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HELDON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 27 September 2022 in Mosstowie School

Chairman	Mr J Mountford – Dallas	
Treasurer		
Secretary		
	Mrs M Evans – Duffus	Mr N Sutherland - Dallas
	Mrs S Hodder - Pluscarden	Mr W Mustard – Fogwatt & Birnie
	Mrs D Kelly - Alves	Mrs A Masson – Alves
	Mr W Duncan - Fogwatt	Mr C Souter - Miltonduff
	Mr K Milne - Miltonduff	Mrs H Stewart- Roseisle
Attendees	Councillor Bridget Mustard	
	Councillor Neil Cameron	
	Ms Debra Duke - CCLO	
Apologies	Mrs L Smailes - Pluscarden	Ms Rhona McNicol
	Ms Jo Kirby - Miltonduff	Councillor James Allan
		Councillor John Cowe

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. MILTONDUFF DISTILLERY

Two representatives from Miltonduff Distillery attended the meeting to inform us about the proposed plans for an extension. Photographs and maps were provided. Some points were discussed after the presentation:

- The volume to be produced and its effect on the traffic
- The moving of some office staff from Keith to Miltonduff and the number involved
- The dovecot will be restored as an empty shell
- The piece of land which is available and could be given to the community

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mrs L Smailes (Treasurer), Ms Jo Kirby, Councillor John Cowe, Councillor James Allan and Ms Rhona McNicol.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of 09 August 2022 were approved.

Proposed: Mr N Sutherland Seconded: Mrs A Masson

4. MATTERS ARISING

a) Cloddach Bridge: A lengthy list of concerns had been submitted to the Council and responses to these points had been received. A meeting is being arranged which will be attended by two members of Heldon Community Council, Councillors from both Heldon and Lhanbryde Community Councils and two representatives from the Protest Group. The two dates currently on offer are both within the school holiday period and also in the daytime which excludes some potential attendees.

It is hoped that a suitable date and time can be agreed and a proposal will be sent to the Council. There is concern about the vulnerability of the area if problems arise with the Allarburn Bridge later on. It was stressed that we need to move forward now rather than express concern about the original causes of the damage. There was discussion as to how funding might be obtained. As the bridge is the responsibility of the Council we cannot apply for Wind Farm money. There was discussion as to whether local firms could be asked to help with funding. This would have to be carried by HCC. It was agreed that we should approach the local businesses about possible funding and also put together a strong case for the use of the bridge, both of which would be submitted to the Council as a package. A suitable letter for the businesses will be compiled and circulated to members of HCC before being sent.

b) Fogwatt signage: awaiting a date for a meeting.

c) B9010 verges: parts of these have been cut but not the parts that most need to be cut. The current diversion route is especially in need of work as it is almost impossible to see oncoming traffic when turning out at the junction.

d) Allarburn Bridge: the overgrown trees have been reported online twice.

e) Trees on the Miltonduff-Dallas road: the trees are now forming a tunnel. The problem is exacerbated by a horsebox which is permanently parked at the roadside. It has been moved over but the offside wheels still encroach on the road. The owner will be spoken to before it becomes a police responsibility.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

Most correspondence had been circulated to all members but some might need further action. All members were encouraged to read the correspondence received and take action if needed.

a) Police Plan survey: this is a national survey to which members can respond if they so wish.

b) Kellas Wind Farm: it had been hoped to arrange a meeting but so far no communication re this has been received.

c) Cycle UK Shift Funding: grants are available to encourage cycling.

d) Funding opportunities: our individual communities rather than HCC itself need to follow up these sources of funding.

e) Moray Transport Forum: a meeting was held in Urquhart but this seemed to be more about procedure than action. Transport is an important issue in our rural areas.

f) Environmental and Commercial Services Survey: a consumer satisfaction survey concerning Parks, Open Spaces and Waste. Again, members can respond individually.

g) Resilience Planning: a leaflet has now been circulated. It was suggested that individual communities could put their own plans in place and that these could then be brought together as a composite Heldon Community Council plan.

h) National Anti-social behaviour survey: this is not a major problem in our area.

i) Disability Access Panel: volunteers are required for this.

j) SP=EED: training is available in effective community engagement in planning

6. FINANCE REPORT

The Treasurer had submitted her report in advance as she was unable to attend the meeting.

Our year end is 30 September and the year-end accounts will be submitted at the next meeting. Very little change is anticipated between now and the year-end.

Roths 1	£30,011.52
Roths 2	69,146.92
HCC balance	1,502.36
Total	£100,660.80

7. PLANNING ISSUES

All planning details had been circulated.

- a) Millie Bothy: we had not objected to the original plan as the work was to take place on an existing building but concern was expressed at the current meeting as to work that had been carried out since. Three points in the planning application had been refused but these had subsequently been carried out illegally and Forestry Commission tracks were being used to carry out the work involved. Richard Lohead has stated that Moray Council has the power to insist that the site must be restored to its original state. It was agreed to lodge an objection to the application.

8. CO-OPTION

Hilary Stewart had offered to join the Community Council as a representative for Roseisle. The Chairman proposed that she be co-opted and this was carried unanimously.

9. AOCB – to include area reports

- It was pointed out that our Facebook page only has 55 followers and that this is not sufficient to reach out to our wider community. It was suggested that we should have a web page. A proposal will be put together for discussion at the next meeting.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Date of the next meetings:

Tuesday 08 November 2022 at 7.30 pm. At Mosstowie School unless otherwise circulated.

Tuesday 13 December 2022 at 7.30 pm. Venue to be decided.