HELDON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 02 October 2018 at Mosstowie School

Chairman	Mr J Mountford - Dallas	
Treasurer	Lyndsay Smailes - Pluscarden	
Secretary		
	Mrs A Masson - Alves	Mrs S Hodder - Alves
	Mrs M Evans – Duffus	Mr P Austin - Roseisle
	Ms Jo Kirby – Miltonduff	Mr C Souter – Miltonduff
	Mr K Milne – Miltonduff	Mrs D Kelly - Alves
	Mr N Sutherland - Dallas	
Attendee	Mr O Smith	Ms S Morrison – Lhanbryde CC
	Councillor R Edwards	
Apologies	Mr N McLeod - Alves	Councillor Patience

The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting. He also welcomed Mrs Shona Morrison from Lhanbryde CC and Councillor Ryan Edwards.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mr N McLeod and Councillor Patience.

2. POLICE REPORT – No comments.

3. PROPOSE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved. Proposed: Audrey Masson Seconded: Sally Hodder.

4. MATTERS ARISING

- a. Overhanging trees: Jo has contacted the Council but there has been no reply so far. The trees have not been cut back.
- b. Miltonduff trees have been done but the question of the speed limit is still under discussion.
- c. Fogwatt safety issue: No report as Willie Duncan was not present. Perhaps we could ask Sustrans to look into it?
- d. Pluscarden: The roadworks are ongoing and not too much of a problem.

5. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Most of the correspondence had been circulated.

- a. Core paths: The Miltonduff path was objected to but the owner is happy so long as there is no fence. Kenny will respond.
- b. Local Energy Scotland: a huge amount of money is involved for community investment. It was hoped that we could get a representative of LES to attend a CC meeting.
- c. Clash Gour: two signatures are required. Once they have read the document Jim and Lyndsay will sign it.

- d. Moray Firth Windfarm: Moray West Offshore Windfarm is a split consent both onshore and offshore applications. Underground cable will run in Moray. The Windfarm is committed to ongoing discussion and is happy to attend a CC meeting. However, it probably won't affect the Heldon area so the invitation was declined but they were asked to keep us in the picture.
- e. Community Council Funding: We have been asked if we need to be funded this year. The question was raised as to whether, if we agreed not to be funded this year, this would affect future years but it only refers to the current payment. Having considered our finances it was agreed that we couldn't justify saying that we needed funding at the moment
- f. Defibrillator details: A letter has been received asking for details of the position of each defibrillator and the access code where applicable. This was seen as a good idea and it was agreed that each area would send its own details.
- g. Resignation: James MacKessock-Leitch (Alves) has resigned as he is moving out of the area so we have a vacancy for Alves/Roseisle. We can make up to three co-options per year.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

Lyndsay submitted her report. End of year accounts are to go to an independent reviewer then to Jane. We have a cash balance of £17,546.83. The balance from Rothes 1 and Rothes 2 is £16,276.20. The latest applications are not through yet with the balance of Rothes 2 standing at £11,961.46. Our Community Council balance stands at £1,270.13. Our funding is provided by our two annual Council grants.

The next submission for Rothes 2 funding is 31 January 2019. There is also money available in Rothes 1.

7. PLANNING

All planning applications had been circulated by Colin. There were no items to be raised.

Colin updated the CC on the Local Plan. The identified sites to be zoned in 2020 had gone to the second stage:

Dallas – to remain the same

Duffus – all removed

Pluscarden – removed because of access.

There is a Council meeting on Tuesday.

8. AOCB

- a. There was concern about the road from Dallas to Rafford via Branch Hill the B9010. Money has been spent on the top part of the road but the lower end is not in a good state of repair. This is a school bus route and grooves made in the road, though not deep, could cause problems
- b. Kenneth has been to a Mosstowie School Council meeting in an effort to gain community asset permission for the school house. A letter has been received advising an amendment to the constitution. Councillor Edwards will follow this up.
- c. Bridge at Leyhill: part of the wall has been knocked down. No response has been received from the water board. This is a busy road and it was felt that a steel crash barrier would be appropriate. Councillor Edwards will pursue this matter.
- d. Denise Kelly asked if it was acceptable to put the names of the Community Councillors in Alves Hall. It was agreed that this was acceptable as we have all agreed that our details are available.
- e. Councillor Ryan raised the question of Remembrance Day wreaths. It was agreed that Ogilvie would lay the Spynie wreath and Mary would lay the Duffus wreath.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Jim thanked everyone on the CC for their support. He especially thanked Lyndsay for her immaculate work and also thanked Colin for circulating the planning details. He pointed out that we achieve our business without any problems.

Honoraria

After some discussion it was agreed that the Treasurer should be paid an honorarium of £250 per annum and that the acting Secretary should receive £150 per annum.

The next meeting of Heldon CC will be on Tuesday 13 November 2018 at 7.30 at Pluscarden Hall.

Future dates:

Tuesday 08 January 2019

Tuesday 19 February 2019

Tuesday 02 April 2019