

HELDON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held 05 November 2019 at Mosstowie School

Chairman	Mr J Montford - 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	Ms J Kirby - Miltonduff
	Mr N McLeod - Miltonduff	
Attendee		
Apologies		
	Mr N Sutherland - Dallas	
	Mr W Duncan - Fogwatt	
	Councillor S Morrison	
	Councillor R Edwards	

The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mr Neil Sutherland, Mr Willie Duncan, Councillor Ryan Edwards and Councillor Shona Morrison

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

With the change of Councillor Shona Morrison's surname from Robertson to Morrison the minutes were approved. Proposed Mrs L Smailes Seconded Mrs A Masson.

3. MATTERS ARISING

- Hedgecutting at Pluscarden: the minimum has been carried out.
- Alves parking: no further news.
- Flooding at Dallas junction: there is still concern over this. One section can flood to 18 inches.

4. COMMUNITY SAFETY REPORT

The single environmental issue for Heldon has been noted. No feedback required.

5. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Most of the correspondence had been circulated.

- Polling Station review: no response needed.
- Food growing strategy: no feedback required.
- Planning and training #windfarms: a meeting has been arranged.
- Direct Services questionnaire: the Chairman had completed this.
- JCC meeting: it was felt that there could be a role for the JCC to play where windfarms are concerned, especially in the area of community ownership. It would be necessary to set up a company for investing in the windfarms. There was some discussion as to whether we should make representations for the coming meeting.
- Energising communities: there was a report of the trip to Huntly. There could be a need for a Community Trust. There will be a public enquiry into Clash Gour and this will also include

Roths 3. Clash Gour is submitting a fresh application reflecting the objections which had been raised.

6. FINANCE REPORT

The Treasurer submitted her report for the year end to 30 September 2019 and for the year to 30 September 2020.

September 2019

Roths 1:	£ 1,698.21
Roths 2:	£26,992.50
HCC funds:	£ 1,600.83
Cash balance:	£30,291.54

Note cut-off for 3 cheques at 24 September – not in bank till Oct/Nov.

These accounts have not yet been requested – probably because we have not received a grant. The accounts will be sent anyway and will be reviewed.

September 2020

Roths 1	£ 15,130.63
Roths 2	£ 25,193.54
HCC Funds	£ 1,600.83
Cash balance:	£ 41,295.00

Also as above for 2019

7. PLANNING

All planning applications had been circulated.

- a. 10 houses at Barnhill, Pluscarden: 99 objections have been received.
- b. House at Kirkton, Alves: no problem
- c. House adjacent to Rashbrook, Birnie: no problem
- d. Duffus House car park: no problem
- e. Modification of conditions, Pluscarden: (nobody seemed to know which house this was?)
- f. House east of Torhead, Pluscarden: no problem

8. AOCB

- a. Windfarm funding: The Treasurer explained that the windfarms will accept any application that we approve. Any member of the parish can apply so long as the result is beneficial to the members of the community. We need to publicise the fact that funding is available. The Chairman and Treasurer are willing to meet with hall committees and communities. Groups which have been funded could help by publicising their projects. The Treasurer offered to design a poster which could be handed out in coffee mornings and posted on community notice boards. It was agreed to go ahead with this.
- b. Update on A96 dualling: concern was expressed about the junction move. It was explained that the road at this point was being raised out of the floodplain.

Date and time of next meeting:

10 December 2019 at Mosstowie School

Future meetings:

21 January 2020

Finance meeting 25 February 2020

03 March 2020

14 April 2020