



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

Meeting commenced at 19.40

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

TA welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the meeting with special thanks to Rita for her presence.

2. Apologies HCllr Derek Loudon, HCllr Maureen Ross, Cllr Laura Dundas and Ryan Barrowman

3. Police Report No Reports received. AM to contact Police Scotland for a report.,

4. Minutes of meeting on 16.01.2025 Minutes approved by 1st **RF**, 2nd **AM**

5. Matters arising from minutes. **TA** highlighted that concerns were raised by several members of the public regarding road surface and potholes at Pollo. AM encouraged the public to report issues directly to The Highland Council and agreed to write to the Roads Department regarding these concerns.

6. Reports by Highland Councillors. None.

7. Financial Accounts: Prior to the meeting, RB provided an update stating that accounts for the month had been completed. Deductions were made for the BT application for Polnicol Hall and hall booking fees. RB has been working on transitioning to online banking and updating the delivery address, though he has encountered resistance from the bank. He is following up on this and aims to resolve the issue before the next meeting. AM will write to Ryan to prepare the end-of-year accounts and issue them to Rita for review. TA and RB to confirm current signatories.

8. Community Council Issues: AM confirmed that the Milton Village Christmas lights were successfully taken down in January. Thanks were extended to all volunteers for their efforts.

9. Planning and Licensing: TA noted that several applications had been submitted since the last meeting. Notable applications include the battery storage project at Evanton and the bio-digester plant at Fearn. TA requested AM to check whether their previous objection to the Fearn development could be resubmitted during the appeal process.

10. Correspondence: The Highland Council confirmed that the Community Generation Fund is open for expressions of interest.

11. Any Other Business: AM inquired whether a local group, such as the Milton Improvement Group, could apply to the BT Fund for repairs to the village entrance wall. AM is awaiting a quote for the repairs and will approach the owners and MIG in due course. LC suggested considering the Ward Discretionary Fund as an alternative funding source. AM advised that a company is set to plant at the playpark, which will allocate the last of the existing funding.

12. Date of the Next Meeting: 17th April 2025 at Polnicol Hall.

13. Beinn Tharsuinn Fund Applications:
One application was received and approved.

TA thanked everyone for their attendance and time.

Meeting concluded 20.10

Allan Mcleod Secretary, Kilmuir and Logie Easter Community Council