



HELDON Community Council

Date: 28 April 2026

Time: 7.00pm

Venue: Pluscarden Village Hall

Chair: Andy Wallis

MINUTES

Attendees:

Community Councillors: Andy Wallis (Chair), Simon Williams (Treasurer), Lesley Lythgoe (Secretary), Neil Sutherland, Kenny Milne, Colin McCarthy, Steve Valentine, Angus Dixon, Grahame Davidson, Colin Souter and Alex Lyons.

Heldon Ward Members: Cllr Bridget Mustard

Apologies:

Community Councillors: Willie Duncan (Vice Chair), Hilary Stewart

Heldon Ward Members: Cllr John Cowe, Cllr Neil Cameron

1. Welcome

Welcome from Chair Andy Wallis and thanks to Angus Dixon and Pluscarden Hall Committee for hosting the Heldon Community Council Meeting.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting Ratification

Proposed: N Sutherland

Seconded: A Dixon

Minutes can be found on the Moray Council website

A summary of the last meeting's minutes can be found on the Heldon Community Council Facebook page.

3. Declaration of Interests

AW is the Deer Manager of Level's Farm at Birnie

CS is a neighbour of the trustees for Keiran's Legacy

4. Matters Arising from the Meeting of the 3 March 2026

- a. Sign posting for pedestrians on A941 (near Springfield development) – update
Developers have agreed to put in a footpath as part of the ongoing development. **Closed**

- b. Defibrillators cost, feasibility and engagement- update AW

Sandra McKandie from Keiran's Legacy spoke to the meeting on the general principles of providing defibrillators. There was a discussion as to whether Heldon Community Council work with Keiran's Legacy to develop a proposal to be put before a Finance Meeting of the Heldon Community Council. (The motion's exact wording is unknown).

Chairmans After Meeting Note: *This agenda item was meant to be an update on the development of a proposal for a defibrillator project, by the Chair and Colin McCarthy, with a discussion to inform the Council, and members of the public attending, on the thinking behind the development of this proposal and provide an opportunity for feedback to shape the proposal. No formal motion was required as Colin McCarthy does not require Council approval to develop such a proposal, as any such proposal would in due course require the full scrutiny of a Finance Committee. The Chair incorrectly asked for a proposer and seconder, when in fact no motion or subsequent vote was required at this stage.*

Action: Colin McCarthy would continue to develop a Community Benefit proposal for a defibrillator project across Heldon, with advice from Keirans Legacy and the support of those Councillors who wish to help, to confirm both requirement and suitable locations/owners in areas that had been identified as potential blackspots.

- c. Community Bins at Wester Buthill Community Alves and Thomshill HS AD

This concern has been raised via the Moray Council hotline. Stickers have been placed on the bins at Thomshill. **Closed.**

- d. Fly Tipping in Pluscarden AD

This has been cleared away by persons unknown. **Closed**

- e. Information Stall at Dallas Gala NS and GD

ACTION: Organise a Heldon Community Council Information Board and opportunity for Comments and Feedback from the Heldon Community.

- f. Speeding at Thomshill and Roseisle CM SV AW HS SW

Discussion on how best to address the concerns of communities in Thomshill and Roseisle and other areas affected by speeding.

ACTION: Councillor B Mustard has offered to investigate if speed signs can be erected before the villages to help slow traffic down

ACTION: CS and AW to request a meeting with Nicola Moss, Head of Environmental & Commercial Services and invite the Ward Councillors.

ACTION: ALL Please share specific issues related to speeding in your area with the Community Council.

ACTION: HS and SW to attend the next Roseisle Traffic Forum Meeting

g. First Aid Courses AW CM

AW suggested a proposal for First Aid Courses for members of people that supported community activity but who would otherwise not receive first aid training. AW noted that Keirans Legacy had offered to provide first aid training at a very significantly reduced cost, using volunteers and working through village halls in the HCC area. Before this proposal progressed, locations for training would need to be confirmed as would the number of potential candidates .

ACTION: CM to develop a Community Benefit proposal to deliver first aid training through village halls to individuals who work in the community.

Chairman's After Meeting Note: As per Item 4b, this action did not require a formal motion or vote as the development of a community benefit proposal can be undertaken by anyone in the community without formal approval from the Community Council.

h. What's on in Heldon GD

Highlighted the opportunity to list a Heldon Community activity on the Heldon Community Council Facebook page.

5. Correspondence Received

a. Elgin Substation SSEN Transmission Consultation relevant to Miltonduff and Spynie Ward (Findrassie). SSEN Transmission were invited, accepted and then sent their apologies.

b. Findrassie Forum

Contact with the Findrassie Forum and invited to Heldon Community Council Meetings.

c. Building Resilient Communities

ACTION:

ALL councillors and community to consider what this could look like. How we could help each other outside of support from The Moray Council.

Duffus is looking into a SSEN generator, for example.

d. Local Development Plan Meeting 15 or 16 April 2026 AL

Meeting attended by Buckie, Heldon, Elgin and Forres.

e. Police Scotland Community Council Engagement

Correspondence from Police Scotland indicates that Sergeant Ali Bruce will be the Community contact and he plans to attend meetings every 6 months

6. Treasurers' Report

Income since last meeting

£13,624.78

Expenditure

£1,500.00

Balances

Heldon £ 3,399.01

Roths I £37,459.76

Roths II £28,830.99

Total £69,689.76

The submitters from the Finance Meeting on the 10 February 2026 have been informed. Two invoices have already been received.

The next funding application deadline is the 31 August 2026.

- a. Grant Application process instructions- update
Instructions now attached to application forms.
- b. Small Grant Scheme Feasibility
Fred. Olsen Renewables happy to support this. No final details of the scheme.
- c. Additional to the agenda: Renewed Bid was presented from Pluscarden Hall Committee. Documents not available to the Heldon Community Council.
Chair requested the Treasurer to organise an out of sequence Finance Meeting
ACTION: SW to circulate the documents for the renewed bid at least one week before organising a finance meeting.

7. Planning

- a. Cloddach Bridge – Letter to Moray Council and response.
No response from UK Government. Support from Moray Council
- b. Moray Flow Park
SV reported no update. A seabed assessment is needed.
- c. Findrassie Housing
In the Heldon Ward. Planning application for an alcohol licence for the new Tesco.
ACTION: ALL Comments by the 8 May 2026.

d. Elgin Substation Findrassie

No update

e. Application from/for the Caravan Park at the Level Farm Birnie

ACTION: HCC to write to the Moray Council noting positive aspects of this application.

8. Reports

a. Local Councillor(s): Nothing to report at this meeting.

b. Community Councillors Ward Reports

Dallas:

NS raised a concern about trees causing damage to tractors.

ACTION: NS and AW to write to the Moray Council

Alves and Roseisle: No updates

Milton Duff and Spynie:

KM raised a concern about parking outside Mosstowie School which was causing concern and the potential for accidents.

ACTION: AW to add to letter and meeting with Nicola Moss, Head of Environmental & Commercial Services.

Fogwatt and Birnie: No updates

Duffus:

Happy to get charger and plan for 20 miles per hour signs.

9. Community Feedback - No additional comments

10. The Joint Community Council of Moray

- Next meeting is the 14 May 2026 at the Elgin Community Centre

11. AOCB

12. Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting

1900hrs, 23 June 2026, Dallas Hall and Community Centre

Future dates for HCC Meetings

August 4 2026 Duffus Village Hall

September 15 2026 tbc

October 27 2026 tbc

December 8 2026 tbc

January 19 2027 tbc

Meeting finished at 8.50pm