

## HELDON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Minutes of the meeting held 06 October 2020 via Zoom

<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 - Pluscarden
	Mrs M Evans – Duffus	Mrs D Kelly - Alves
	Mr K Milne – Miltonduff	Mr C Souter - Miltonduff
	Mr N Sutherland - Dallas	Ms J Kirby - Miltonduff
<b>Attendee</b>		
<b>Apologies</b>	Mr P Austin - Roseisle	
	Councillor Ryan Edwards	

The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting.

The Council members expressed their sadness at the death of Neil McLeod who had been a member of Heldon Community Council for several years.

#### 1. APOLOGIES

Mr Peter Duncan and Councillor Ryan Edwards

#### 2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of 03 March 2020 were approved.

Proposed Mrs D Kelly Seconded Mrs S Hodder

There were no matters arising.

#### 3. COMMUNITY SAFETY REPORT

This had been circulated to all members.

#### 4. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

The correspondence had been circulated to all members.

##### a) Windfarm update

- The Public Enquiry into the Clash Gour windfarm has begun.
- Berry Burn windfarm has submitted plans to Edinburgh for approval. Members were happy with this. The JCC did not raise any objections and gave support re the benefits to the community. This might not go to a Public Enquiry.

##### b) Foths Bridge – the feedback received so far has been negative. It seems that it will be at least 2024 before any repairs are carried out – there is a backlog of bridge repairs. Councillor Edwards has made enquires of the Council along with a Fochabers Councillor but the same reply was received. It was suggested that perhaps there was funding which could be applied for but it was pointed out that this would have to be applied for by Moray Council, not by the Community Council.

## 5. PLANNING

All planning applications had been circulated. There were no issues.

## 6. FINANCE REPORT

The Treasurer had submitted her report and stated that these were the end-of-year accounts. The reports are complete except for the September bank statement which will show the interest credited.

Balances are as follows:

Roths 1	£ 1,200.23
Roths 2	£21,865.12
HCC	£ 1,139.89
<b>Total:</b>	<b>£24,205.24</b>

Pending the interest being added, the Finance report was approved.

Proposed: Mr N Sutherland      Seconded: Mr K Milne

Only one application has been received for the new round of Roth's 1 funding. There was some discussion as to how interest could be generated for the considerable sum which would accumulate from the combination of the Roth's 1 and Roth's 2. Children's education has been considerably disrupted by the Covid-19 restrictions and it was suggested that perhaps some of the windfarm funding could be used to purchase laptops for pupils. It was pointed out that windfarm funding cannot be used for any aspect that is a statutory requirement of Council obligation. Several suggestions were made such as whether HCC could purchase laptops and have them as a resource or whether purchases could be made by the PTA. There are difficulties with both of these options and it was finally agreed that we should arrange a consultation with the headteachers of the primary schools within the Heldon Community Council area. It was also agreed that we need to encourage communities to apply for funding.

## 7. AOCB – to include problems linked to Covid-19

- a. Dallas members reported that there had been a good community spirit during the lockdown with the local shop being reinstated.
- b. A question was raised about a path in Alves which could be used by pupils on their journey to school so that they did not have to walk near the A96. The path needs some maintenance and it was suggested that the Council should be approached. The cutting of overhanging trees is the responsibility of the landowner and Councillor Edwards will be asked for advice as to the ownership of the land concerned.
- c. A field alongside Lochiepots Road has been purchased with a view to planting Christmas trees. However, an application has been made for building plots.
- d. There has been considerable confusion over the regulations for the re-opening of village halls with conflicting information from the Moray Federation and Environmental Health. It was stressed that insurers should be notified of activities being carried on in halls.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Date and time of next meeting:

17 November 2020 via Zoom

It was agreed to defer the Finance meeting until further discussion had taken place at the next HCC meeting.