



Draft Minutes of Meeting held on 15.01.2026 at the Mercat Centre

Meeting commenced at 19:40

1. Present

Tom Anderson (TA), Sandra Macdonald (SM), Allan McLeod (AM), Ron Ferguson (RF). Member of the public Fiona McLeod (FM).

TA opened the meeting and welcomed everyone, including the member of the public in attendance.

2. Apologies

Rita Fenton, Ryan Barrowman. Highland councillors Maureen Ross, Laura Dundas, and Connie Ramsay.

3. Police Report

TA noted that police reports had been received and circulated via email prior to the meeting. AM advised that the reports generally covered issues such as antisocial behaviour and driving offences, with a slight increase in drug driving offences noted. FM suggested this may be linked to an increase in roadside testing by Police Scotland.

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved, proposed by SM and seconded by AM.

5. Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes

AM to check whether a replacement road sign has been installed at Munro Crescent, Milton. AM to contact the Roads Department regarding ongoing issues at the entrance to Milton village. AM advised that an organised walk-round of the village is planned by The Highland Council and Albyn Housing Association for the end of January.

Winter resilience schemes were discussed, and it was noted that a grit bin has been delivered to the entrance area of Milton Woodlands. Thanks were extended to Councillor Dundas for arranging this.

AM provided a brief summary of the recent Local Place Plan event. TA advised that a consultant would be appointed to gather similar information from neighbouring wards to form a Peninsula-wide Local Place Plan. AM noted that a key benefit of the Local Place Plan is its ability to support future funding applications where developments align with the plan. FM added that it also links closely to community wealth building initiatives, which is a significant benefit for the area.

AM to contact Councillor Dundas regarding bus stop notice boards. SM to contact the Men's Shed regarding a village notice board, with the Scotsburn Road notice board suggested as a possible example.

6. Reports by Highland Councillors

TA noted that, had a councillor been present, an update on the status of the new Tain school campus opening would likely have been provided. FM shared her understanding that primary school pupils are expected to transition into the new school ahead of secondary pupils, partly due to examination timetables, with secondary pupils moving later in the year.

TA noted that a litter bin is missing from the bus stop at Barbaraville and requested that AM raise this issue with the councillors.

7. Financial Accounts

Post-meeting note: RB confirmed account balance by email as £942.23

8. Community Council Issues

AM advised that the main issue facing KALECC remains the lack of members and the need to encourage new participation. FM confirmed that she would like to join the Community Council and be co-opted. FM advised that she is currently a Senior Development Officer with HGIS and highlighted an upcoming event that may be of interest to members, particularly in relation to emergency services, resilience planning, and youth issues. FM to forward details of the event.

AM noted that the Christmas lights now need to be taken down. SM to contact the forklift operator to arrange a suitable time for removal.

9. Planning and Licensing

None. AM to contact Planning regarding land to the south of the A9 junction at Keneil, as it appears that development activity may be taking place on land between the A9 and the railway line.

10. Correspondence

AM advised that there had been various correspondence over the Christmas period, but nothing requiring discussion at the meeting.

11. Any Other Business

AM noted a recurring issue raised during the Local Place Plan event regarding parking on the main loop road through Milton. Numerous vehicles parked along the road are causing visibility issues and forcing large vehicles to drive over grassed areas at the junction. AM to raise these parking concerns with the councillors.

12. Date of Next Meeting

19 February 2026.

13. Beinn Tharsuinn Fund Applications

None.

14. Meeting Closure: TA thanked everyone for attending.

Meeting concluded at 20:15