



DRAFT Minutes of meeting on the 15.05.2025 at 19.30 at Mercat Centre

Meeting commenced at 19:30

1. Present: Tom Anderson (TA), Rita Fenton (RMF), Ryan Barrowman (RB), Sandra MacDonald (SM), Allan McLeod (AM), Cllr Laura Dundas (LD), Cllr Derek Loudon (DL). TA opened the meeting and welcomed Cllr Dundas to her first meeting.

2. Apologies: Cllr Maureen Ross and Ron Ferguson (RF).

3. Police Report: A general report from the Police Quarterly Community Council meeting was received. This report covered the area broadly and was not particularly useful to members. AM advised that police had been contacted regarding motorbike riders in the local woodlands. Following communication through Facebook, the issue was resolved. The Community Council issued a Facebook post seeking landowners willing to allow bikers to use a field, but no responses were received.

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting (17th April 2025): Approved. 1st RMF, 2nd RB.

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes: Temporary repairs to the Polo road surface have improved conditions. A member of the public stated that a contractor has been appointed to carry out full resurfacing. AM reported efforts to contact parties responsible for the damaged wall at Milton and shared that one quote has been obtained. It was agreed another quote should be sought for comparison.

6. Reports by Highland Councillors:

DL reported that a full council meeting was held today with a light agenda focusing on updates to the Highland Investment Plan and its Delivery Plan. DL clarified that Highland Council provides funding to NHS Highland specifically to deliver Adult Social Care. Of the savings targets set by Highland Council for the 2024/25 year—excluding the NHS Highland target—95% were met. When including NHS Highland, 80% of overall savings targets were achieved. Income generation exceeded expectations in some projects. TA raised the issue of council tax on second homes and noted £5.8 million was raised from council tax on them, helping reduce their number and creating more homes for young families. DL commented that this policy is working well. DL provided an update on the TRACC consultation and the five options under review. LD noted that initial Facebook feedback was negative regarding the survey, prompting revisions and the addition of more open days in **6**.

Reports by Highland Councillors: Continued

June. DL stated that there is no budget for swimming pool maintenance or new leisure facility. He mentioned that a proposed wind farm that might have funded a new pool was halted due to the presence of capercaillie, though local experts dispute their presence. TA said a community farm would help address many issues. DL plans to contact RSPB for verification. Solar array development may proceed with a new customer, though expected revenue remains unknown. A consistent income stream of about £1 million annually is needed to fund a new pool. DL also discussed a 19-acre parcel zoned for housing and suggested council investment would be required. TA assured that any council-led development with community benefit would receive full community council support.

7. Financial Accounts: Balance: £1,095.97.

8. Community Council Issues: RB raised the website hosting invoice, which was approved. RB and TA will arrange payment. AM raised concerns about health and safety at Polnicol Hall. It was agreed that all future meetings will be held at the Mercat Centre. Meetings at Polnicol Hall may resume if improvements are evidenced.

9. Planning and Licensing: None.

10. Correspondence: The Fearn Aerodrome appeal decision was approved subject to planning conditions. Beinn Tharsuinn application for wall repair to proceed once AM obtains further quotes. Fanellan Substation (Kiltarlity) consultation received – no comment. Community Payback Team cleared the path along Milton school playground. TRACC survey was received and circulated. AM contacted Highland Council regarding trees growing from Milton Primary gutters and car park lighting. A resident raised concerns about public transport; councillors offered to assist, and AM will forward the individual's address. AM also contacted Highland Council to check on BT manhole repairs on Milton Loop Road.

11. Any Other Business: None.

12. Date of the Next Meeting: 19th June 2025 at the Mercat Centre. AGM at 7:00 PM followed by an ordinary meeting at 7:30 PM.

13. Meeting Closure: TA thanked everyone for attending

Allan Mcleod Secretary, Kilmuir and Logie Easter Community Council