

Minutes of ordinary meeting at Polnicol Hall on the 29 September 2022 at 7.30.

Meeting commences at 19.31

1.Present Tom Anderson **TA** (chair), Marion Macleod **MM** (secretary), HCllr Derek Louden, **DL**, HCllr Alistair Rhind, **AR** Angie Cox **AC** (Minutes secretary) Allan McLeod **AM** CC

Public in attendance Elizabeth Ross, Julian Cox

- **2. Apologies** Ron Ferguson **RF** CC, Rita Fenton **RMF**(Treasurer), Sandra MacDonald **SM HCIIr** Sarah Rawlings **SR**
- 3. Police report. Apologies given for nonattendance. Report sent to MM, as detailed

High-Viz mobile and foot patrols carried out in the area along with positive engagement with partners and members of the community. Particular attention is being paid in relation to reports of Anti-Social Behaviour. Several persons charged for a variety of Road Traffic Offences as a result of pro-active policing on our roads. Operation Cedar initiative continues to educate, detect, and reduce road traffic fatalities.

During the period 23/08/2022-23/09/2022 police have received 33 calls from the Kilmuir and Logie area with the following crimes recorded:

- DISORDER/ASSAULT: 2
- VANDALISM: 4
- DRUG OFFENCES: 3
- DOMESTIC OFFENCES: 0
- THEFT/THEFT BY SHOPLIFTING/FRAUD: 0
- ROAD TRAFFIC INCIDENTS: 1

PC Crichton also noted concerns about the danger's children and young members of our community face online. Children can become the victims of abuse on the internet. This can happen through social networking sites and apps such as Facebook, Snapchat, Instagram, and online games. He provided additional information and resources on this subject which were circulated to others.

- **4. Minutes of ordinary meeting, via zoom, held 16.06.22** Minutes approved by 1st **AM**, 2nd **MM**
- **5. Matters arising from minutes** Bottle bank access for lorries has been resolved. Play parks to be covered in item 8. MM has received no further update from the Strathroy wind farm. The email link for reporting crimes has been added to the KALECC website by **RF**
- **6. Reports by Highland Councillors.** HCllr **DL** has confirmed that the ground works for the TRA 3-18 campus has commenced. HCllr **DL** also wanted to convey just how hard Fiona

Robertson had worked on the TRA campus project. The next year's budget figures have been received and with rising cost it is likely that there will be many cutbacks, which is very worrying. Some savings can hopefully be made with measures such as reducing staff numbers by not replacing those that leave. An alternative to lower the cost of running council buildings could be to install hydro, wind, or solar power. There is money kept in a reserve bank account, but it won't be enough t. HCllr **AR** is in agreement with the above.

- 7. Annual accounts there is currently £1315,03 in the accounts.
- **8. Community Council issues.** Play parks, **AM** gave an update on progress. The drains at the MUGA were blocked and only needed clearing and repairing which has saved a huge expense in getting new drains installed. This means more money can be spent on the removal of the old, existing equipment and the installation of new equipment. **AM** was concerned at the large bill given for drainage and said he was worried about other people/charities possibly being over charged by construction companies. Quotes for new play equipment are to be considered. KALECC and John MacKay are to be kept informed of costings etc. KALECC thanked **AM** for his time on this. A new hydrogen facility at Arbikie distillery has got planning, (no objections from KALECC)
- **9. Planning and Licensing**, planning for four holiday let cottages received no objections from CC's
- **10. Mental Health and wellbeing.** Nothing to report this month.
- 11. Correspondence. None
- 12. AOB. Julian Cox, from Meddat Farm, has expressed concern over the growing lack of respect and responsible access on his fields at Milton and Tarbat. The latest incident was someone playing golf in a field of freshly planted and growing oilseed rape. Damage has been caused by vehicles being driven over stubble fields and planted crops and people walking and cycling on planted field margins. Fences have been cut or weighted down to provide access to fields. There is no public access in fields where crops or planted margins are grown. Julian would like to remind the public to please stick to core footpaths and the outside of the field margins at all times when crops are growing. There is no access to private tracks or fields in a motor vehicle, except mobility scooters- but alternative routes should be taken if damage to the ground occurs. Children have been breaking straw bales, climbing stacks, and setting fire to straw-in Autumn 2021 the damage was over £500. Dogs need to be kept under close control to stop incidents of sheep worrying or the disruption of ground nesting birds. More information on responsible access can be found online https://www.outdooraccess-scotland.scot. HCllr AR said this was a problem in every ward and that there is very little policing of this kind of anti-social behaviour. HCIIrs to contact footpath co-ordinater Phil Waite to discuss. KALECC received concerns of antisocial behaviour in Milton. Police have been conducting more patrols and it seems to be having the desired effect. 30 mph signs heading North of Milton are being obscured by greenery and there are broken road signs at Barbaraville. MM to follow up
- **13.Date of next meeting** 20th October at Polnicol hall, at 17.30, members of the public welcome.
- **14. Beinn Tharsuinn**. **RMF** sent a balance sheet of Windfarm funding distribution to **TA**, which was passed around to CC's.
- **DL** and **AR** left the meeting at 20.15.

Application by Kilmuir and Logie Easter Action and development group agreed.

KALECC thanked everyone for their attendance and time.

Meeting concluded 20.20

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