

# DRAFT

## HELDON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Minutes of the meeting held 18 May 2021 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	Mr W Duncan – Fogwatt
	Mrs M Evans – Duffus	Mrs D Kelly – Alves
	Mr K Milne – Miltonduff	Mrs S Hodder – Pluscarden
	Mr P Austin – Roseisle	Ms J Kirby – Miltonduff
<b>Attendee</b>	Mr M Saville - Roseisle	
<b>Apologies</b>	Mr C Souter - Miltonduff	
	Mr N Sutherland – Dallas	

The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting. A special welcome was offered to Mr Malcolm Saville of Roseisle. He will attend on an informal basis until the elections in October.

#### 1. APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Mr N Sutherland and Mr C Souter.

#### 2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The final sentence under AOB should be a separate point and read as follows:

g) Thanks were offered for the clearing of the footpath in Miltonduff.

With this alteration, the minutes of the meeting of 06 April 2021 were approved.

Proposed: Mrs A Masson Seconded: Mr K Milne

#### 3. MATTERS ARISING

a) Rural Broadband: a list will be compiled of the households experiencing poor speeds, some of which are already dealing with BT. A great deal of effort is being directed at the problem by residents and the advice now is that grants should not be pursued at this stage as there is a possibility that the problem might be resolved. The Teknik commercial satellite was briefly discussed. It was pointed out that there is a capital cost in setting up a receiver as well as a monthly usage cost. Information from Finderne's efforts to improve local Broadband had been circulated.

b) Rural signposting planning situation: this is an ongoing discussion at the Joint Community Council meetings and a report from the most recent meeting was given.

c) Roseisle gorse bushes: the gorse bushes are still in evidence. It was suggested that a report should be made on the Roads page of the Council website as this will generate a response.

d) Mountain bikers: concern had been expressed at the previous meeting about the possibility of bikers emerging from the woods onto the road. Some are cycling in the same area as an earlier fatal accident. Parking on the road had also been of concern. An email has been seen which indicates that the Pluscarden group has been given permission to park.

e) Drainage problem – Alves School playground: water is a problem in the playground and photos of the situation have been appearing on Facebook. Council vans have been seen in the area but it was not known whether they were checking the drains. Again the problem should be reported direct to the Council.

#### **4. CORRESPONDENCE**

The correspondence had been circulated to all members.

a) Traffic problems in Roseisle: information re speeds at the location was given. This has been a long-standing issue. Better signage and the potential for using 'smiley faces' are options. This is part of the ongoing JCC discussion.

b) Covid updates: a comprehensive report has been issued and members were reminded to share this document.

#### **5. FINANCE REPORT**

The Treasurer submitted her report. We have been informed that we will be receiving our grant shortly.

One request for payment has been received from Alves and there is around £1,500 still available for the Duffus car park resurfacing. Dallas school shed will not now be built until September but a deposit has been paid.

Balance of funds:

Roths 1 (May)	£15,063.46
Roths 2 (October)	£14,012.18
HCC	£ 1,133.42
<b>Total:</b>	<b>£30,209.06</b>

There was discussion about the best date for a deadline for the next round of funding. It was decided that 31 August 2021 would be appropriate and this date would make it possible for details to be sorted out in time for the September meeting which will be the last one for the current Community Council members before elections in October. This would involve both Roth's 1 and Roth's 2. It was agreed that information about the availability of Wind Farm funding should be posted on our Facebook page. Examples of previous projects that have been funded could be included and details of the conditions for funding explained. Projects must be community assets and although money can be given for setting up a project, maintenance would be the responsibility of the community. Money cannot be provided for day-to-day running and maintenance and cannot be given for anything for which the Council is legally obliged to provide. It was agreed that every effort must be made to circulate this information.

## **6. PLANNING ISSUES**

All planning details had been circulated and there were no issues.

## **7. AOCB – to include area reports**

There was no other business.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Date and time of next meeting:

Tuesday 29 June 2021 at 7.30 pm, probably still via Zoom