



Minutes of Meeting, via zoom, on the 19th November 2020 at 7.30

1. Present Tom Anderson **TA** (chair) Marion Macleod **MM** (secretary), HCllr Derek Loudon, Isabell McLaughlan **IM** CC, Angie Cox **AC**(Minutes secretary) Ron Ferguson **RF** CC, Rita Fenton(Treasurer) **RMF** CC.

2. Apologies HCllr Fiona Robertson, Sandra MacDonald (Vice Chair) CC, Dave Macrae Tain & District Development Trust

3. Police report. Apologies given for nonattendance due to shift cover. The Police had no call outs in our CC area since our last meeting. They continue to have regular patrols in the area.

4. Minutes of ordinary meeting held 15.10.20 Minutes approved by 1st **RFM** , 2nd **RF**

5. Matters arising from minutes Item 5, The new ward boundary proposal has been received and circulated to CC members. Item 6, No further information on how much money has been put aside for spending on the roads this Winter. Item 14, Barbaraville Improvement group, **RMF** to follow up application

6. Reports by Highland Councillors.

DL confirmed the meeting for next year's budget is to take place soon. HC is £8 Million in deficit, but HCllr **DL** said figure would have been less if there had been no lockdown due to Covid 19.

The Development Trust has taken the decision to cancel the Christmas market, usually held in the Rose Garden in Tain, due to Covid 19. There are plans for an online version.

Milton Primary School Council had a meeting which **DL** was invited to for the first time; he is hoping to make these meeting regularly. There are plans to increase the school library. The School council hope to raise money for this and hopefully some funds from the ward budget can be found too.

Christmas lights, **MM** did not have a reply from THC yet regarding funding. There has been an increase in the charge by THC to put up the lights in Milton, from approx. £430 to £500. The reason given was because employees are required to travel in separate vehicles due to Covid restrictions. **MM** and HCllr **DL** to follow up. CC's were disappointed at the increase in cost.

Fly tipping in the entrance to the woodland in Milton. **MM** and HCllr **DL** to follow up.

KALECC thanked HCllr **DL** for his time. HCllr **DL** left the meeting.

7. Annual accounts there is currently £1333.09 in the account.

8. Community Council issues. Margaret Davidson has distributed a letter concerning the new Ward Boundary proposal. CC's have unanimously agreed that they are happy to keep the ward as it is. The current boundary works for us and it makes no sense to move. **MM** is going to resend information to CC's as it appears some CCs did not receive the information. Discussion on new ward boundary is to be added to the agenda for January meeting to give a formal answer from KALECC.

Letter received about the tourism and infrastructure plan from The Tourism Committee at Highland Council. Was decided by CC's as not relevant.

Lighting is being obscured by trees on the path at the back of the pub and pathway next to the school. **MM** and **AC** to follow up.

Cost of Zoom to be discussed. **RMF** and **MM** to follow up.

9. Planning and Licensing Objection for the removal of the 7.5-ton weight restriction on the proposed Delny Railway bridge has been withdrawn by KALECC as THC have confirmed that the weight limit is to stay in place. The new bridge has been designed to take larger vehicles to enable Agricultural vehicles to use the bridge (as they are exempt from this weight limit). KALECC would like to thank **MM** for the clarification on this.

Strathroy Wind Farm Round Table Meeting

Feedback from Strathroy Wind Farm meeting was given by **MM** and **RF**. Wind Farm benefits to Community Councils could be £5000 MW per Annum. Management have been asked to clarify if this would be indexed linked before a final decision is made. Those who attended the meeting agreed to the 8 CCs who would benefit – Ardross (Host CC), Ardgay, Edderton, KALE, Invergordon, Alness, Kiltearn and Strathpeffer. Ardross felt as the host CC they are entitled to the biggest % of benefit, with a figure of 40% mentioned during meeting. **RF & MM** both felt this was a disproportionate amount given the population and thought the benefits could be better spread between all the Community Councils. **RF** has drawn up a spreadsheet based on 1) distance and 2) population of each Community Council to show a possible % share of the benefits for each CC. CCs agreed a logical subdivision of money based on population and how far away communities are from wind farm seems a fairer approach. HCllr **DL** who also attended the round table meeting felt that KALECC who have communities who are classed as areas of multiple deprivation could put the additional money to good use. **RF** to produce a short report to be distributed to the other CCs affected. CCs thanked **RF** for his time on this

Community part ownership of the Strathroy Wind Farm. CC's decided it would be beneficial to get professional advice on this if planning permission is granted, prior to any additional talks on part ownership. **MM** to ask for guidance from Helen Ross as to how to proceed.

10. Mental Health and wellbeing. **AC** expressed concern over the length of process to get care upgrades, enhancements to the elderly in the area. Recommendations, from professionals, are taking too long and some people are left feeling isolated and alone. Some residents are house bound, and this is affecting their mental health greatly. It would be great to get better access to elderly residents from volunteer groups? once covid 19 restrictions are lifted.

11. Correspondence. Spirit of the Highlands- call for stories. No Volunteers to take part on the assessment panel for our ward area. **MM** to respond

12. AOB. Next meeting to be help by the Port Athority is being held next week. **TA** and **RMF** to attend. Information from last meeting given by **TA**: A crane was moved from Invergordon

to Nigg yard due to a weight problem. Concern was raised to the balance of jobs and the environmental impact on the local area, from increased expansion of both the Invergordon and Nigg sites. Any planning consent is given from the Scottish government. **AC** said there is more light pollution from the site, probably won't be reduced because of health and safety?

13.Date of next meeting January 21st at 7.30.

14. Beinn Tharsuinn nothing this month

Meeting concluded 8.40

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