



## **Draft Minutes of Meeting held on 19.03.2026 at the Mercat Centre**

### **Meeting commenced at 19:30**

#### **1. Present**

Tom Anderson (TA), Ron Ferguson (RF), Rita Fenton (RMF), Fiona McLeod (FM), Highland Councillor Connie Ramsay (CR). Allan McLeod (AM),

TA opened the meeting, welcomed everyone and introductions were made

#### **2. Apologies**

Highland councillors Maureen Ross and Laura Dundas, Sandra Macdonald, and Ryan Barrowman.

#### **3. Police Report**

AM tabled the Police Scotland report dated February 2026, noting several recorded offences mainly within the Tain area, including a number of drink driving offences on the A9. AM also highlighted reports of theft from Milton Stores and concerns raised by members of the public regarding antisocial behaviour. A further report of a suspected vehicle theft from the village, later found in Dingwall, was noted. AM to contact Police Scotland to raise these concerns.

#### **4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

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

#### **5. Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes**

Efforts are ongoing to follow up with The Highland Council regarding the missing road sign at Munro Crescent and repairs required at the entrance to Milton, including footpath surfacing, hazardous ironworks, leaf build-up and road sweeping.

AM advised that The Highland Council continues to address areas of fly tipping within the village.

CR suggested contacting Councillor Ross for an update on the Local Place Plan.

TA confirmed that the wall at the entrance to the village has now been repaired and AM has requested removal of the barriers.

An update was requested regarding the property on Woodlands Drive. AM advised that new doors have been installed, which has resolved the immediate issues.

TA noted that the litter bin at Barbaraville remains missing and requested an update from The Highland Council.

No update was available regarding the proposed community noticeboard at the shop. Sandra Macdonald to provide an update.

RF raised the condition of the road surface at Marybank. RF agreed to inspect and report back.

TA noted potential funding from The Highland Council Ward Discretionary Fund for a village entrance feature. CR agreed to forward the relevant application form. FM suggested involving local school children in the design process. TA asked FM to look into primary school consultation regarding welcome sign designs.

## **6. Reports by Highland Councillors**

CR advised that The Highland Council is currently focused on budget discussions, but efforts will be made to follow up with the Roads Department regarding outstanding issues.

CR noted ongoing concerns regarding fire safety at a property on Woodlands Road and is continuing to investigate. Fire safety information and posters were provided to be shared via community channels, encouraging residents to arrange home safety visits with the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

CR confirmed that the new Tain Campus School has been handed over to The Highland Council. Primary pupils are expected to move in after the Easter holidays, with secondary pupils following after exams, allowing a phased transition. It was also noted that the Tain Royal Academy Sports Centre will remain open for five years.

## **7. Financial Accounts**

RB provided AM with a report in advance of the meeting confirming an account balance of **£1,012.23**. (note this figure requires to be confirmed)

It was agreed to proceed with payment of the annual insurance.

The status of accounts submission was discussed. AM to contact RB to ensure submission is completed by the end of March. RMF noted that Janet may have already submitted the accounts, but these may require forwarding to the new Highland Council contact, Calum Goskirk.

RB also confirmed receipt of £120 from the Beinn Tharsuinn Fund for defibrillator pads. RB to contact Marion Macleod to arrange purchase.

## **8. Community Council Issues**

AM raised a request for support from a family seeking to return a relative to Milton from Aness. It was agreed that the appropriate course of action is for the family to contact Highland councillors and their MSP directly to seek assistance.

## **9. Planning and Licensing**

AM noted one planning application within the ward. CR declared an interest. It was agreed that CR could remain present.

The Community Council noted its general support for new housing within designated areas and confirmed that a comment had been submitted to the Planning Officer regarding developer contributions and the need to ensure adequate infrastructure and services.

## **10. Correspondence**

AM noted that routine correspondence had been received during the period, with nothing requiring specific discussion.

TA highlighted an invitation to a Port Authority meeting scheduled for early April.

TA also referenced correspondence from former Highland Councillor Derek Loudon regarding Polnicol Hall. AM summarised that the Hall Management Group is required to transfer the asset to another organisation with similar aims before final accounts can be submitted and the charity wound up. It was noted that there is currently no clear interest from the community in taking on the asset.

### **11. Any Other Business**

FM highlighted the introduction of a £2 bus fare scheme and queried which services were included. CR agreed to confirm which operators are participating. FM noted the positive impact of the scheme, particularly in improving access to employment.

FM also highlighted the Highland Railcard, which offers discounted fares, and wider discussions around limited rural transport options.

General discussion took place regarding the limitations of community transport services and the need for improved connectivity, including potential park and ride facilities near the A9.

RMF noted ongoing issues with parking provision at Kildary.

### **12. Date of Next Meeting**

17 April 2026.

### **13. Beinn Tharsuinn Fund Applications**

None.

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

Meeting concluded at 20:25

#### **Actions**

- **AM** – Contact Police Scotland regarding thefts, antisocial behaviour, and vehicle incident.
- **AM** – Continue to follow up with The Highland Council on Munro Crescent sign, Milton entrance repairs, and Barbaraville litter bin.
- **AM** – Contact Councillor Ross regarding Local Place Plan update.
- **AM** – Contact RB regarding submission of annual accounts.
- **RB** – Arrange purchase of defibrillator pads via Marion Macleod.
- **SM** – Provide update on community noticeboard at Milton Stores.
- **RF** – Inspect and report on road surface at Marybank.
- **CR** – Provide Ward Discretionary Fund application form.
- **CR** – Confirm bus services included in £2 fare scheme.

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