

# DRAFT

## HELDON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Minutes of the meeting held on 13 December 2022 via Zoom

<b>Chairman</b>	<b>Mr J Mountford – Dallas</b>	
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Mrs L Smailes</b>	
<b>Secretary</b>		
	Mrs M Evans – Duffus	Mr N Sutherland - Dallas
	Mrs S Hodder - Pluscarden	Mr W Mustard – Fogwatt & Birnie
	Mrs D Kelly - Alves	Mr A Lyons - Roseisle
	Mr K Milne - Miltonduff	Mrs H Stewart- Roseisle
	Mr C Souter - Miltonduff	
<b>Attendees</b>		Councillor Bridget Mustard
		Councillor Neil Cameron
<b>Apologies</b>	Mr W Duncan	

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

#### 1. APOLOGIES

An apology had been received from Mr Willie Duncan

#### 2. RESIGNATION

Mrs Audrey Masson has resigned from Heldon Community Council. She had asked the Chairman to give her thanks to all members for all the help she has received while part of the Community Council. The members wished to thank her for all her service and contribution over the years.

#### 3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of 08 November 2022 were approved.

Proposed: Mrs D Kelly    Seconded: Mr A Lyons

#### 4. MATTERS ARISING

a) Cloddach Bridge: Councillor Mustard reported that a colleague had raised the issue with the Economic and Infrastructure Committee and the issue will continue to be pursued. The Roads and Bridges Department has also replied to say that it is seeking an engineer's report so that quotes can be obtained to scope the design and to identify works. The report will be sent to the Economic and Infrastructure Committee.

b) Social Media: a detailed report had been circulated and information had also just been received via a lengthy communication from the Council. In order to give members a chance to read and digest all the material it was decided to leave this topic for further discussion at our January meeting.

c) B9010 trees: A 'For The Attention Of' letter has been sent. Otherwise no progress has been made.

d) Millbuies Coffee Van: information has been passed on to the member for that area. When visited, the coffee van was closed. There is a free app available for phones which will check noise levels and the Council will recognise these results. This will be followed up.

## 5. CORRESPONDENCE

Most correspondence had been circulated to all members but some might need further action.

a) Smiley faces update: thanks were expressed to Councillor Mustard for her update. This includes details of how to apply and also the cost.

- Basic cost: approximately £3,500
- Installation: £400
- Maintenance: £75 per year – ten years can be paid in advance

It is essential to consult the Council about the location and site. It is also important to investigate the feasibility of a connection to the electricity cable. If this is not possible then solar power will have to be used.

The Economic and Infrastructure committee had stated that Smiley Faces were not suitable for Roseisle but this will be pursued. The issue will be taken back to the community so that needs can be discussed. Some communities have already gone down this route and have installed the equipment. Many rural communities have similar problems with speeding traffic.

It was pointed out that Diageo had offered to pay in full for the purchase and installation of equipment at Roseisle. The firm has requested a quote from the Council but has not yet received a reply.

b) Transport Forum: this has been set up by the Joint Community Council and a meeting will be held in the Supper Room at Elgin Town Hall on Tuesday 31 January 2023.

## 6. FINANCE REPORT

The Treasurer submitted her report and accounts. Not much has changed since the previous accounts. We have received the Wind Farm grants for the last round of applications. A speedy pay-out for the bike maintenance station at Duffus has been made and the honoraria have been paid. The Information Commissioner's Office has now been paid and receipt confirmed.

Still to be dealt with:

- Mosstowie School Playground
- Dallas Community Shop Trust – still in limbo.

Roths 2 applications are due by 31 January 2023. Members were reminded that these applications should be made on the correct Roth's 2 forms. We can include Roth's 1 funding if we receive a high number of applications.

Dallas proposed footpaths: some concern had been expressed about this application concerning SEPA regulations and insurance. These issues have been addressed and it was agreed that this could now go ahead. An amended minute will be sent to the Chairman for signing.

Rothes 1	£ 34,836.18
Rothes 2	£ 69,146.92
HCC balance	£ 791.88
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1 04,774.98</b>

## 7. PLANNING ISSUES

All planning details had been circulated.

a) York Tower: this involves telecommunications and is at the pre-planning stage. No change will be made to the existing building. Planning permission would not normally be required but this is a listed building.

b) Wind Farm update: this is still at the pre-planning stage but involves eight 158-metre turbines. The output will be over 50 megawatts so planning will have to be referred to Edinburgh. There will be local funding support for community benefit but this will be Moray-wide rather than locally targeted. The proposed access route is along the A96 then turning off opposite the Burghead junction and travelling through Miltonduff. This route is not at all suitable in its present state for the passage of eight huge turbines and 32 blades.

## 8. AOCB – to include area reports

a) The information re Smiley Faces will be passed on to Tomintoul.

b) Information Commissioner's Office has been paid in full. All Community Councils pay the same amount. Our documentation now goes to the Treasurer.

### Area Reports

- The Resilience Planning meeting held in Elgin Town Hall was extremely helpful. Duffus is hoping to put together a Resilience Plan.
- A complaint has been made in Roseisle concerning damage to about twenty trees along the road at the rear of Kinloss Golf Club. These are roadside verges trees, not ones on private land. A considerable amount of foliage has been cut. Correspondence can be sent to Councillor Cameron.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Date of the next meeting:

Tuesday 24 January 2023 at 7.30 pm at Mosstowie School