

HELDON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held 21 January 2020 at Mosstowie School

Chairman	Mr J Montford - Dallas	
Treasurer	Lyndsay Smailes - Pluscarden	
Secretary		
	Mrs A Masson - Alves	Mr N McLeod - Miltonduff
	Mrs M Evans – Duffus	Mr W Duncan - Fogwatt
	Mr K Milne – Miltonduff	Mrs D Kelly - Alves
	Mr N Sutherland - Dallas	Mr C Souter - Miltonduff
	Mrs S Hodder - Pluscarden	Mrs J Kirby - Miltonduff
Attendee	Councillor Ryan Edwards	
	Councillor Shona Morrison	
Apologies		

The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting.

1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

An apology from Mrs J Kirby, Miltonduff, had been added to the minutes. With this alteration the minutes of the meeting of 10 December 2019 were approved.

Proposed Mrs D Kelly Seconded Mr N Sutherland.

3. MATTERS ARISING

- a. Alves parking: The Council had been approached but was not keen on doing away with the grass border between the houses and the road. It was suggested that it could be tarred and marked with parking places to avoid house drives. It was decided to ask for a representative of the Roads Department to have a look and see what the issues are.
- b. Foths Bridge: A reply from the Council had said that the underside of the bridge had been damaged as well as the wall and that repairs would not be carried out until 2024. There was some discussion as to whether it could be safe for cars only. It was decided that there should be further discussion and all aspects considered. A meeting has already been arranged with Douglas Ross and the road engineers. As it is a local issue it was felt that our MSP should also be approached.
- c. Fogwatt footpath: A quote for £337,000 has been made for a 700-metre footpath. Work undertaken when laying a water pipe has already provided a good surface on which to build. This matter will also be mentioned to Douglas Ross.
- d. Manbeen-Pluscarden Hall road: the edge of the road has been eroded so that traffic is dropping down the side of the road. It was suggested that this could be reported on the pothole website.

4. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

The correspondence had been circulated.

- a. The Scotland Community Council transport survey can be completed. It will close on the 27th January.
- b. Planning Performance survey is available as an online questionnaire. It closes on 14th February.
- c. Community Council 'get together': all Community councillors are invited to the next JCC meeting to discuss achievements so far.
- d. Social media guidance:
- e. There was a meeting this afternoon about Money for Moray.

5. FINANCE REPORT

The Treasurer submitted her report. Not a great deal has changed since the last meeting. The Pluscarden dishwasher has been paid for as has the Dallas Rifle Club roof.

Balance Rothes 1:	£13,363.03
Balance Rothes	£19,133.54
HCC funds:	£ 1,607.58
Cash balance:	£34,104.15

There was a brief discussion about Community Council grants. It was made clear that the removal of the grant was for one year only and therefore it is assumed that this will be reinstated next year.

6. PLANNING

All planning applications had been circulated.

- a. Wester Unthank Farmhouse, Duffus: no problem
 - b. Easter Unthank Farmhouse, Duffus: no problem
- Local Plan Review: points are currently going back and forth with zoned and non-zoned areas being discussed. It should be back to the Council June/July.
 - Rothes 3 is having a discussion in Dallas next week. Both Rothes 3 and Clash Gour are resubmitting plans with modifications. These are due to go to appeal February/March.
 - The Community Council has been asked to object to Rothes 3, Clash Gour and Berry Burn. Does the HCC want to object as a body? Any individual with an objection can approach the Community Council or submit an individual objection. Having been put to the meeting it was decided not to take any steps until we hear otherwise.
 - Millie Burn: an objection had been lodged re the Millie Burn and this is now under appeal. Every objector will receive a letter so this is currently undergoing due process.

7. AOCB

- a. Windfarm Funding: there was further discussion as to how we can best approach the community. A flyer for Halls is to be prepared giving details of Rothes 1 and 2 with details of how to apply. This can also be put on social media and actively sent out via Facebook. With small, scattered communities it is probably sensible to concentrate on small local projects rather than a larger central one. It is possible to combine with other CCs and money can be given to people outside Heldon so long as most beneficiaries are within Heldon. We need to continue to give thought to this matter.
- b. A96 dualling: boreholes are already being constructed on the preferred route.
- c. RAF: a letter has been circulated by the RAF describing work being carried out at Lossiemouth. A suggestion had been made that a public meeting could be held at Duffus Hall as this area will be the one most affected. This will be brought up at the next Duffus Hall Committee meeting.

- d. Milntonduff: flood alleviation assessments have been seen being carried out. Is this the work of SEPA?
- e. B9010: overhanging trees are still a problem. A letter has been sent to the Forestry Commission but no reply has as yet been received. This is also a problem near Rafford. The Council undertakes to tell the people responsible to cut any such trees.
- f. Cloddagh Bridge: the weight restriction has been reduced from 17.5 to 7.5 tons. Should this be changed to allow lorries to cross?
- g. Honoraria: after discussion it was agreed to keep these the same for the current year:
Minutes Secretary: £150
Treasurer: £250.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending.

Date and time of next meeting:

Finance meeting 25 February 2020 - Mosstowie

03 March 2020 - Mosstowie

Future meetings:

14 April 2020