

HELDON COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting held on 18 April 2023
Mosstowie School

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

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Mr Willie Duncan, Mr A Lyons, Mr W Mustard, Mr C Souter, Mr N Sutherland and Councillor N Cameron.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of 06 March 2023 were approved.

Proposed: Mr K Milne Seconded: Ms J Kirby

3. MATTERS ARISING

a) Cloddach Bridge: money has been received from the UK Government for this. A phone call is being made to ascertain exactly what this means. It is not for the full amount so there is a question over how the balance will be funded. This could be put in place by the Council or the Scottish Government. Councillor Mustard will continue to pursue this to find out what the process is likely to be and she will report back. Douglas Ross had said that the project had been mentioned in the budget and that he is keen to see the bridge re-opened as soon as possible.

b) C12E barriers: no serious incident has occurred on this stretch of road so no barriers have been erected. However, Councillor Mustard reported that the Council has agreed that £15,000 will be allocated to each Ward for local projects.

c) Kellas Drum Wind Farm access: No speaker from Kellas Drum was available to attend the HCC meeting tonight but they will be informed of the date and time of our next meeting.

d) Miltonduff Distillery: Mr Souter was unable to attend tonight's HCC meeting but had circulated a proposed response to the information received in reply to our points. The responses to this latest report were read and discussed and subsequently approved at the meeting. It was unanimously agreed that these points could be submitted.

e) Communication: there is no specific policy on this as each Community Council operates in a different way. Heldon is unusual in that we are a collection of individual communities and we are also unusual in that all correspondence is circulated directly to each member. There was some discussion around this point and it was agreed that it is up to each member to circulate information within each community. Some villages have Facebook pages, some have websites and some have local Newsletters and these are used accordingly to pass on relevant information.

There was further discussion as to how best to circulate information as a Community Council. It was proposed that for now we should continue to send information for our Facebook page to our Facebook manager but that a discussion would be set up around the way forward, with perhaps a standalone Facebook page. A report would be produced for the next meeting.

Proposed: Ms J Kirby

Seconded: Mrs H Stewart

This was agreed.

There was also discussion as to whether we should advertise the amount of money available through the Wind Farms. It was felt that it would perhaps be useful to give an account of some of the projects already carried out.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

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

a) Wind Farm money: a meeting is being held on Monday between the Wind Farm Marketing Manager, Heldon CC and Rothes CC.

b) Douglas Ross – Cloddach Bridge: covered under Matters Arising Item a).

c) SSEN 400kw transmission line: there is a proposal for a 400 kw powerline through the Lossie Valley. Three different routes have been proposed and there is a meeting in Elgin on 24 April and in Forres on 25 April. Anyone affected should try to attend a meeting.

d) Wind Farm updates: Clash Gour planning permission has been approved subject to responses from Lossiemouth RAF base and Inverness Airport. SSEN is planning on putting forward proposals to satisfy both the Lossiemouth base and the Airport.

5. FINANCE REPORT

The Treasurer submitted her report and accounts. It has been a much busier month. Recent funding which was approved at the finance meeting has been received. Problems with the Mosstowie climbing frame have been resolved and this is up and running. A sum of interest has been received and it was felt that this could be used across the Community Council area, perhaps for floral displays.

Roths 1	£ 29,217.57
Roths 2	£ 20,376.83
HCC balance	£ 1,563.44
Total	£ 51,157.84

6. PLANNING ISSUES

All planning details had been circulated. There were no issues other than those already discussed.

7. AOCB – to include area reports

Area reports

- a) Birnie: a farmer has had his fence damaged three times by traffic coming round the bend on the road through Thomshill. Two out of the three incidents were reported to the police but there was no outcome as there was no evidence as to by whom the damage was caused. Councillor Mustard will enquire as to whether a short length of crash barrier could be installed.
- b) Roseisle: the Council was going to put in traffic strips ten days ago but so far this has not taken place. It was emphasised that this needs to be within the 30 mph area, not the 50 mph area.
- c) Duffus: the issue of parking on pavements to allow emergency vehicles to pass had been passed on to the Council. Three roads in Duffus are applicable for exemption – Burnside Road, Milne Lane and the Gordonstoun Road pedestrian/cycle track. A reply had been received stating that this information had been passed on to the Road Traffic Department.
- d) Concern was expressed as to our GDPR policy, with particular reference to the information received from Wind Farm funding applicants. It was suggested that matters in relation to this could be raised at the meeting with the Wind Farm Marketing Manager on Monday as they might themselves have a policy on this matter.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Date of the next meeting:

Tuesday 30 May 2023 at 7.30 pm at Mosstowie School