



### **Minutes of ordinary meeting held at Mercat center on the 21 June 2018 at 7.30**

**1. Present** Tom Anderson **TA**(chair) Marion Macleod **MM**(secretary), Sandra MacDonald **SM**(vice Chair) HCllr Derek Loudon, Isabell McLaughlan **IM** CC, Andrew Newdick **AN** CC, Angie Cox **AC**(Minutes secretary) Ron Ferguson **RF** CC, HCllr Fiona Robertson **FR**

**Public in attendance**, Elizabeth Ross, David Chambers, Colin Graham

**2. Apologies** Rita Fenton **RMF**,(Treasurer), Alistair Fenton

**3. Police report.** Police not in attendance and no report sent to **MM**

**4. Minutes of ordinary meeting held 15.06.18** Minutes approved by 1<sup>st</sup> **IM** , 2<sup>nd</sup> **AN**

**5. Matters arising from minutes** 4.3) no change (illegal parking in Drovers way) Grass cutting is still ongoing, there are two contractors in Milton for this. 4.6) Tain 3-18 campus, update in **6.** by HCllr **FR**. 4.8) No change in fire and rescue. 4.9) **TA** gave a quick update on exploration/foundation digging for new bridge. CC's raised concern about fallow land between bridge and road and that it may be used by travellers once work was completed. 7ton weight limit/restriction needs to stay in place, CC's worried about HGV drivers using new road/bridge as a rat run. **DL** to follow up. 4.10) is ongoing. Some work has been attempted but result was poor. Exactly the same response as pothole repair work. The pot holes in Milton are very bad. 4.11) David Chambers from the Men's shed gave an update of how things are progressing in the woodland cabins. Photos were handed around those in attendance. Two other groups are also using cabins. Security and access have been updated and improved. Turbine in river has been cleaned out and working effectively. Funding is needed for more projects/maintenance. This is being hampered by lack of ownership. David asked CC's if Woodlands trust can be re-instated and the land be gifted back to the community from the crown? Until land ownership has been resolved it is hard to make progress. The Men's shed are expecting a visit from the Port Authority to do a photo shoot in regards to funding they have received. **AN** asked about rented 11 acres of woodland from Meddat. **SM** asked about public access. **AC** confirmed that because MCWT was now defunct the land was now converted back from rented land to Meddat. The planted area is to be maintained as it is and incorporated into the overall plan of woodland management that Meddat has in place. Access and enjoyment of the woodlands is not affected by the legal boundary change to the public. J and A Cox, of Meddat Farm are aware of all the hard work the community has put into the 11 acres and will continue to ensure it stays as it is.

**6. Reports by Highland Councillors.** **DL** expressed his concern over the potholes in Milton, saying they are the worst in the Highlands. **DL** went on to say that he feels very let down by the lack of response from relevant departments to fix this and other problems, despite constant reminders from himself and CC's. **DL** said he has been made to look like a

liar because he says he follows up complaints and that they will be resolved, only to be ignored. William Gilfilliam from HC is going to meet with **DL** and **FR** to look at potholes in Milton. **TA** suggested a coverage by a local newspaper maybe effective in getting something done. **FR** gave an update on Tain 3-18 campus. The two sites have been approved and there will be a formal consultation, this ends in Sept. Info can be found on KALECC website and leaflets can be found in public places throughout the ward (Ken's garage, Milton stores etc), Leaflet was produced by Wendy from Tain academy parent council. The proposed final chosen site will be made in November. Funding needs to be sought as there is no money for this. Scottish futures trust has a list criteria for funding and Tain 3-18 would fit in nicely with this. HUB investors and money from private sectors is also a possible source of funding. There is a short/limited timescale to get funding. Craighill school has a category C band but realistically it should be in D band. It is the worse school in the highlands and is unrepairable. **AC** also gave info from 3-18 Stakeholder group meeting about opposition for Tain library to be moved to new campus site. Comparisons of Dingwal library were given and that the Tain library was also in a bad state of disrepair and not big enough/fit for purpose. Tain Library cannot stay in the centre if it is to continue operating. Carparking charges. Local Councillors are going to object to the scheme which is hoped will bring in revenue to the local area. Easter Ross doesn't have the high volume of tourists that the Cairngorms or Inverness have and this would just be another "hit" on local people's pockets. Concerns were raised by the already struggling high street. People will shop in the free supermarket carparks. How would the parking fee be managed, traffic wardens and penalties for not meeting expected revenue targets? HC have a meeting on this on Thursday next week.

KALECC thanked the HCllr's for their time.

**7. Annual accounts** Finance report and auditors account handed out to those present. Current balance not given as **RMF** is on holiday and end of year accounts are not relevant.

#### **8. Community Council issues.**

- 3-18 campus (already covered)
- Small community housing, job vacancy. No takers! Info to be added to website.
- P&J reporter, CC council visits. Suzie Maculay is a reporter and wanted permission to attend meetings. CC's said meetings were open to the public but not held in July which is when SM wanted to attend. **MM** to follow up (meetings dates are on website)
- Community pay back plastic clean up. This is a national litter clear up exercise done by those on community service. This will take place 9<sup>th</sup>- 15<sup>th</sup> July. CC's asked to identify possible areas that could tidied up. The ditch behind the old mill was put forward, it is full of plastic bottles etc. **MM** to follow up.

**9. Planning and Licensing** nothing this month

**10. Correspondence.** Letter of thanks from Invergordon Junior football club.

**11. AC** raised concern over Hogweed growing on RSPB land at Tarbat. Every effort is being made by the waterboard and Meddat to spray and eradicate the pernicious weed around Milton and Tarbat. RSPB have been contacted previously by J Cox only to be told, by RSPB, that it didn't need doing/spraying. A member of the public has also expressed their concern. **MM, FR** and **DL** follow up. **SM** said branches near the pub were overhanging the footpath, hitting and obscuring the street lighting. **SM,FR,DL** to follow up once exact location has been identified.

**12. Date of next meeting** 20<sup>th</sup> Sept 2019 7.30 at Polnicol hall everyone welcome.

**13. Beinn Tharsuinn** nothing this month

Meeting concluded 8.40

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