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HELDON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 09 September 2025

at Mosstowie School at 7.30 pm

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

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Mr W Duncan, Ms Hilary Stewart, Mrs D Kelly, Councillor Neil Cameron, Councillor Bridget Mustard and Ms D Duke.

2. Debra Duke CC Officer

Debra was unable to attend the meeting but a few points had been made:

- There were no boundary changes planned for Heldon Community Council.
- Nomination forms for the next Community Councils will be available from 03 October. These must be submitted between Monday 06 October and 4.00 pm on Tuesday 21 October.
- The first meeting for the new Community Council has been set for Tuesday 28 October 2025.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of 29 July 2025 were approved.

Proposed: Mr A Lyons Seconded: Mr N Sutherland

4. MATTERS ARISING

a) Roseisle/Birnie traffic issues: Consultation is ongoing for a proposed 20 mph limit. Alex will continue to get the Traffic Action Group together. The next Roseisle residents' meeting will be updated on progress so far. They will be looking at next steps with other communities and approaching the council. They will possibly be looking at a petition from both the areas about the size and speed of the lorries using the c25e. There have been two serious accidents recently at Roseisle and the police have attended on both occasions.

It was pointed out that Rafford, which lacks pavements, now has warning signs painted on the road to warn drivers of pedestrians.

b) Cloddach Speedway: police have patrolled the area occasionally. It has been quieter recently but there has been some disturbance at night. Drivers are still attempting to go down the road in response to their Satnavs. A Blue Bus attempted to reach the bridge recently and it was only with considerable difficulty that it was able to turn round. There is no further progress on this matter. It was pointed out that Scottish Elections will take place in May 2026 and local elections in the summer of 2027. This might lead to changes.

5. ADDITIONAL CORRESPONDENCE

a) Speymouth Environmental Group: concerns about a hydrogen plant.

6. FINANCE REPORT

No changes in income or expenditure since the last meeting so balance remain the same:

Balances:

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

We have still not heard from the Wind Farm about the recent claims.

This Community Council will function as normal until the first meeting of the new Community Council, including the Treasurer's ability to manage Wind Farm funding.

6. OTHER PLANNING ISSUES

There has been no movement on the planning application for the Battery Storage. Concern was expressed about the very slow movement of planning applications.

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

a) Concern continues over the problem of overhanging trees in the Dallas area and at Pluscarden.

b) So far there has been no response to the request for a new Community Councillor for Duffus.

c) The question was raised as to whether a sign indicating privacy can be erected. It was pointed out there might be an issue of liability if this caused any danger to the public.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and contributions and for their help and support over the four years of this Council. He offered special thanks to Lyndsay, Simon and Colin for all their help in financial matters and thanks were offered from the floor for the work of the Chairman and Minutes Secretary. The Chairman concluded by saying that the achievements of the last four years show that a Community Council does indeed have a place in local communities.