



Minutes of ordinary meeting on the 19 January 2023 via zoom

Meeting commences at 19.36

1. Present Tom Anderson **TA** (chair), Marion Macleod **MM** (secretary), HClIr Derek Loudon, **DL**, Angie Cox **AC** (Minutes secretary) Ron Ferguson **RF** (Vice Chair), Rita Fenton (Treasurer) **RMF** CC. Sandra MacDonald **SM** CC, Allan McLeod **AM** CC

Public in attendance. none

2. Apologies None

3. Police report. MM has sent emails and had a response, but no report sent. **MM** to follow up. **TA** informed CC's that the green Volvo reported to police has finally been removed from Barbaraville

4. Minutes of ordinary meeting held 15.10.22 Minutes approved by 1st **AM**, 2nd **RMF**

5. Matters arising from the minutes, Playpark equipment has been ordered and is expected to arrive sometime in the spring. **AM** to follow up to ensure the site is ready for installation and that drainage is resolved on MUGA site. Milton has been gritted, including paths. Dept Chief Executive, Kate Lackie, has been appointed interim Chief Executive Officer until the recruitment process is completed. AD plant, at Fearn, is not on the list for the next planning committee meeting. KALECC's objection to the plant have been received and noted by HC.

6. Reports by Highland councillors, Still working on the budget but the amount of money needed to be found has increased. They are looking at finding savings, finding ways to generate income, and the potential use of reserves built up. This is made more difficult because the teachers' pay dispute continues and until the added cost involved in this is known, they cannot finalise the budget. Scottish government have announced their settlement. The Capital budget is under immense pressure due to inflation and the increased costs, with some contracts likely to increase significantly in price. This leaves them with 2 options, remove some projects or stretch projects out over a longer period. Roads are an ongoing expense and concern given the state of many roads in THC area. Council meeting is being held on 2 March 2023 and there is no cap on the increase on Council Tax that HC could apply.

7. Annual accounts There is currently £6185.23 in the KALECC account of which £5000 is funding received by **AM** for Playparks and the tennis group also have £139.15 in the KALECC account.

8. Community Council issues. More info is to be sent to KALECC about the Local Place Plans. It is an ongoing process and HClIr **DL** has met the person in charge of this and has

encouraged them to keep in touch with Community Councils, with information and progress updates. The Cromarty Firth and Inverness Ports have been awarded Green Freeport status. It is hoped that this will generate twenty-five thousand permanent jobs in the area. This will be achieved by sourcing and manufacturing the goods needed here, rather than importing them. The port will not be a container port but provide storage for wind turbines and a green hydrogen plant, with no Co2 emissions, as opposed to a blue hydrogen plan proposed by Peterhead. **TA** asked how the HC are going to be involved in the operating structure? HCllr DL said it took the English Ports 2 years to finalise an operational structure plan and that HC will be involved in discussions, with the aim being that the benefits are spread fairly among the communities.

9. Planning and Licensing, Strathroy Windfarm - Appeal has been received by Scottish ministers. Felling licence application for Burgie Lodge, Ref Number 22/00054/REFRC any objections or comments to be made by beginning of February. **CCs** to let **MM** know if they have any comments to make.

10. Mental Health and wellbeing. AC to ask Helen Ross if any Partnership meetings are due to start

11. Correspondence. None this month, it has been very quiet over Christmas and New year.

12. AOB. Nothing this month

13. Date of next meeting 16 February 2023 at 19.30 at Polnicol Hall.

14. Beinn Tharsuinn nothing this month

TA thanked everyone for their time and attendance, especially to HCllr **DL** for organising a meeting over ZOOM at such short notice, due to the weather.

Meeting concluded 20.15

Angie Cox Minutes Secretary, Kilmuir and Logie Easter Community Council

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