



DRAFT Minutes of meeting on the 17.04.2025 at 19.30 at Polnicol Hall

Meeting commenced at 19.40

1. Present: Tom Anderson (TA), Ron Ferguson (RF), Rita Fenton (RMF), Ryan Barrowman (RB), Derek Loudon (DL), Allan McLeod (AM)

TA welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the meeting. **TA** brought forward item 8 Community Council issues and proposed the co-option of Ryan Barrowman which was approved.

2. Apologies: Sandra MacDonald, Cllr Maureen Ross, Cllr Laura Dundas

3. Police Report **AM** confirmed that the Community Council has been added to the mailing list for Police Quarterly Community Council meetings. No police report was provided for this period.

4. Minutes of meeting on 20.03.2025: Minutes approved by 1st RF, 2nd RMF

5. Matters arising from minutes: **TA** advised that The Highland Council confirmed the road surface at Pollo is currently out to tender for repair. **DL** commented on the condition during a recent bus journey. **TA** raised the issue of a damaged wall in Milton. It was agreed that **AM** will contact the owners to confirm if they would accept Community Council funding. If agreeable, an application will be made to the Beinn Tharsuinn Fund. **AM** has requested quotes and will pursue further estimates.

6. Reports by Highland Councillors: **DL** confirmed the Highland Council budget has been passed and includes funding for road repairs (including Polo). The Highland Investment Plan is ongoing, supporting school and housing development. An update meeting regarding the Tain 3–18 Campus and leisure provision is scheduled for 28th April. **DL** mentioned bus service issues in Caithness and the Dial-a-Bus system limitations between Tain and Portmahomack. Members were asked to report cancellations or removals. **AM** requested **DL**'s assistance in repairing long-term non-functional street lighting near the Primary School and Mercat Centre. **AM** will supply streetlight numbers. **RB** raised concerns about wheeled bins left on the street; he will provide house numbers for **AM** to report to Les Ross.

7. Financial Accounts: Current balance stands at £3,378, with £2,867.66 allocated to the play park.

RMF confirmed the end-of-year accounts appear in order, pending review by Janet.
TA thanked **RMF** and **RB** for their assistance.

8. Community Council Issues **TA** proposed the co-option of Ryan Barrowman to the Community Council. All members approved. **AM** to notify The Highland Council.

9. Planning and Licensing **TA** asked whether **AM** had followed up regarding the Community Council's objection to the Fearn digester application. **TA** referenced a similar application refused by Moray Council over road safety concerns. **RF** shared the RWE planning report and press article on a new wind farm. He suggested reaching out to clarify potential community benefit fund shares and ensure fair distribution. Post meeting note: This weeks list of applications was circulated that included a house plot in Barbaraville.

10. Correspondence: Discussion on the Beinn Tharsuinn Repowering and Extension – Scoping Submission. The Beinn Tharsuinn funding application to repair the Milton wall was discussed **AM** to approach wall owners. **AM** raised the upcoming Easter Ross Community Partnership meeting – members to confirm attendance. Road surface at Polo had been discussed earlier.

11. Any Other Business :None.

12. Date of the Next Meeting: 15th May 2025 at the Mercat Centre.

13. Beinn Tharsuinn Fund Applications: None.

TA thanked everyone for their attendance and time.

Meeting concluded 20.15

Allan Mcleod Secretary, Kilmuir and Logie Easter Community Council