

HELDON COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minute of the meeting held on 19th August at 7.30pm in Mosstowie Primary School

Chairman	Mr O Smith - Spynie	Rev. J Adams - Duffus
Vice Chairman	Mr S Masson — Alves	Mrs. S Fennings –Mills - Roseisle
	Mr W Duncan - Fogwatt	Mrs S Hodder - Pluscarden
	Mr A Gomez - Alves	Mrs D Kelly - Alves
	Mr K Milne - Miltonduff	Mrs A Masson - Alves
	Mr G MacKessack Leitch -Alves	
	Mr J Mountford — Dallas	
	Mr J Smith -Birnie	
	Mr. N Sutherland -Dallas	
	Cllr. A. Wright	
Apologies	Cllr. D. Ross	Mrs L Smailes - Pluscarden
	Mr P Austin - Roseisle	
	Mr C Souter - Miltonduff	
	Cllr. J. Cowe	
Secretary		Mrs A Hyland
Treasurer		Mr J Hyland
Visiting member of the Public	Mr Garry Forgie	Head Teacher Mosstowie Primary

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for a good turnout. After the previous minutes were approved Mr Forgie was welcomed to the meeting and invited to speak.

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Approved: Willie Duncan Seconded: Sarah Fennings-Mills

1.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTE.

1.1 Pot Ale Plant Paddockhaugh- Road now resurfaced and signs erected.

1.2 Mr Forgie was invited to address Heldon Community Council giving them an update on the access to the School House. He gave a very informative and detailed account of the options available.

Options 1 & 2 proposed by the Education Resources Department in June, which involved access of vehicles through the playground. He felt these were definitely not an option on health and safety grounds. It also meant the loss of valuable amenity for the children.

Option 3 He had suggested the Council purchase the land from the field below to make an access to the school house but that could be costly.

Option 4 He suggested a track along behind the fence line of the playing field which could be created labour free by the Criminal Justice Team and perhaps, free gravel from the quarry as had been donated in the past.

Option 5 His preferred option was to hand the school house over to the school to create much needed accommodation and storage space. There is no general purpose space for teaching other than the hall which is out of use for much of each day as it is used for lunches. The head teacher's office, the staff room and the main corridor are all currently used as teaching areas by the Support for Learning teacher, support staff and visiting specialists. The bulk of resource storage for stationery, curriculum resources and all P.E. equipment is currently stored in outside sheds because there is no accessible storage space within the building. The staff, current and past, have simply put up and managed with these problems, which most other schools do not have to do. The empty school house is viewed as a real opportunity to solve all of these problems, which will greatly improve the organisation of the school and have a direct benefit on the pupils.

To assist the Education Department expenses the school would commit funds to integrating the building, which is attached to the school. This is a project which could be done in stages over a number of years.

The Parent Council is also very keen to fundraise to assist with costs. There would be minimal expense initially to the Education Department of Moray Council as the first stage would be to access an empty building. There are two blocked up access points in suitable locations that could be easily re-opened.

Questions and Answers followed and Mr Forgie was assured that he had the support of Heldon Community Council in objecting to Options 1 & 2 and giving preferred preference to Option 5 or if necessary Option 4.

Mr Forgie left the meeting. The Community Council agreed with the Vice Chairman who proposed that Mr Forgie should get the full support of the Community Council.

The Secretary will write to the Head of Educational Resources and send copies to Cllr Wright, the Chairman of the Mosstowie School Council and the Head Teacher. The letter would state that Heldon Community Council strongly object to options 1 & 2 as they did when they wrote last October.

They would support the Head Teacher with preferred Option 5 or if necessary Option 4.

1.3 Kellas House Wind turbines – no information provided for the public.

- 1.4 Amended roadway on A96 to Edgar road –no further information.
- 1.5 Overhanging branches Ardgilzean House – Letter from Paul Barron read out. No work done yet.
- 1.6 Giant Hogweed – reply to letter sent to Dept. Agri. Circulated and read out.

2.0 CORRESPONDENCE

- 3.0** 3.1 BOWL – confirmed Wick Harbour as preferred option – noted.
- 3.2 Scottish Rural Parliament – one member attending the meeting.
- 3.3 Customer Forum for Water News – noted.
- 3.4 Planning and Building – noted.
- 3.5 Moray Council Citizens Panel – members encouraged to consider becoming a member. Cllr. Wright advised the members that the panel were very careful about the questions asked and the responses given. One of our members who carefully responds to the questionnaires said he felt his work was a waste of time.
- 3.6 Review of Taxi Conditions and PEL – appreciated. Cllr. Wright is going to the Licensing Board meeting.
- 3.7 Dallas Estate Long Term Forest Plans – Dallas members will study the document.
- 3.8 WW1 Centenary Commemoration. Secretary to seek advice about funding.
- 3.9 Community Empowerment Scotland Bill – noted. Easy read document offered to anyone wishing it.
- 3.10 Public Sector Newsletter – noted.
- 3.11 Community Engagement Group – Secretary highlighted the work being done and the members involved in the group. Cllr. Wright sits on the Panel. Cllr. Cree deals with particular issues which require addressing. Moray is well ahead in promoting Community Engagement.
- 3.12 The right for Parish Councils to sell Electricity – noted.
- 3.13 Commissioning on Strengthening Local Democracy downloads www.localdemocracy.info/2014/08/14
- 3.14 Review of Sport, Leisure & Recreation Provision in Moray – one member to attend the meeting.

3.0 TREASURER'S REPORT- given by Secretary.

4.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS –

- 4.1 The Secretary explained about the uncomfortable experience she and the Treasurer had when dealing with Curry's. Despite 'phoning their Head Office asking if presenting a cheque for clearance before the goods were delivered was acceptable and it was agreed it was, they both had a 40 minute ordeal in Curry's before the cheque was accepted. She said she would not deal with them again and the Community Council agreed with her decision.
- 4.2 Flooding at Dallas. Jim wished it to be minuted that Moray Council had been very helpful. The disappointment was that SEPA did not warn the village until 10am when they were all flooded out. The Secretary has been asked to write to SEPA and ask why they were not warned before that time. Milnorduff had calls at 8.30am
- 4.3 A941 Elgin Rothes road - Flood water gathered because ditches need cleared between Fogwatt and Coleburn.
- 4.4 Longmorn distillery cottages flooded because the burn bank has been washed away.
- 4.5 The Ordhill to Elgin Springs road needs some surface repair done.
- 4.6 Overhanging branches noted at the double bridges on the Milnorduff to Elgin road.
- 4.7 On the Findrassie road 3 passing places have been created but not long enough for agricultural vehicles with trailers.
- 4.8 Since a recent accident residents in the Longmorn area are very concerned about the right turn into Longmorn distillery. Drivers speed down the straight overtaking several vehicles not observing that one vehicle is turning right. A whole garden fence was demolished as a driver tried to escape. Cllr. Wright has kindly offered to deal with points 4.2 – 4.8.
- 4.9 Wind farm applications sent out.

5.0 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Full planning permission to extend rear of Ptarmigan, Lochiepsots Road. No objection.
- 5.2 Full planning permission to revise house design previously approved to erect house at The Cedars, Wardend. No objection.
- 5.3 Full planning permission to erect sunroom at 39 St. Peter's Road, Duffus. No objection.
- 5.4 Full planning permission to erect 5 x 4m high LED Pilzeo lamps to improve security in avenue leading to Windmill House, Gordonstoun. No objection.
- 5.5 Full planning permission to erect dwelling house in place of existing farm building at Wester Oldtown Farmhouse, Elgin (Roseisle) No objection.
- 5.6 Revise site boundary and house design at Trochail Wood, Birnie (was 11/01158/APP now 14/01304/APP) No Objection.
- 5.7 Full planning permission to erect dwelling house on site adjacent to Ard Darroch, Mosstowie. No objection.
- 5.9 Full planning permission to change approved house design ref. 11/00312/AMC on site at Shougle Woods. No objection
- 5.10 Full planning permission to erect dwelling house and site temporary caravan at Buthill Heights, Wester Buthill No objection
- 5.11 Full planning permission to erect dwelling house and garage at Upper Birkenbaud, Wardend. No objection

6.0 CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS. The Chairman thanked everyone for their input and closed the meeting.

Dates for 2014 30.9.14.

Minutes sent out 9.8.14

