

DRAFT Minutes of Inaugural meeting on the 20.03.2025 at 19.30 at Mercat Centre

1.Present Tom Anderson **TA**, Ron Ferguson **RF**, Rita Fenton **RMF**, Sandra MacDonald **SM**, Liam Clancy The Highland Council, Allan Mcleod **AM**

2. Welcome and Introduction

Liam Clancy acted as the temporary Chair in the absence of Highland Councillors. He opened the meeting at 19:30, welcomed all attendees, and gave special thanks to Rita Fenton for her presence.

3. Appointment of Office Bearers

As per procedure, all existing office bearers stood down. LC invited nominations for the new office bearers:

- **Chairman:** TA was nominated by RF and RMF. He accepted the role but stated that this would be his final term as Chairman. Following his appointment, LC handed over the meeting Chairman role to TA.
- Secretary: AM was nominated by RF and SM. He accepted the role.
- **Treasurer:** RMF was nominated by SM and RF. She accepted the role.

4. Adoption of the Constitution and Standing Orders

The Constitution and Standing Orders, as set out in Appendices 3 and 4 of the Scheme of Establishment, were reviewed and unanimously approved by all members in line with standard procedures.

5. Associate Membership

It was agreed to consider granting Associate Membership to key community groups at a future meeting.

6. Future Meeting Dates

- The AGM will be held annually in June.
- Regular meetings will continue on the third Thursday of each month.

7. Any Other Competent Business

- The latest bank statement was issued by RMF to LC.
- No further matters were raised.

8. Close of Meeting

TA thanked everyone for their attendance and participation. The meeting was formally closed.

Meeting concluded 19.40