

THURSO COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of meeting held on the 25th May 2010 in the Caithness Horizons
Thurso

1. Sederunt Mr. R. Macleod, Mr. R. Earnshaw, Mrs. J. Lipa,
Mr. D. Smith, Mr. G. Ross, Mr. I. Wright, Mr. B Beaton
Mr. C.B. Johnston, Mrs. E. Husband,
Mrs. G. Arrowsmith, Mr. A.C. Christie,
Mr. R. MacCallum.

Highland Council

Cllr. M. Thurso, Cllr. J. Rosie, Cllr. D. MacKay
Mr. R. Mackintosh Assistant Ward Manager.

Member of Local Groups

Mr. M.M. Potts, Mrs. H. Allan, Mr. S Macleod.

Northern Constabulary

Acting Inspector Angus MacInnes

Press Mr. I. Grant

In the Chair , Mr. R. Earnshaw.

2. Apologies Chief Inspector Mathew Reiss

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the meeting. He then invited Acting Inspector Angus MacInnes to give his report.

3. Northern Constabulary

Acting Inspector MacInnes gave apologies from Chief Inspector Reiss who was unable to attend our last meeting. It appears Deputy Chief Constable Garry Sutherland is on light duties due to illness and has been unable to meet with us at present.

He also informed members :-

a) The main objective at present had been the ongoing search for the missing Thurso man.

b) Road Safety Initiative – Special cameras had filmed around 2,000 cars checking registration.

- c) Vandalism was still ongoing especially at Mill Theatre and Youth Club.
- d) Boy racers now speeding in Orlig Street. One car has been pounded and released to owner per the set Government rules.
- e) Questions by members were put to Acting Inspector MacInnes on the new drinking in public laws which were answered.

Acting Inspector MacInness offered to take any member out on a routine Saturday night, however no one accepted the offer.

Parking of Coaches at the Royal Hotel- Complaint by member of several coaches being parked for unloading at peak evening hours outside the hotel in Traill Street causing back up of vehicles.
Letter to be sent ro Manager.

Thurso Riverside speed bumps- discussion took place regarding complaints from motorists. It was decided to review the matter next year.

The Chairman thanked Acting Inspector MacInnes who then left the meeting.

4. Chairman's Remarks

The Chairman reported on the meeting with TESCO. It is understood Clearance and demolition at the site will start soon. Construction should start in August and completion in February/ March of 2011. Despite the negative reports in the press,. Thurso Community Council does not object to the new TESCO store being built at the Thurso Mart. During the ASDA Consultation and Enquiry it was stated the site at Thurso Mart was not suitable for any supermarket due to traffic congestion.

5. Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were read out and were approved by Mr. R. Macleod and seconded by Mr. B. Beaton.

6. Matters Arising

Orlig Street Gullies - Letter to be sent to Scotland Transerv to have blocked gullies cleared.

NHS Consultation on Changing Community Care- letter to be sent.

Age Scotland – Mr. I. Wright and Mr. B. Beaton to attend next Meeting.

7. Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005
Request from Pentland Hotel, Princes Street, Thurso to vary on-sale hours. No objection.
8. Planning No consultation on any planning matters.
9. Community Works
The Community Works Officer reported on various matters in the town.
10. Caithness Care Forum -
Mr. G. Ross reported on the meeting he attended.
11. Caithness Transport Forum
No attendance
12. NHS – Consultation on Dunbar Hospital Representative awaiting date of meeting .
13. Highland Council. Discussion regarding budget cuts were discussed with the three Councillors in attendance.
14. Thurso in Bloom
Hanging baskets to be installed in town beginning July.
15. Thurso Rotary Club- Ground now broken at Millbank play area.
16. Garden Competition in Thurso – Secretary to prepare notices and application forms. Notices to be posted and applications forms to be obtained at the Service Point. Thurso Horticultural Society to assist.
17. Thurso Town Improvements
Gala plans now in hand
Youth Shelter at Beach Road- Donation of £100 to be made.
M.O.D. The Group are involved in the preparations.
18. Ormlie Community Association- Projects proceeding.

19. Thurso Development Plan

Letters sent out with copy of plan to prospective stakeholders. Three replies received supporting the plan to date.

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1. Future of Highland Libraries - Letter of support to be sent.
2. Caithness Horizons Funding Free Family Living History days
Cheque for £100 to be sent.
3. Dorlag date of AGM noted.
4. Highland Core Path Improvement Scheme- Meeting to be held
with Thurso Rotary member re funding towards remainder of
Victoria Walk.
5. Chamber of Commerce Meeting – Representative to attend.

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Review for Community Councils - Meeting to be held for elected members
at Thurso Service Point on Wednesday 2nd June at 10.30 am.

22 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING – DUE TO JOINT WARD FORUM
MEETING BEING HELD ON THE 29TH JUNE IN THE PARK HOTEL
OUR NEXT MEETING WITH BE HELD IN CAITHNESS HORIZONS
ON MONDAY JULY 5TH AT 7PM**

J.R. Lipa
Secretary

