



Draft Minutes of Meeting held on 19.02.2026 at the Mercat Centre

Meeting commenced at 19:30

1. Present

Tom Anderson (TA), Sandra Macdonald (SM), Allan McLeod (AM), Ron Ferguson (RF) Highland councillor Maureen Ross. Member of the public Marjory Smith, Betty Mahone, David Kendrick and Nicole Kendrick.

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

2. Apologies

Highland councillors Laura Dundas and Connie Ramsay. Rita Fenton, Ryan Barrowman Fiona MacLeod (FM).

3. Police Report

TA noted that regular police reports are received and circulated via email to council members. TA asked if anyone would like to raise any issues with the police. MS raised concerns regarding safety and anti-social behaviour at 14 Woodlands Drive. MS noted that individuals are entering the house without the owners knowledge, there is broken glass, rubbish in the garden and reports of a rat infestation. AM and MR agreed that this had previously been reported to various authorities and these would be raised again. MS noted that the wait time when calling Police Scotland was 25 mins. AM to write to councillors and Police Scotland.

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

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

5. Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes

AM advised that Munro Crescent road sign has not been replaced. AM reported that the damaged road sign at School Road Junction had been repaired. 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 was conducted planned by The Highland Council and Albyn Housing Association for the end of January.

MR noted that the next steps for the Local Place Plan is pending approval of funding application to appoint a consultant to collate information and circulate a consultation.

TA requested an update on missing litter bin from the bus stop at Barbaraville MR to raise query.

SM reported that quote from company from Scotburn Road was obtained and have indicative price from Men's Shed to make a notice board. SM to speak to Milton Store owners to discuss mounting a notice board.

6. Reports by Highland Councillors

MR reported that the walk round the village with Albynn Housing Association had been successful and various works are continuing to address issues around the village. MR reported that several vehicles had been stickered and reported and that several cars and caravans had now moved which is welcomed. Thanks to Highland Councillors for their continued efforts. MR noted that Balnagown Estates had mentioned that there was potential for their staff to assist with clean-up efforts if there were volunteers from the community taking part in a clean up. It was noted that any volunteers should not litter pick at the side of the A9 due to safety concerns. MR noted that The Highland Council team plan to address litter along the A9 and stressed that members of the public should not attempt to clear along the A9. MR noted that council members are currently reviewing budgets and as part of that MR is hoping to see an increase of funding allocation to community councils. MR also reported that there are ongoing efforts to negotiate and increase of Funding from Beinn Tharsuinn funding. RF commented that the current system benefits some community councils more than others and some community councils are very cash rich as a result. TA noted that new wind farms provide additional community funding. MR noted that community councils should continue to demand for more wind farm funding. MR reported that the Resilience meeting was really well attended and that a draft resilience plan template will be issued to community groups for adoption.

7. Financial Accounts

RB provided AM with a report in advance of the meeting that confirmed account balance by email as £917.23 and also that insurance was soon due to be paid.

8. Community Council Issues

TA noted that Fiona Macleod asked to be considered for co-option. AM advised FM could not attend the meeting tonight but will attend future meetings. A vote was held and all agreed the co-option of Fiona Macleod to the community council. AM to make necessary arrangements to formalise co-option.

9. Planning and Licensing

None.

10. Correspondence

AM noted that a new Community Support Officer had contacted all community councils requesting latest AGM minutes, meeting minutes and verified accounts. AM to respond with information.

11. Any Other Business

RF raised concerns regarding road surface at Marybank – Scotburn Road. RF to send photos. AM noted community had expressed desire for a feature at the entrance to the Milton. MR suggested that an application to the ward discretionary fund could be submitted. MR also suggested that a feature could be incorporated into the existing wall and that CRF funding could be applied for when it reopens in May 2026. AM to contact wall owners to discuss wall alteration project. Members of the public raised concerns regarding the external areas around Old Mill Road and also some garden areas. AM to contact councillors to request visit from Housing team.
Post meeting note: AM contacted councillors regarding parking on the Milton Loop Road.

12. Date of Next Meeting

19 March 2026.

13. Beinn Tharsuinn Fund Applications

One application was approved.

14. Meeting Closure: TA thanked everyone for attending.

Meeting concluded at 20:15

Allan Mcleod Secretary, Kilmuir and Logie Easter Community Council