



Minutes of meeting on the 21.03.24 at 19.30 at Mercat Centre

Meeting commenced at 19.35

1. Present Peter Marshall **PM**, Charles Robb **CR**, Betty Mahon **BM**, Margery Smith **MS**, Duncan Meechan **DM**, Alan Gardener **AG**, Tom Anderson **TA**, Derek Loudon **DL** Allan Mcleod **AM**

TA welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the meeting and it was good to see such a high turn out at the community council meeting.

2. Apologies Sandra MacDonald, Ron Ferguson, Rita Fenton & HCllr Maureen Ross

3. Police Report AM advised a police report was not expected for this meeting.

4. Minutes of meeting on 15.02.2024 Minutes approved by 1st **BW**, 2nd **AM**

5. Matters arising from minutes. **BW** awaiting response from council Tarbat Passing Places, Councillor Ross had been looking into the problem. Tarbat Bus Stop repairs awaiting update from Transport, **AM** and **BW** to pursue response. **DL** advised that The Highland Council we going to discuss roadside stone in Arabella with land owner. In response to calls for improvement lighting at woodlands drive, Milton **AM** confirmed the council provided possible options for residents. Replacement of coal fires in Woodlands drive was discussed and **BW** noted application forms had been sought. **DL** offered to assist with inquiries with regards to upgrading heating systems. **TA** asked **AM** to outline the proposals for the woodlands drive play park area. **AM** thanked The Highland Council for providing the new play equipment. **AM** explained that the next phase was the creation of a garden area with wooden benches & carvings. **AM** advised that KALECC had applied to the nature restoration fund to plant trees/ hedging & replace the fence between the park & field. The holes in the stone boundary wall along B817 were discussed & **DL** asked **AM** to forward report send to Building Standards. Creachan Windfarm was mentioned and **TA** hoped there could be some community benefit from the development. **BW** requested questions for the next PoCF meeting in April. **AM** to contact Invergordon **CC** and arrange a sample of the Xmas street lights to test in Milton. **AM** updated to progress with improving pedestrian links between Old Station Road & Milton, The Highland Council are responsible for maintaining these paths and after inspecting thought beyond the scope of Community Payback Team. **DL** assisting by alerting persons responsible for Safer Routes to School & other possible funds that could assist.

6. Reports by Highland Councillors. DL Provided a report including confirmation that the budget was complete and the challenge is to deliver that budget. There has been a large amount set aside for Road repairs which is welcomed. DL explained the councils strategy for road repairs which prioritises faster sections road as these are more likely to avoid loss of life. There has been a Community Wealth Building program initiated to include the likes of renewable energy. The Freeport status was raised and DL explained support of the plan as projects like the cable factory will create high skilled jobs, TA added that jobs are already being created through the factory's construction. CR highlight issues with infrastructure and roads due increased traffic.

7. Annual accounts No Report.

8. Community Council issues. None

9. Planning and Licensing. No CC objections to any recent applications.

10. Mental Health and wellbeing None

11. Correspondence. Reports of a horse float at a junction blocking was highlighted and reported to Police Scotland. Post meeting note Police Scotland confirmed they will speak with owners to see if something can be done. Reports of bulky items were reported and subsequently reported by KALECC to The Highland Council. CR attended the meeting following email correspondence to KALECC regards the road surface at between Pollo and Barbaraville. CR also highlight lack of transport assistance for elderly or infirm people to non-hospital appointments. Post meeting note. KALECC reported road surface to Roads department & BW shared details of a bus service that could serve the KALECC ward.

12. AOB. None

13. Date of next meeting. 18.04.24 at 19.30 at Polnicol Hall.

14. Beinn Tharsuinn. 3 No applications were approved.

TA thanked everyone for their attendance and time.

Meeting concluded 20.50

Allan Mcleod Secretary, Kilmuir and Logie Easter Community Council