

HELDON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held 03 March 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	Mrs D Kelly - Alves
	Mr K Milne – Miltonduff	Mr C Souter - Miltonduff
	Mr N Sutherland - Dallas	Mr Peter Austin - Roseisle
	Mrs S Hodder - Pluscarden	
Attendee		
Apologies	Mr W Duncan - Fogwatt	
	Councillor Ryan Edwards	

The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting.

1. APOLOGIES

Mr W Duncan and Councillor Ryan Edwards

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

An amendment to the proposer of the minutes of the meeting of 10 December 2019 was made. This now reads Proposer: Mr K Milne. With this amendment the minutes were approved.

Proposed Mrs A Masson Seconded Mr N McLeod

3. MATTERS ARISING

a. Foths Bridge: comprehensive reports had been received from Councillor Ryan Edwards. The bridge will be closed for five years, assuming that a decision to repair it is eventually taken. It was pointed out that another bridge which is in fair condition is being upgraded before the Foths bridge which is closed. The bridge is currently barricaded so that cars cannot cross it but this also means that emergency vehicles will not have access. The time span is of concern, especially as the bridge has already deteriorated since closure. It is important that we continue to pursue this matter.

b. Alves parking: again a report has been received from Councillor Edwards detailing a meeting which had been held on site.

c. Fogwatt footpath: no move to date with this as it was thought that the value to procure the works is too high. Also the Water board has just laid a new water main along the same route and

back-filled the trench with a type of hard-core gravel which in itself leaves a good path under foot. But a long-term solution is still being considered.

d. Trees on B9010: A letter was sent to the Forestry Commission asking for these to be cut. This will be pursued. A photo or a photo of a map could be sent to the Council to clarify the location.

e. Cloddach Bridge: Correspondence states that rather than the 7.5 tonnes restriction being restored to 17.5 tonnes it is actually to be reduced to 3.0 tonnes and possibly closed to cars. Originally we were assured that the closure would be temporary. There had also been plans to realign the bridge to a remove the right-angled bend but this has not been carried out. It was agreed that we should ask Councillor Edwards to pursue this issue as well as the Foths Bridge.

4. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

The correspondence had been circulated.

- a. BBC Scotland: this was not pursued.
- b. VAS signs: rules governing the erection of Vehicle Activated Signs have been changed so that the community can apply for planning permission to buy and erect these signs. There are rules on the type of signs as no speed can be shown. It was thought that solar-powered ones are available.
- c. Gala Days: members were asked to bear in mind the offer of the Bud Bus – <https://poppybud.org.uk>
- d. JCC Clash Gour: Energising Communities was formed to investigate community investment in windfarms. Several ideas for Community Funding are being considered. Berry Burn, for example, has suggested a lump sum instead of an annual payment.
- e. Electric Cars survey: this covers the question of the location of charging points.
- f. Rights to Recovery seminar: this will be held in June.
- g. Scholarships for veterans: money is available for these scholarships.

5. FINANCE REPORT

The Treasurer submitted her report. The overall cash balance has reduced with the HCC balance lower after the payment of the honoraria.

Balance Rothes 1:	£ 3,751.43
Balance Rothes	£10,291.36
HCC funds:	£ 807.58
Cash balance:	£14,850.37

We need to publicise the date of the next round of funding: this will be 31 August. There is likely to be a considerable pot of cash. Posters and flyers have been delayed as the Treasurer has been busy with the recent windfarm allocation.

6. PLANNING

All planning applications had been circulated.

- a. House Wester Hillside, Mosstowie: no problem
- b. House south-west of Garrow Bank: no problem. Access will be from a forest track but this is not a planning issue.

7. AOCB

- a. Returning to the Cloddach bridge it was pointed out that the signage needs improving. A right angle bend and the subsequent single-track road is of concern.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending.

Date and time of next meeting:

14 April 2020 Mosstowie School 7.30 pm

Future meetings:

26 May 2020

07 July 2020

18 August 2020