

HELDON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held 24 September 2019 at Mosstowie School

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

The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mr Scott Masson, Ms Jo Kirby, Mr Neil Sutherland, Mr Neil McLeod, Mr Willie Duncan and Councillor Shona Morrison

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes were approved. Proposed Mr K Milne seconded Mrs A Masson.

3. MATTERS ARISING

- A. JCC meeting: this was reasonably well attended. The chairman attended on our behalf.
- B. Visit to Huntly: the chairman attended. Rural Energy has achieved a great deal. Having raised cash they have bought a plot of land with a 90% grant and are erecting a single turbine.
- C. Clash Gour: there was a meeting last Wednesday to address some of the objections which had been raised with respect to the original proposals. Modifications for SEPA and air traffic control were requested. There were environmental pollution concerns. Technology can ensure that lighting only occurs when air traffic is nearby. Modified plans will be submitted.

4. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Most of the correspondence had been circulated.

- A. Inappropriate behaviour: this was the main topic on the JCC agenda. Read by all and agreed to without further discussion.
- B. Mental Health Pathway poster: when information or posters are circulated to members they should be recirculated and/or displayed on noticeboards.
- C. Funding for Climate Conversion events: £100 – £300 is available to any community running an event involving climate conversion.
- D. Crown Estates consultation: members can complete online.
- E. Adult Achievement Awards: Adults can be nominated from communities.
- F. Community Asset Register: special skills can be included.
- G. Victory in Europe Day: members asked to notify of any local celebrations planned for this event.
- H. Staying Alive: Information on drugs – 06 November at Elgin Youth Café.

- I. Moray Poverty Action: Tuesday 08 October at Moray College UHI.
- J. Meeting of Berry Burn Windfarm: this will take place mid-November.

5. FINANCE REPORT

The Treasurer submitted her report for the year to 30 September 2019

£40 has been paid for the Information Commissioner's Office registration.

Roths 1:	£ 1,698.21
Roths 2:	£57,607.08
HCC funds:	£ 1,592.83
Cash balance:	£60,898.12

6. PLANNING

All planning applications had been circulated.

- A. Ardgye Steading: approved.

A new policy re planning is likely to be brought in next year.

7. AOCB

- A. Windfarm funding: there was some discussion round the fact that we need to circulate Information about the money available. It was thought that information could be disseminated through village halls and/or village newsletters. Concern was expressed as to who would have to pay for publicity but as it is a Community Council promotion it was stated that this would be the way to go. It was agreed to move this forward.
- B. Dial-a-Bus: there was a query as to whether the two-day' notice was a legal requirement. This will be followed up by Councillor Edwards.
- C. Bin collection: it was pointed out that on some days three separate bin lorries collect at three different times of day.
- D. Pluscarden: three concerns: 1. concern was expressed about the state of the road between the Hall and the Kirk. Although some work had been carried out the drainage was no better and a permanent solution is needed. 2. The hedge at the entrance to Abbeylands is never cut. Can they be asked to cut? Yes – both visibility concerns and the High Hedge Act mean that this can be done. 3. Two incidences of fly-tipping have occurred recently.
- E. Alves: the question of parking at Alves was raised. We are still waiting to hear back on this issue. Councillor Edwards will follow up.
- F. Concern was expressed about water at the junction of the Dallas road with the Elgin to Pluscarden road. Water runs onto the road from the access road made into the field. Planning policy should ensure that this does not happen.
- G. Councillor Edwards raised the issue of the laying of wreaths for Remembrance Day. Various members agreed to undertake this for their local community ceremonies

Date and time of next meeting:

05 November 2019 at Mosstowie School

Future meetings:

10 December 2019

21 January 2020

Finance meeting 25 February 2020

03 March 2020

14 April 2020