

## HELDON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Minutes of the meeting held on 10 July 2018 at Alves Village Hall

<b>Chairman</b>	<b>Mr J Mountford - Dallas</b>	
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Mrs L Smailes - Pluscarden</b>	
<b>Secretary</b>		
	Mrs S Hodder - Miltonduff	Mr C Souter - Miltonduff
	Mr W Duncan - Fogwatt	Mrs M Evans - Duffus
	Mr K Milne - Miltonduff	Ms J Kirby - Miltonduff
	Mr N Sutherland - Dallas	Mrs D Kelly - Alves
<b>Attendee</b>	Mr O Smith	
<b>Apologies</b>	Mr S Masson - Alves	Mrs A Masson - Alves

The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting.

#### 1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mrs A Masson and Mr S Masson.

#### 2. POLICE REPORT – May and June Safety Reports

These had been received by members. There were no major issues for comment other than the recent gorse fires.

#### 3. PROPOSE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes were accepted. Proposed: Neil Sutherland. Seconded: Kenneth Milne.

#### 4. MATTERS ARISING

- a. Flooding upstream of Elgin: Colin had replied to the earlier letter received. A further reply had been received stating that the Elgin Flood Protection Scheme does not cause a back-up and that there are no flooding issues. There has been no response from our MSP who had been contacted by a member of Elgin CC. Colin said that it was possible that possible blockage of a culvert under the railway line could be the cause, as suggested at the last meeting. This culvert belongs to Network Rail. It was agreed to see what happens next time then follow up with the Council.
- b. Safety at Fogwatt: No progress has been made on this matter. However, Willie will check with the Council whether electronic speed signs can be erected by the community.
- c. Rothes funding: Rothes III gave a presentation in Dallas. Jim pointed out that this windfarm would have minimal impact on us but we can access funding as we are within the area.
- d. Gordonstoun/Duffus junction: Mary said that in view of the road engineer's visit and his decision that there is no economically viable solution, the Hall Committee had agreed to leave this matter for now, especially as Gordonstoun is now on holiday. It might be worth looking at the situation at the beginning of next term.

#### 5. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Most of the correspondence had been circulated.

- a. Community Path Grant: available.
- b. Crown Estates: The Scheme is open to all kinds of appropriately set up groups including community organisations and public bodies.

- c. Democracy Matters: a promotional flyer had been circulated.
- d. Rural Transport Convention: this is a two-day convention and booking can be made online. Other issues such as the economy are involved as well as transport. There was some discussion as to whether we should join the Scottish Rural Action Group. If we do join then individual members could attend meetings. It was decided to defer the decision in order to find out more.
- e. Public Sector Utilities: not a great deal of this is relevant to us.
- f. Health Review: funds are available if anyone would like to attend.

## **6. PLANNING**

- a) Demolish and rebuild, Nether Birnie: no comment required.
- b) Revised plan, Birkenbaud, Birnie: no comment required.
- c) Planning application 18/00246APP: gone to appeal.
- d) Rashbrook Farm, Birnie: response sent.
- e) St Peter's Lodge: no comment required.

## **7. TREASURER'S REPORT**

Lyndsay gave her report. We have £27,180 of which £25,912 is Windfarm balance. Invoices are due for Pluscarden, Fogwatt, Dallas Rifle Group and Dallas defibrillator. The balance will then be £1,268. It was agreed that the two fixed dates for Windfarm funding, Rothes I and Rothes II, would be put on our Facebook page

## **8. AOCB**

- Continued reservations were expressed about the car parking on Spynie Brae.
- A request had been received by Mary and Denise about Rothes funding for Moray Handyman. This is outwith our area. Lyndsay will reply.
- Jo raised the matter of boy racers on Pluscarden Road. This was reported to the police at 4.30pm and the matter was being dealt with by 5.00pm so an excellent response. It was felt that there should be a 30 mph limit all through Milntown as there are a good many houses. Colin pointed out that it is difficult to see the 40 mph sign at the south entry to Milntown.
- Neil raised the problem of overhanging bushes between Blackhills Farm and Kellas on the B9010. The problem is getting worse but the Forestry Commission won't deal with this unless they receive an official complaint from the Council. Jo will follow this up with the Council.

## **CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS**

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.

The next meeting of Heldon CC will be on Tuesday 21 August 2018 at Mosstowie School.

DATE FOR 2018 2nd October.