



Minutes of meeting held on the 16 March 2023 at the Mercat Centre

1. Present - Tom Anderson **TA** (chair), Ron Ferguson **RF** (Vice Chair), Rita Fenton (Treasurer) **RMF** CC. **Marion Macleod** **MM** (Secretary), Sandra MacDonald **SM** CC, Allan McLeod **AM** CC, HCllr Derek Louden **DL**, HCllr Sarah Rawlings **SR**

As this was HCllr Rawlings first KALECC meeting, members introduced themselves.

Public in attendance. Dave MacRae **DM** (TDDT)

2. Apologies - Angie Cox **AC** (Minutes Secretary)

3. Police Report - No report this month despite numerous emails to our contact. **MM** to continue to email to try and get a report. No issues raised for the Police.

4. Minutes of the meeting held 16.02.23 - Minutes approved by 1st **RMF**, 2nd **AM**

5. Matters arising from the minutes – Milton playpark equipment has arrived and should be installed within the next 2 months. £500.00 from Tesco towards the playpark also received. No update re Fearn AD plant, they missed the last Planning Committee meeting deadline. After our last meeting, Callum Paterson, Balnagown, was to forward on some maps, **MM** confirmed she has not received these maps. **MM** to follow up. Cars parked in Arabella car park, **RMF** confirmed the situation has improved but two vehicles remain abandoned. **DL** to follow up with THC. **RMF** attended the last Cromarty Port Authority joint meeting and explained that they were left with more questions than answers following the meeting, mainly regarding the Green Freeport. A Community Webinar has been set up for 22 March 2023 at 6PM and it is hoped some questions will be answered during this online event. **MM** to forward Webinar details on to HCllrs.

6. Reports by Highland Councillors – **DL** recently attended the Milton Primary Parent Council meeting, and they are currently trying to raise funds for a P7 day trip to ensure everyone can attend. Members suggested we forward details of the Beinn Tharsuinn application, should they wish to apply. **MM** to follow up.

Additional money in the Capital Budget for roads. Although the bus company gave the required notice before stopping buses coming into Milton the last time, the situation was less than ideal, but the roads team responded in a timely manner and got the worst of the potholes filled and the double gully fixed to get the buses running again asap. Local councillors agreed an allocation of grant money to the Milton Woodland Community groups for path clearance works.

7. Annual Accounts – KALECC have £1638.33 in their account with £191.00 still to clear, which will leave a balance of £1447.33

8. Community Council Issues – DM from Tain & District Development Trust handed round some maps to members showing some of the proposed pathways for their Peninsula Pathways Project. TDDT were looking for some advice regarding land ownership of a couple of areas within KALECC boundary. CC members were able to give him some suggestions. **DM** also advised that unfortunately, due to lack of funding, both he and another member of staff were being made redundant. KALECC members thanked him for attending our meetings and keeping us very well informed of the TDDT work. Members wished him well and expressed their hope that funding can be found soon to enable his good work to continue. KALECC were forwarded on proposals from THC to Install three sets of speed cushions on School Road, Milton, following discussions between THC and Milton Primary regarding pupil safety. The consensus was that KALECC members supported the proposed measures, to ensure the safety of all pupils. **MM** to follow up.

9. Planning and Licensing – KALECC were forwarded a copy of a Proposal of Application and supporting documents that have been sent to the Planning Department at THC regarding proposed development on land east of Nigg Energy Park. KALECC will be notified when the application is validated, and consultation begins.

10. Mental Health and Wellbeing

11. Correspondence

12. AOB – AM asked HCllrs if they had any update on when the Swimming Pool in Invergordon would reopen. **DL** had received an email which suggested it would not be open sooner than the summer. **SR** to follow up. The issue of people parking on the grass outside of their properties in Milton was raised again with KALECC, **DL** unsure if THC has any policy restricting tenants from doing so, but he will check if anything can be done. **DL** to follow up.

13. Date of next meeting 20 April 2023 at 7.30pm at Polnicol Hall

14. Beinn Tharsuinn - nothing this month

TA thanked everyone for their time and attendance