down and in addition, will produce more power which they can find a market for. The proposals were given the go ahead by the council's redesign board and will now go to the full council committee for consideration at the end of the month. **RF** asked **DL** about Highland Council proposal to start issuing fines to people who put items in the wrong bins and members questioned the additional cost to Highland Council to have bins checked? **DL** explained that our waste doesn't go to landfill within the Highland Council area but is in fact transported to Dunbar at a substantial cost, and so The Highland Council are keen to ensure items aren't going to landfill that could be recycled. The new bins which have been purchased by The Highland Council were bought using a £9m grant secured specifically for that purpose. There is no increase in the brown bin charge this coming year. **RF** also mentioned issues arising along the NC500 route with a lot of locals unhappy with the current situation. **DL** mentioned that this had been raised at a recent full committee meeting. The area is so large that the cost of regular bin collections is high, and that that cost and the cost of the installation of some additional bins around the route was funded from additional money, which was available during covid but is no longer available, which will inevitably make the situation worse. **RF** also asked if a swimming pool was still a possibility at the new 3-18 campus in Tain. **DL** advised that there is a committee meeting via Teams on 26 June 2023 at 6.30pm where this will likely be discussed, but from what **DL** has heard, the swimming pool is off the plan. **TA** had received an invite to the meeting and will pass the details onto **RF** who may attend on KALECCs behalf.

7. Annual accounts - £1504.05

8. Community Council issues – The members present unanimously agreed to Co-opt Beverley Wells onto the Community Council. **MM** to advise Helen Ross, Highland Council.

9. Planning and Licensing - None this month.

10. Mental Health and wellbeing

11. Correspondence - Community Council Elections are later this year. Timetable received from Helen Ross and circulated. Thankyou letter received from K.A.L.E for their Beinn Tharsuinn funding, the school children had a great afternoon at their mini festival. Thankyou card from St Duthac Book & Arts Festival group for their Beinn Tharsuinn funding.

12. AOB

13. Date of next meeting - 21 September 2023 at the Mercat Centre

14. Beinn Tharsuinn – Milton Improvement Group funding approved.