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HELDON COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting held on 22 August 2023
Mosstowie School

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

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of 11 July 2023 were approved.

Proposed: Mr N Sutherland Seconded: Mr W Mustard

3. MATTERS ARISING

a) Bridges:

- Viewmill Bridge: this work will be carried out at a cost of £300,000 with the bridge being repaired and also widened which will extend its life and make for greater safety. All the necessary paperwork has been completed. October has been targeted for a start date and it is hoped that work will be completed by March 2024.
- Allarburn Bridge: this is ongoing and the bridge will not need to be closed during the repairs. It was pointed out that it needs to be kept open for emergency vehicles.
- Cloddach Bridge: A meeting has been held with Councillor Robertson. The £1.5 million from the UK Government needs to be co-funded to cover the proposed cost of £3 million. This requires a full business case at a cost of £150,000 which has to be met by Moray Council.

Procedure has to follow the UK Economic Guidelines and will probably require a ministerial decision. Moray Council is unlikely to be able to afford £150,000 at the moment and might have to secure outside help with this. Windfarm funding was mentioned as a possibility. There has been no confirmation as to what kind of structure a new bridge would have: would it be full tonnage and two lanes? It was strongly felt that the bridge should be built with the future in mind. A meeting with the SNP has been offered which should be accepted. It was agreed that meetings should begin on a local basis before being escalated. Douglas Ross will be invited to our next Community Council meeting to investigate whether a case could be made for the UK Government to fully fund the work. The bridge provides a vital route for connecting part of the community to Elgin.

b) Roseisle traffic measures: Douglas Ross attended a meeting and it was agreed that something needs to be done. The traffic report has been received and local police have offered a meeting. Up to a hundred daily trucks have been reported with some cutting corners. A petition will be raised concerning noise and mental health. Councillor Mustard has met with Nicola Moss who would be happy to meet with representatives of the group but has requested a single point of contact.

c) Duffus parking: in view of the proposed exemption for parking on pavements where this is necessary for emergency vehicle access, a request had been submitted for exemption for Burnside Road and Milne Lane. However, as all residents have off-road parking these roads do not qualify for exemption.

d) Treasurer: the volunteer for this post has been sent a list of what this entails but would like to discuss the matter further. He and the current treasurer will meet to further this.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

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

a) Overnight surfacing 20 August: this will have gone ahead.

b) Council 'On Demand' transport: Dial M for Moray, Moray's accessible door-to-door transport, will be completely digitised. Some concern was expressed about this.

5. FINANCE REPORT

The Treasurer submitted her report and accounts. There has not been a great deal of movement since the last meeting.

Roths 1	£ 29,013.57
Roths 2	£ 13,755.46
HCC balance	£ 2,065.01
Total	£ 44,834.04

The Treasurer pointed out that a considerable amount of interest had accumulated from the Wind Farm money and suggested that this should perhaps be used for a community project.

A revised application form has now been received for applications for Wind Farm funding. The single form will do for both Roth's 1 and Roth's 2. As the original deadline for the next round of funding is 31 August it was agreed that this should now be delayed until 15 October with a Finance meeting to be held two weeks after that.

6. PLANNING ISSUES

All planning details had been circulated. There were no issues.

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

- Land at the side of the Dallas road where cutting is needed belongs to the Council. This is now in a state where two cars cannot pass. Letters have been sent to the Forestry Commission re the B9010 from the Dallas junction to Kellas.
- The verges from Pluscarden up the Glen need cutting.
- It was queried whether Moray Council could use part of the bridge underspend to fund the required £150,000 but this is not possible.
- It was pointed out that with three bridges either closed or restricted a great deal more traffic is on the A96. If the Cloddach Bridge was open this would take much of the traffic from Elgin.
- The Moray Council Plan to look at traffic interventions is under review.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Date, time and venue of the next meeting:

Tuesday 03 October 2023 at 7.30 pm in Mosstowie School.