

**Minutes of Heldon and Laich Community Council Meeting**

**Mosstowie Primary School**

**15<sup>th</sup> August 2017 1930-2030hrs**

<b><u>Present</u></b>	<b><u>Apologies</u></b>
Chairperson – Mr Jim Mountford	Cllr J Crowe
Vice Chairperson – Mr S Masson	Cllr R Edwards
Treasurer – Mrs L Smailes	Cllr J Allan
Secretary – Mrs G Groves	Cllr A Patience
Mrs A Masson	Mr P Austin
Mr K Milne	
Mr G Mackessack-Leitch	
Mrs S Hodder	
Mr W Duncan	
Mr J Smith	
Mr C Souter	
Mrs M Evans	
Mr N Sutherland	
Mrs D Kelly	
Mr N McLeod – Mosstowie Resident	

Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Minutes from Community Council meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> July approved by Mr W Duncan and seconded by Mr G Mackessack-Leitch.

**Business Arising from Previous Minutes:**

- 1.1 RAF Lossiemouth noise complaint – there is to be a public meeting in late September to discuss the complaints reported. Several complaints have been received with up to 6 reports in one night. Issues surrounding how to make the complaints to RAF Lossiemouth (i.e. time it takes to make complaint directly to camp)
- 1.2 Fogwatt traffic – as speed is 50mph, Moray Council will not put double white lines down the middle of the road however if the road speed were to be increase to 60mph they would. The speed of traffic was discussed and whether a reduction of speed to 40mph would be more beneficial. Chairperson suggested writing to the Council again reiterating the significance of the issue. Mr W Duncan is going to contact Moray Council again to discuss.
- 1.3 Pluscarden horse sign – is now in place.
- 1.4 Dallas power line – This issue should be in hand.

**Correspondence**

Community council elections are due to take place but there is some uncertainty as to how to go about nominating existing members. Secretary to email Jane Martin at Moray Council to ask for further advice. Secretary then to group email everyone in the community council with information.

There was some discussion around the role of JCC and what their purpose is within Community Councils. There was discussion about more members needing to attend otherwise the JCC will collapse.

There was an email from Jane Martin regarding the Community Council elections and advertising those standing for election. Heldon and Laich traditionally does not struggle with recruiting new members to stand for council, therefore the decision was made by the chairperson not to pay £75 towards this.

Heldon and Laich Community Council received a renewal subscription notice for Scotways. The subscription charge is £20 per year and it was decided that the subscription is worth paying for – passed to treasurer to pay.

Email received from Cllr R Edwards regarding the installation of a defibrillator in a phone box in Alves as requested from Mrs Jackson. Mrs Kelly is aware of the request and will follow this up.

#### Treasurers Report

An invoice has been received from Alves and funds paid. The Windfarm Project is now completed. The Heldon and Laich Community Council currently has £573.75 as their balance and £649 in total – the difference will be added to future projects.

#### Any Other Competent Business

- The Safer Routes To School path is currently overgrown by 18"-24". This has reduced the size of the path available to be used by children. This needs to be reported to Moray Council.
- Discussion about what the next stage is in the A96 duelling from Hardmuir to Fochabers.
- The flood alleviation at Longmorn has yet to be started. There were questions about when this was due to start as properties are still being affected by flooding.
- The Fogwatt junction is overgrown – Moray Council are to be asked to look at it.
- The grass verges in Dallas have not been cut back yet – this is usually done the week before Dallas Gala however that was 2 months ago and the verges still have not been cut back. This is very dangerous as it is hampering visibility when driving. This is also a school bus route so there is added danger for children.
- The biodigester at Alves stinks! The people of Alves are unable to open their windows or dry their clothes outside without the smell impregnating everything. It was suggested that the biodigester is not fully up and functioning to its maximum capacity yet – hence the smell. It was suggested that people need to contact Environmental Health department at Moray Council. Residents advised to complain directly to Moray Council.
- There was a question posed regarding Elgin Flood Alleviate – has the flood alleviation caused water to be backed up higher up-stream causing flooding out with Elgin? There has been a noticeably higher incidence of flooding since the completion of the flood alleviation and information is being sought from the Heldon Cllr's on this matter.

#### Planning Applications

No objections to the planning applications made in the agenda.

Others identified were:

- Ardyge Steading – There are significant safety concerns regarding the access from the location directly onto the A96. From this, it has been decided to lodge an objection.
- Coldwells, Dallas – no objection
- Sweethillock – no objections
- Roseisle application – no objection

It was asked that appreciation to Cllr Ross and Cllr Wright be minuted as they were very supportive of the Heldon and Laich Community Council over the last year and proactive in their actions.

Since the Moray Council elections, Cllr's have been very scarce at Community Council meetings. Only one has attended so far. It is hoped that once the new Community Council term starts, more Cllrs will be able to attend more regularly.

Chairperson thanked everyone for their hard work and patience over the last year and stated that he is looking forward to the next Community Council Term. He also encouraged everyone to stand again, or encourage people to stand for election.

Vote of gratitude given to Chairperson for his hard work and behind the scenes work.

Vote of gratitude also given to Secretary for stepping into the role since previous secretary resigned.

Meeting closed at 2030hrs.