

HELDON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 11th April 2017 at Miltonduff Hall

Chairman	Mr J Mountford	
Vice Chairman	Mr S Masson – Alves (apologies)	
Treasurer	Mrs L Smailes – Pluscarden	
Secretary	Mrs S Richards	
	Mrs D Kelly - Alves	Mrs A Masson -Alves
	Mr G. Mackessack-Leitch - Alves	Mr J Smith -Birnie
	Mrs Mary Evans -Duffus	Mr W Duncan -Fogwatt
	Mr K Milne -Miltonduff	
	Cllr. A Wright	Cllr D Slater
Visitors	Mr James Mackessack-Leitch	Force 9 representatives
Apologies	Mrs S Hodder -Pluscarden	Mr C Souter -Miltonduff
	Mr N Sutherland -Dallas	Mr P Austin -Duffus
	Cllr. D Ross	

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the meeting.

The meeting started with a broad overview of the proposed Clash Gour windfarm from the representatives of Force 9. This information was included in the public exhibitions that have been run for the potentially affected communities. Various issues were discussed, with a particular emphasis on a possible Memorandum of Understanding which would have to be agreed with all of the communities involved. Jim thanked the visitors for their time and they left the meeting.

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Approved: Mrs D Kelly

Seconded: Mrs M Evans

1.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTE

- 1.1 Visit from Force 9 re Clash Gour Windfarm – it was agreed that more information was needed before meaningful consultations with the local communities can occur
- 1.2 Visitor from Forres Area CT – James will chase the contact & arrange with Sue for next meeting
- 1.3 Dog fouling at Millbuies - Community Warden has visited.
- 1.4 Proposals for Housing in the Countryside -Letter to be sent by Sue
- 1.5 Berry Burn AGM -next AGM in Jan 2018 – this was noted
- 1.6 Barriers around derelict building Dallas – the barriers have been removed
- 1.7 Broadband contact details for Sally – Sue has sent various details
- 1.8 Arrange Finance meeting (add discussion of Community Benefit proposals to agenda for this meeting). A proposal is pending from Miltonduff. It was agreed to postpone a Finance meeting until all applications have been received and until after the next round of funding has been received for Rothes 1

2.0 CORRESPONDENCE - all circulated

- 2.1 CC Review of membership eligibility – discussed, Sue to reply with options.
- 2.2 Information literacy within CC members – results of project
- 2.3 Consultation on 'Unconventional Oil & Gas closes 31st May– discussed as an important issue
- 2.4 Lower Speed Communities – 20MPH project funding – email link
- 2.5 Moray Way info day
- 2.6 Scotch Whisky Action fund – open for applications
- 2.7 OSCR – booklet. Mary will talk about this at the next meeting
- 2.8 tsiMoray – You Choose, Join the Dots, training events, Strategic plan consultation open until 8th May
- 2.9 Stagecoach – changes to services
- 2.10 Improvement Service newsletter – general info on council performance
- 2.11 Register of Moray Council Assets
- 2.12 Twitter hour for Community Councils

- 2.13 Planned works to TV transmitters
- 2.14 Understanding Scottish Places website
- 2.15 Community Safety report – Issues 4 & 5
- 2.16 Clash Gour Wind Farm exhibition info
- 2.17 Landfill Tax funds available
- 2.18 Keep Scotland Beautiful - news
- 2.19 LGiU policy briefing on the devolution of the Crown Estate
- 2.20 Draft Moray Open Space strategy – consultation open until 28th April
- 2.21 Forest Certification Pluscarden – info from Gordon Woodlands Ltd
- 2.22 Draft Moray Woodland & Forestry strategy – consultation open until 19th May
- 2.23 MOD info – last Tornado flypast, Operation Joint Warrior
- 2.24 BIDs Scotland & SG/Young Scot survey
- 2.25 Running a rural campaign
- 2.26 Beaulieu to Blackhillock-Kintore project shelved
- 2.27 Scottish Community Alliance – Local People Leading
- 2.28 Breathing Space -calendar 52 weeks of kindness – linked to mental wellbeing
- 2.29 Report on A96 duelling from Finnerne CC
- 2.30 Tesco Bags of Help
- 2.31 Scottish Rural Action news, Scottish Rural Network news and funding info from Scotmid until 21st April
- 2.32 Dog Fouling posters
- 2.33 Improving Parking in Scotland – consultation closes 30th June
- 2.34 Moray Fundraising seminar – Elgin 27th April -register by 21st April

3.0 TREASURER'S REPORT

Lyndsay reported that the bank signatories are up-to-date. Denise confirmed that Alves has most of the funding & are waiting for a start date. Jim thanked Lyndsay for her work as Treasurer.

4.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 4.1 A solar farm is proposed for Milltown Airfield, Jim to try to attend public exhibition
- 4.2 Cllr Wright informed the meeting that he will not be standing for re-election in May and said he had spent 10 years attending the Heldon CC meetings which have been very constructive and friendly.

5.0 PLANNING APPLICATIONS - no objections

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| 5.1 | Demolish existing & build house etc at Grey Stone, Craigmill, Dallas | 17/00046/APP |
| 5.2 | Alter & extend Fairview Cottage, Elgin IV30 8UN | 17/00110/APP |
| 5.3 | Revise house design College of Roseisle | 17/00258/APP |
| 5.4 | Extension of Rothes Wind Farm | 17/00269/PESCOP |
| 5.5 | Change of use to outdoor centre & children's nursery at Duffus House | 17/00328/APP |
| 5.6 | Agri building at Lochinver Quarry Steading Mosstowie | 17/00325/APP |
| 5.7 | New access & visibility splay at Hedges site Pluscarden | 17/00416/APP |
| 5.8 | Raised decking at Gorse Brae Longmorn | 17/00149/APP |
| 5.9 | Clash Gour Windfarm – 63 turbines | 17/00433/PESCOP |
| 5.10 | House at Wester Buthill Rise Roseisle | 17/00456/APP |
| 5.11 | House on garden site at East Lodge Pluscarden | 17/00472/APP |

6.0 CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS.

Jim thanked Cllr Wright, and Cllr Ross for their excellent assistance and wished them both good luck for the future. He closed the meeting at 20:40.

Dates for 2017: 17th January, 28th February, 11th April, 23rd May, 4th July, 15th August.

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