



## **DRAFT Minutes of meeting on the 19.06.2025 at 19.30 at Mercat Centre**

Meeting commenced at 19:30

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

TA welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted there were no members of the public in attendance.

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

**3. Police Report:** No report received for the current reporting period. DL noted that a recent meeting was held between Community Councils and Police Scotland. AM is to check if KALECC received an invitation. If not, DL will follow up. It is believed that Cllr Ross attended the meeting. TA noted a recent incident in Barbaraville which saw the attendance of four police vehicles.

**4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting (15th May 2025):** Approved with some amendments noted from TA. 1st AM, 2nd TA.

**5. Matters Arising from the Minutes:** AM updated on the Milton wall issue. The owners are awaiting a contractor and will inform the Community Council if assistance is needed. The road surface in Barbaraville has been replaced. A Community Council meeting in the Beaully area was discussed, relating to a major planning application involving power lines.

**6. Report by Highland Councillors:** DL reported a recent councillor visit to the new Tain school, where construction progress is good: the roof is fixed, the bridge entrance has been poured, and the atrium barrier has been raised. Classrooms are advancing well. Original completion was set for December 2024, later moved to June 2025; final handover is possibly December 2025. DL met the new headteachers for both the secondary and primary schools. The post for the special school headteacher is advertised. The council's annual wrap-up meeting will cover a £5 million deficit, mainly due to new system changes, ferry issues, and adjustments from past profits. White lining machines are back in use, although a contractor completed the recent work in Barbaraville. DL also noted the recent Highland Housing Challenge conference attended by government ministers. The Green Freeport has been officially signed off, expected to bring jobs and increased housing demand. With 9,000 on the housing waiting list, a draft housing plan will be reviewed next week.

**7. Financial Accounts:** Balance: £TBC

**8. Community Council Issues:** None raised.

**9. Planning and Licensing:** TA referred to correspondence from Balnagown Estates about a proposed commercial development opposite the bark factory at Delny. AM felt it was appropriate for the location. TA noted that a weight restriction on the railway crossing would mean large vehicles must access via the A9. DL added that as part of the Green Freeport initiative, a new roundabout at Tomich is planned and was welcomed by the community council. RF raised the Strathrory Wind Farm and a recent email about new access roads, indicating approval of the development. RF suggested revisiting the community benefit fund proposal. DL mentioned a Scottish Government consultation on community benefit from Wind Farms and recommended KALECC resubmit its proposal. Some contractors have not yet paid community benefits. DL is urging The Highland Council to engage the UK Government. RF will send the previous submission to AM to forward.

**10. Correspondence:** In response to Tain Community Council, it was agreed to send support for retaining a leisure facility in Tain. DL noted that Tain CC supports option 6: keeping the existing facility open until a new one is built. A solar array on common good land may provide income for long-term operation. The Tain Community Council may also benefit from shared revenue. RMF agreed to attend the PoCF Joint Community Council meeting on June 25. AM to forward minutes from the recent Nigg meeting.

**11. Any Other Business:** None.

**12. Date of the Next Meeting:** 18th September 2025.

**13. Beinn Tharsuinn Fund Applications:** None.

**14. Meeting Closure:** TA thanked everyone for attending.

Meeting concluded at 20:15

*Allan Mcleod Secretary, Kilmuir and Logie Easter Community Council*