

The Highland Council

Minutes of Meeting of the **Nairnshire Committee** held in the Chamber, The Court House, High Street, Nairn on 21 March 2023 at 9.30 am

Present:

Mr L Fraser
Mr M Green

Ms B Jarvie
Mr P Oldham

In attendance:

Mr P Nevin, Executive Chief Officer, Performance and Governance
Mr L Hannah, Ward Manager, Nairn and Badenoch and Strathspey
Mr R Porteous, Roads Operations Manager
Mr S Manning, Principal Traffic Officer
Ms F MacBain, Senior Committee Officer, Democratic Services
Ms R Ross, Committee Officer, Democratic Services.

An asterisk in the margin denotes a recommendation to the Council. All decisions with no marking in the margin are delegated to the Committee.

Mr M Green in the Chair

Business

1. **Apologies for Absence** **Leisgeulan**

There were no apologies for absence.

2. **Declarations of Interest** **Foillseachaidhean Com-pàirt**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

3. **Nairn Common Good Fund – Invitation to Pay Parking Scheme** **Maoin Math Coitcheann Inbhir Narann – Cuireadh Sgeama Paracaidh a Phàigheadh**

There had been circulated Report No NC/07/23 by Executive Chief Officer Infrastructure, Environment and Economy.

During the discussion the following main points were raised:-

- information was sought and provided on the fee paid to the parking meter manufacturer and what was covered by it;
- the need for enforcement officers in Nairn was queried but this would have to be addressed as part of a wider traffic review; and
- assurance was sought and provided that an alternation had been made to the permit holder only signage at the harbour to make it less restrictive, i.e. the 'only' had been hidden

The Committee **AGREED** that £4,076.21 costs incurred by the Council's Parking Enforcement Team to operate the invitation to pay parking scheme at the three Nairn Common Good sites was charged against the Nairn Common Good Fund.

**4. Nairn Area Roads – Proposed Deletion from the list of Public Roads – U2218
McDermotts Road, Ardersier
Rathaidean Sgìre Inbhir Narann – Dubhadh às ga Mholadh bho liosta nan
Rathaidean Poblach – U2218 Rathad MhicDiarmaid, Àird nan Saor**

There had been circulated Report No NC/08/23 by the Executive Chief Officer Infrastructure, Environment and Economy.

During the discussion the following main points were raised:-

- it was queried whether this proposal would also be discussed with local Members for Culloden and Ardersier, as the road impacted on their area.
- concerns were raised over the possibility of the ownership of the land beneath the road changing hands, and legal advice on the implications of this should be sought, including on the process for the possible re-adoption of the road by the Council;
- the importance of the road continuing to be accessible to pedestrians as well as vehicles was emphasised;
- concern was expressed over the possible installation of speed bumps on the road; and
- it was queried whether the declassification of this road would have any effects on the dualing of the A96 and any possible new junction or roundabout. The planning process for any major road alternations was summarised.

The Committee **AGREED**:-

- to defer the decision to the next meeting of the Committee in order to seek legal advice on whether the council could preserve free public access for pedestrians and vehicles over the road and also ensure it was kept in good repair once it had be de-listed from the public roads network; and
- that the Area Roads Team would consult with the Members of Ward 17, Culloden & Ardersier, on the proposals contained in this report.

The meeting concluded at 10.30am.