



## Minutes of meeting on the 18.01.24 at 19.30 at Polnicol Hall

Meeting commenced at 19.30

**1. Present** Tom Anderson **TA**, Rita Fenton **RMF**, Beverly Wells **BW**, Allan McLeod **AM**, HCllr Derek Loudon **DL**, HCllr Maureen Ross **MR**. Public: Helen Gardiner, Peter Marshall **PM**, Elizabeth Mahon **EM**, Elizabeth Ross **ER** & Duncan Meechan **DM**.

**TA** welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the meeting and it was good to see new people at the meeting.

**2. Apologies** Sandra MacDonald, Ron Ferguson & HCllr Alasdair Rhind

**3. Police Report** **AM** summarised the police report. **DL** noted that KALECC are the only CC that have received a police report in two years. **MR** suggested a joint letter to Police Scotland from community councils in the area to ensure reports are provided.

**4. Minutes of meeting on 18.02.2024** Minutes approved by 1<sup>st</sup> **RMF**, 2<sup>nd</sup> **BW**

**5. Matters arising from minutes.** **AM** explained that investigations are ongoing to alter the Milton Xmas Tree Lights. **EM** noted that her granddaughter fund raised for the village lights over 20 years ago. **AM** noted that there is an existing footpath at the Tarbat bus stop and that if it was cleared could improve safety. **AM** to visit Invergordon Xmas lights to confirm compatibility with Milton Street light supports.

**6. Reports by Highland Councillors.** **DL** and **MR** explained that there has been a lot of work on the latest budget which is to be released next week. **BW** raised a query regarding the issue of THC mismanagement of payments to ex-council employees. **MR** explained that there is a new Chief Executive at the council Derek Brown and looks forward to working with him.

**7. Annual accounts** Current balance of £1649.92 confirmed by **RMF**

**8. Community Council issues.** **BW** confirmed that facebook engagement had increased by 200% 3 new members totally 67 on the KALECC facebook page. **BW** and **AM** discussed using facebook polling feature to increase engagement and to seek feedback from the community. Zebra crossing at B817 from Station Road was discussed. **DM** explained difficult with access to public facilities as there is no path from Station Road Development across the B817 and the green space. **AM** agreed that there is an issue with access between the new houses and the village and **AM** agreed to highlight areas on a map and issue to **DL**. **EM** noted that there was a serious lack of street lighting at her home at Woodlands Drive. **AM** to include on map. **AM** noted that

The Mercat Centre was having issues with street lighting but **DL** suggested that unfortunately THC could not assist. **BW** was to report the holes in the stone wall. **TA** confirmed that issues with street lighting timings in Barbaraville has been resolved. **BW** queries funding applications and it was agreed that community councils can assist but that organisations would need to apply for funding. **BW** asked if the group had any questions for the upcoming PoCF meeting. **BW** explained issued with noise compliants and **TA** advised that in European countries noise issues were mitigated by onshore power which also reduced pollution at ports. **BW** explained that there are noise regulations that should be adhered to. **DL** noted that potholes adjacent to Mackays Steelwork Delny had been infilled but has already lifted. **AM** noted that a hole in the stone wall at entrance to Milton Village had formed which had possibly been eroded over time, **DM** suggested that recent telecom works in the area could have contributed to the damage to the wall, **AM** to report the hole in the wall to Building Standards. **AM** noted that **DL** had kindly sourced a response from head of planning on developer contributions. **AM** agreed to contact the school to ensure that any needs are raised with Highland Councillors. **HG** queries the arrangements for school children getting the bus to Tain and **DL** explained that there is free bus travel for under 22 year olds. **DL** advised that the Gritting equipment offer is to stop due to issues with insurances and liabilities etc.

**9. Planning and Licensing.** Planning applications were discussed, and it was agreed no action was required.

**10. Mental Health and wellbeing** **AM** awaiting a response from Helen Ross with respect to mental health and wellbeing.

**11. Correspondence.**

**12. AOB.** **EM** queried when The Highland Council will get round to replace coal fires in council houses as cost of coal is £35 per bag with a minimum two bag order which is expensive and difficult to heat homes. **BW** agreed to assist with contacting Home Energy Scotland.

**13. Date of next meeting.** 21.03.24 at 19.30 at Mercat Centre.

**14. Beinn Tharsuinn.**

**TA** thanked everyone for their attendance and time.

Meeting concluded 20.45

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