



DRAFT Minutes of meeting on the 20.06.24 at 19.30 at Polnicol Hall

Meeting commenced at 19.30

1. Present Rita Fenton **RMF**, Ron Ferguson **RF**, Tom Anderson **TA**, HCllr Derek Loudon **DL** Allan Mcleod **AM**, Beverly Wells **BW**, Sandra MacDonald **SM**, Ryan Barrowman **RB**, Duncan Meechan **DM**, Elizabeth Ross **ER**

TA welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the meeting and briefly explained rights of members. **TA** proposes to bring forward Co-option of Ryan Barrowman which was seconded by **SM**. **AM** To forward co-option confirmation to Fiona Richardson.

2. Apologies HCllr Maureen Ross

3. Police Report None.

4. Minutes of meeting on 23.05.2024 Minutes approved by 1st **BW**, 2nd **RF**

5. Matters arising from minutes. Tarbat Passing Place signs have now been installed but people are still paring in passing places which is considered an obstruction. Tarbat Bus stop **BW** was thanked for efforts tidying the shelter and was disappointed that items were vandalised. **DL** suggested contacting David Summers. The issue of strimming was discussed at length and **BW** Tabled correspondence with the highland council that explained how funding for grass cutting was raised and allocated by separate departments. **DL** disagreed with some of the information provided and agreed that some areas are a disgrace. **BW** said Invergordon looks bad for tourists. **TA** noted that Saltburn appears to have more regular grass cutting compared to other areas. **RB** stated he understands the councils reasons for not cutting the grass, to improve biodiversity but highlighted that there are safety concerns with overgrown roadside verges obscuring viability, in particular the road between Barbaraville & Milton. **DL** advised contacting Iain Moncrieff. **RB** to prepare a draft and **AM** to send to Iain Moncrieff & Tracy Urry. **DL** explained that a large portion of council spending is on repaying debt interest and if that debt could be forgiven it would resolve a lot of issues. **AM** provided a summary to the latest progress with Polnicol Hall and that a meeting had been arranged to discuss the future of the hall. **BW** requested to know the members of the hall management council committee. **AM** advised that there was no requirement for that information to be shared with the community council and expressed disappointment in the way the question was presented. **AM** went on to explain that his work assisting Polnicol Hall was very time consuming but separate from the community council. **BW** stated that I do have the right to ask about the Polnicol Hall committee as it is a publicly owned building. Political party canvassing was raised and the limits of the CC were discussed.

6. Reports by Highland Councillors. DL provided an update including that there is a break in July, discussed the Freeport business case and touched on the Highland investment plan to sort things that have gone wrong. DL explained that the previous council left the roads destroyed. There is a huge demand for housing & that the largest expenditure of debt. 24,000 new houses need in future years.

7. Annual accounts £ 1398

8. Community Council issues. RF website is back up & operational. Approx. £20 cost of email was approved.

9. Planning and Licensing. TA has been checking Planning application while Secretary email has been down. TA explained Local Place plans by CC's appear to be funded and appointed Planning Consultants to produce plans. RB noted that companies including SSEN are bringing lots of investment to the north of Scotland.

10. Mental Health and wellbeing None

11. Correspondence. Letter of thanks from KALE for BT funding allocation. Contact from Ann Sutherland to confirm their group had secured funding for Defib that is located at the Entrance to Ranch Chalet Park, Delny.

12. AOB. Nigg meeting minutes to be shared when available. Desludging tank works ongoing. Monopiles complete. archaeological surveys & osprey protection ongoing. There will also be a biodiversity hub.

13. Date of next meeting. 19th September 2024 at Mercat Centre

14. Beinn Tharsuinn.

TA thanked everyone for their attendance and time.

Meeting concluded 20.35

Allan Mcleod Secretary, Kilmuir and Logie Easter Community Council