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HELDON COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting held on 29 July 2025
at Alves Village Hall at 7.30 pm

Chairman	Mr J Mountford – Dallas	
Treasurer	Mr S Williams – Roseisle	
Secretary		
	Mrs M Evans – Duffus	Mr W Mustard – Fogwatt & Birnie
	Mrs D Kelly – Alves	Mr K Milne – Miltonduff
	Mr A Lyons – Roseisle	Mrs L Smailes – Pluscarden
	Mr N Sutherland – Dallas	Ms H Stewart – Roseisle
Attendees	Councillor Neil Cameron	Ms C Munro – The Level
	Ms J Johnson – Birnie resident	Mr A Munro – The Level
	Mr G Nicol	
Apologies	Mr C Souter – Miltonduff	Mr W Duncan – Fogwatt & Birnie
	Ms S Hodder – Pluscarden	Mr A Wallis – Birnie
	Mr C McCarthy – Birnie	Councillor Bridget Mustard

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Mr C McCarthy, Mr A Wallis, Mr W Duncan, Mr C Souter, Ms S Hodder and Councillor Bridget Mustard.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of 17 June 2025 were approved.

Proposed: Mrs D Kelly Seconded: Mr K Milne

3. MATTERS ARISING

a) Spynie Battery Storage: this has gone to planning.

b) Birnie Quarry: no news on a when the proposal will be discussed at the Council Planning Committee, although there is a meeting scheduled for 12 August. A great deal of very positive and very grateful feedback had been received from the Community for both the Heldon and Elgin Community Council reports on the proposal. Leiths have submitted a response to the Heldon/Elgin CC reports and the over 800 objections, directly to the Council. It was noted that the responses were quite aggressive in tone and very dismissive of any local issues or insights raised and contained

no new mitigations in respect of the concerns raised. The community is continuing to raise awareness of the issues around the quarry, largely through social media. and are now hoping that Moray Council make the right decision and reject the proposal in the near future.

c) Community Council Elections: Debra Duke will be attending the next HCC meeting and will hopefully throw light on the details of the elections. Those wishing to stand must complete the application form and have a witness to their signature. It is essential that we publicise the forthcoming elections. There was very little response from the effort made at the Forres Highland Games but four people have come forward to show an interest in representing Birnie. If more than the required number of candidates stand for any area then an election will take place within that area.

d) Longmorn: this has gone to appeal.

4. ADDITIONAL CORRESPONDENCE

a) There is a Customer Satisfaction Survey available online for comments about the Waste, Open Spaces and Cemeteries services provided by Moray Council.

5. FINANCE REPORT

We have received £107.68 in income since the last meeting.

We have had quite a number of ongoing claims outstanding. The Treasurer has chased up these and now Rothes 1 claims have mostly been cleared and Rothes II is completely clear. There is still a small amount of money in Rothes I.

There are now several applications for the next round of funding with new ones received from Roseisle Hall, Dallas Development Trust and Dallas Senior Citizens Committee.

As we are approaching the end of our financial year we will need to arrange for the accounts to be audited. It was agreed to ask Moira Duncan to undertake this for us again.

Finance since the last meeting:

Income	£ 0
Expenditure	£ 5,599.80

Balances:

HCC	£ 3,075.88
Rothes 1	£ 2,623.65
Rothes 2	£18,366.80
TOTAL	£24,066.33

6. OTHER PLANNING ISSUES

a) Another wind farm is planned but this does not appear to affect Heldon CC.

7. A.O.C.B. TO INCLUDE AREA REPORTS

a) Concern was expressed about the state of the verges in some areas but it does seem that this is now underway with cutting reported in other areas.

b) Work will continue on a joint bid for traffic signs with Roseisle.

c) Antisocial behaviour on the Cloddach Road is still continuing with cars speeding/racing and being very loud.

d) Duffus is publicising the CC elections with copies of the poster on the notice boards. Details will also appear in the Duffus Despatches on 01 September.

8. DATE, TIME AND VENUE S OF NEXT MEETINGS

Finance meeting: Tuesday 19 August 2025 at 7.00 pm in Alves Village Hall

Final HCC meeting Tuesday 09 September 2025 at 7.30pm in Mosstowie School

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and contributions.