

## DRAFT

**HELDON COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the meeting held on 11 July 2023**  
**Houldsworth Institute, Dallas**

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

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. A welcome was extended to our visitors.

### 1. APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Mr W Duncan, Ms S Hodder, Ms H Stewart and Councillor Neil Cameron.

### 2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of 30 May 2023 were approved.

Proposed: Mr A Lyons    Seconded: Mr N Sutherland

### 3. MATTERS ARISING

#### a) Bridges:

- Cloddach Bridge – there has been an article about this in the Press and Journal. The matter was assessed at the last Moray Council meeting on 29 June. Money had been set aside for a feasibility study. Approval had been given so negotiation with the UK Government for £1.5 million can be undertaken. Another feasibility study will now be required and this money needs to be matched by Moray Council. The available Council budget last year was underspent by £2.9 million and it has been argued that the required finance should be put aside for the Cloddach Bridge once all the necessary feasibility studies have been done. Councillor Mustard put the motion to the Moray Council so that the case could be put forward and thanks and congratulations were given to Councillor Mustard for all the hard work and success in this matter. Another meeting with the Cloddach Bridge Forum has been requested. We shall have two seats at this meeting so the community and the Council will

be working together. School holidays are making dates for the meeting difficult to arrange at the moment and the Agenda has not yet been made public. All the bridge options are on the table but although the funding has been earmarked there is still a long way to go and it is not a given that the bridge will reopen. We are doing all we can to support this matter.

- Newmill Bridge – there is a temporary closure in operation until October but repairs have been scheduled.
- Allarburn Bridge – the traffic lights have been moved to keep them clear of the nearby property. The bridge will need to be closed while repairs are carried out but the cause of the damage has been identified and the cost will be recouped from the company's insurance once the work has been completed. It was pointed out that we are coming up to a very busy farming period and difficulties with the bridge will have an effect on this.

b) Roseisle traffic measures: a meeting has been organised for a week today with residents of the road concerned. A speed survey has been carried out. Work will need to be carried out on the road surface and kerbs and Council approval is also required. We will be informed of progress on this matter.

c) Longmorn bio-energy plant: more information is available online but as yet there is not much detail re transportation. An eye will be kept on the website.

d) Torrieston Woods car park: as parking charges have been introduced for the car park it was feared that parking would now take place on the road and in the passing places. So far, however, this has not become a problem.

e) Treasurer: two names have been suggested for this post and will be followed up.

#### **4. CORRESPONDENCE**

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

a) Resilience Event Lhanbryde 21 September: each community is supposed to have a resilience plan in place. The last meeting in Elgin Town Hall was very good and very helpful.

b) SSEN resilience funding closes 31 July: there is an online consultation. Emergency generators were suggested as a possible investment for this funding.

c) Outfit Moray First Aid training: there are many dates available. Some are for specific circumstances.

d) Next JCC meeting 10<sup>th</sup> August: all members are entitled to attend.

e) Consultation on local planning: ongoing. Planning is now in its early stages for the Local Development Plan. This will be a 10-year plan rather than a 5-year one. Ideas are requested from the various areas. It will probably take two years to go through the process.

f) Community Councils 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: local areas can plan celebrations.

g) Dunphail area: it has been brought to our notice that plots of land are being offered for sale without planning permission. This is not illegal but Moray Trading Standards are looking into it.

## 5. FINANCE REPORT

The Treasurer submitted her report and accounts. Not a great deal going on. A few payments have been made and our grant has been paid though has not yet appeared in our bank account.

**It was agreed that our Data Protection Fee of £40 should be paid to the Information Commissioner's Office.**

Some payments are still outstanding for both Rothes 1 and Rothes 11.

Rothes 1	£ 29,013.57
Rothes 2	£ 13,755.46
HCC balance	£ 1,543.44
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 44,312.47</b>

Our next deadline for Rothes 1 is 31 August but Fred Olsen is changing the application forms to include Data Protection information and we have not yet received the new ones. If we haven't been able to distribute them by the end of July we might have to postpone this date.

## 6. PLANNING ISSUES

All planning details had been circulated.

The latest large masterplan for the Findrassie housing has been put forward. We are just on the edge of this development.

## 7. A.O.C.B. to include area reports

- Trees on the edge of the road in Dallas have still not been cut. Foliage and verge cutting in Moray is proceeding according to schedule.
- Duffus had submitted requests for consideration for exemption so that cars could be parked on the pavement in order to allow access for emergency vehicles once parking on pavements becomes illegal. This has not been granted as all residents have off-street parking. It was pointed out that this does not always accommodate visitors who then park on the road.
- The Visit Moray and Speyside Group is planning a Winter Festival. Communities can join in with this.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Date, time and venue of the next meeting:

Tuesday 22 August 2023 at 7.30 pm in Mosstowie School.