



Minutes of meeting held at Mercat centre on the 19.10.2017 at 7.30

1. Present Tom Anderson (chair) Sandra MacDonald (vice chair) Rita M Fenton (Treasurer) Marion MacLeod (secretary) HCllr Fiona Robertson, Angie Cox (Minutes secretary) HCllr Derek Loudon, Andrew Newdick CC Isabell McLaughlan CC Ron Ferguson CC

Public in attendance, Elizabeth Ross, Alistair Fenton, Marie Robb, Charles Robb, Hilary Andexer, David Chambers, Colin Graham, Liz Whiteford, Alan Whiteford, K Williams, G Williams

2. Apologies HCllr Alisdair Rhind

3. Police report, none in attendance. On 9.10.17 a report was received of a man sleeping rough in the grounds of Milton school and Mercat centre. Areas were checked by police but found nothing. 1x person caught speeding at 98mph on A9 by Kildary, 3 drivers charged with vehicle defects and one driver charged with no MOT. Vehicles in the area have been reported to police with no road tax. There is a website for people to trace vehicles themselves and the site offers the opportunity to report that directly to DVLA. Police would prefer residents to report vehicles on line. The DVLA have more powers and information regarding vehicle ownership, than the police, to deal with these matters.

4. Minutes of meeting held at Mercat Centre 15.June.2017 Minutes approved by SM (Vice chair), seconded MM (Secretary).

5. Matters arising from the minutes. TEC's (Gary Urquhart) and amenities officer Ingrid Jamieson) email addresses were circulated to CC's. Caravans and abandoned car/van issues ongoing. Each area has its own problems removing unwanted vehicles, maybe law needs to be changed? Because at present it is costly and ineffective. The unsecure van is a real hazard for children. HCllr FR, HCllr DL and MM to follow up. Planning regarding Alder cottage has been resolved. Shandwick planning will be covered in item 9 on this month's agenda. Item 10) correspondence, Land still needs to be cleared.

6. Reports by Highland Councillors TRA are holding a stake holders meeting on 24.10.17. Report of this will be given at next month's meeting. A Welfare support team will be visiting the Mercat centre on Thursday 26.10.17, between 10am and 1pm. The team can help with travel concessions, pension credit and benefit entitlements etc. (There is a tea and coffee morning running alongside this event in

the Mercat centre, please see Chatterbox leaflet for more details) Gary Urquhart and HCllr FR are looking at resurfacing parts of the road in Old Milton, Meddat bridge approaches and junction by A9 needs clearing of debris and maybe new signage to prevent more accidents? Repeater signs and road conditions in parts of Kildary will be addressed too. Area Committee meeting on 31.10.17 10.30 a.m. Members of the public can attend meeting at Dingwall council offices, but can't take part. The meeting is to discuss how Ross and Cromarty area committee can be made much more local at community council levels. Trying to engage local people on how money is spent and prioritised. For more information please follow:
https://www.highland.gov.uk/info/20003/committee_information/674/ross_and_cromarty_committee

7. Financial accounts, there is £1710.00 net in the bank. Money was spent on hall rental and printer ink.

8. Community council issues, Co-opt new member. Review of polling districts and stations. Concerns were raised of moving polling from Mercat centre to Milton school. Mercat would lose revenue and the school may not have the correct disability access? Each appeal will be looked at separately. School inset days will fall on polling days so no extra teaching time to pupils will be lost. Larger resurfacing, for roads in our area, is not happening, only small designated areas and pothole filling is all that can be afforded at the moment.

9. Planning and licensing issues Application for new dwelling, the Glebe Shandwick. Points of view were raised by member of public about historic planning and future cluster development of proposed site. Some other concerns were raised about height and access. Members of the public were asked to leave before CC's were asked to vote on planning. CC's, decided the objection to historic planning and cluster development were not relevant as advised by Planning Officer and Chair as they could only decide on the planning application as it appeared before them. Agreed to respond positively on the application with request that issues regarding access road where considered by Planning Committee. KALECC would like to thank the residents for their time.

10. Correspondence. Report by RMF CC on her attendance at Port authority meeting was well presented. Included in her report was the installation of muscle beds in the firth, tenants are responsible for the health and safety of their staff. This has arisen after the death of a worker at the site. The port authority expressed their concerns and offered any help they can, to their tenants, to ensure this doesn't happen again. Annual public meeting is on 23.11.17 at football stadium, 7pm start.

11. AOB men's shed gave an update on how things are going at the woodland cabins. All are welcome to attend their meetings on Wednesday mornings. They have a stall at the coffee morning, Mercat centre 26.10.17 KALECC thanked them for their time. Questions about whether or not some street lighting could be switched off near Milton and lights at Nigg? May save councils some money if lights are switched off after peak times and improve visibility for northern lights etc.

12. Date of next meeting 16.11.2017 at Polnicol hall, 7.30 start. Everyone welcome.

13. **Beinn Tharsuin** £250 for Christmas parties voted unanimously by CC.

Charles Robb adopted to be new KALECC CC.

Angie Cox Minutes Secretary, Kilmuir and Logie Easter Community Council

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