

## HELDON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Minutes of the meeting held

8 January 2019 at Mosstowie School

<b>Chairman</b>	<b>Mr J Montford - Dallas</b>	
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Lyndsay Smailes - Pluscarden</b>	
<b>Secretary</b>		
	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 W Duncan - Fogwatt	Mr N McLeod - Miltonduff
<b>Attendee</b>	<b>Cllr D Bremner – Lhanbryde</b>	
<b>Apologies</b>	<b>Mr S Masson - Alves</b>	<b>Cllr Shona Morrison</b>

The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting.

#### 1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mr S Masson and Councillor Morrison.

#### 2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

02 October: Jim pointed out that the Honoraria mentioned in the last minutes were not a payment per annum but a retrospective payment in thanks for work well done. With this amendment the minutes of the meeting were approved.

13 November: An apology for absence from Peter Austin was added. With this amendment the minutes of the meeting were approved.

Proposed: Joanne Kirby; seconded Lyndsay Smailes – both sets.

#### 3. MATTERS ARISING

- a. Fogwatt footpath: Willie reported that an email has been received from Gary Grant. It had been noticed that the fence opposite the village hall had been damaged. The Council took it upon itself to repair this. This work is ongoing but further work will not take place until after the new budget has been approved. However, it is not certain that this further work will be undertaken.

#### 4. SAFETY REPORT

No report received this month.

#### 5. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Most of the correspondence had been circulated.

- a. Public Entertainment Licence: It is understood that a licence is needed if an event involves more than a hundred people and if an amplifier is used for music even if no alcohol is being served. Further clarification is required on this matter and Jane is organising a training session.
- b. Quarriers news: Jim has the news sheet.
- c. Windfarm news: Clash Gour has now submitted its application . This is available for inspection.
- d. New planning bill: an access point is available.
- e. Looking at public investment in green energy: there is a conference in Inverness next week. Speakers are also available to give talks to local groups.
- f. Democracy matters: update from last time.
- g. Suing of Community Councils: concern was expressed about the case that had been reported. A CC had employed someone to carry out work on a path and when someone was injured a complain was lodged. Jim pointed out that individual CC members could not be sued.

## **6. TREASURER'S REPORT**

Lyndsay submitted her report. We have a balance of £33,428 of which £21, 612 is Rothes 1 balance and £ 10,561 is Rothes 2 balance. The CC has a balance of £1,254. The Dallas defibrillator has been paid for and the Dallas Rifle Club roof should be under way soon.

The next submission for Rothes 2 funding is 31 January 2019. There is also money available in Rothes 1. We might need a finance meeting.

## **7. PLANNING**

All planning applications had been circulated by Colin.

- a. Bardonside – no comment
- b. Longmorn- no comment
- c. Mille Bothie – Colin has the data. There was considerable discussion about this. Peter had canvassed opinion in the area. A few thought it was a good idea but most were against it. Access is a major objection. Several points were raised: a major change to the environment; the danger of flooding when the burn rises; how will they operate the desalination plant; what about recycling. The question was raised as to whether the units could be sold off. There is no planning law to impose a restriction on this so it seems that they could be sold. It was agreed that the CC was against the project on environmental and changes to the landscape grounds. As per the statutory process we have until mid-January to object. Colin will respond.
- d. Torrington: there have been ten objections to this. It was thought that a decision was due to be taken by next Tuesday. We need to keep an eye on this and any responses to the objections will be circulated.
- e. Covesea: this is not in HCC.
- f. Dallas: there has been one complaint re concern about the number of applications going in for this road. It is a single track road with few passing places. The Falcon breeding centre already has three deliveries of food per week. Monitor this application.
- g. Alves – no problem.

## **8. AOCB**

- a. It was felt that another signatory for the account would be helpful. Willie agreed to be a signatory so Lyndsay will sort out the paperwork.
- b. Denise raised the question of Zurich Insurance. Zurich are speaking to each Hall as renewals become due. They need to know details such as how many hires we have each year and to whom we hire.

- c. Colin pointed out that we have so far stayed silent over the A96 route, leaving individuals to comment if they wished to. Now that the southern route has been decided upon we should become more active as a CC to ensure that those affected have the best deal, for example over noise and landscaping. The HCC will be considerably affected and we should meet with those affected as a group when details are being discussed. It was stressed that we are a consultative group not a pressure group. Colin will follow this up.
- d. Kenny pointed out that there had been difficulties with recycling over the festive season. It was also pointed out that brown bins will only be able to have food waste in future. If householders wish to include garden waste there will be a charge of £36 per annum. A licence must be applied for by the end of February and a sticker will be provided by the time the scheme begins in April.
- e. Councillor Bremner said that the Local Development Plan was out for discussion. There are meetings on various dates – details on the Council website.

#### **CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS**

Jim thanked everyone for attending.

The next meeting of Heldon CC will be on Tuesday 19 February 2019 at 7.30 at Mosstowie School.

Future dates:

Tuesday 02 April 2019