

**HELDON COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**Minute of the meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm in Mosstowie Primary School**

<b>Chairman</b>	<b>Mr O Smith - Spynie</b>	
	Mr W Duncan - Fogwatt	Mrs. S Fennings –Mills - Roseisle
	Mr A Gomez - Alves	Mrs S Hodder - Pluscarden
	Mr K Milne - Miltonduff	Mrs D Kelly - Alves
	Mr G MacKessack Leitch -Alves	Mrs A Masson - Alves
	Mr J Mountford — Dallas	Mrs L Smailes - Pluscarden
	Mr. N Sutherland -Dallas	
	Cllr. A. Wright	
	Cllr. D. Ross	
Apologies	<b>Mr S Masson — Alves</b>	Rev. J Adams - Duffus
	Mr P Austin - Roseisle	
	Mr C Souter - Miltonduff	
	Mr J Smith -Birnie	
	Cllr. J. Cowe	
Secretary		<b>Mrs A Hyland</b>
Treasurer		<b>Mr J Hyland</b>

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for a good turnout.

**MINUTE OF MEETING** of 19<sup>th</sup> August 2014

Approved: Kenneth Milne    Seconded: Audrey Masson

**1.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTE.**

- 1.1 Mosstowie Primary Schoolhouse access – letter read out from Mr Nick Goodchild.  
Mr Milne was invited to attend the Parent Council meeting and said that Cllr.Wright assured them that no access would go through the playgrounds. Heldon Community Council thanked him for his support. Mr Duncan said that Community Asset buy out by the Parent Council could be applied for.
- 1.2 Kellas House Wind turbines – no further information.
- 1.3 Amended roadway on A96 to Edgar road – no further information.
- 1.4 Overhanging branches Ardgilzean House – not removed.
- 1.5 WW1 Memorial Fund – information circulated from Ken Kennedy. There is a web site [www.warmemorialtrust](http://www.warmemorialtrust)  
The British Legion also has a fund.
- 1.6 Poor warning system from SEPA for Dallas – reply read out and result of investigations awaited.  
Mr Mountford said that he was happy with the reply but stated it had an environmental impact.  
SEPA is holding flood warning sessions and there is one at Lossiemouth on 8<sup>th</sup> October from 2.30pm – 7pm.  
Moray Council has had a meeting to discuss the situation – it may have been caused by high bunding and heavy rainfall.
- 1.7 Road safety concerns on Longmorn Straight – New more conspicuous signs will replace those presently in situ.
- 1.8 Drainage ditch between Fogwatt and Coleburn – repaired.
- 1.9 Houses flooded at Longmorn – A request for residents to advise what they think was the cause of the flooding. Mr Duncan will address this issue.
- 1.10 U130E in poor state of repair – an email reply forwarded by Cllr. Ross states that this section of road is on the reserve list for repairs.
- 1.11 Overhanging branches near the Grove, Elgin B9010 – a closer inspection is to be done.
- 1.12 Lay-by not long enough for tractor and trailer on the Findrassie road – these dimensions comply with the required carriageway width of not less than 5.5m.
- 1.13 Review of Sports and Leisure meeting -
- 1.14 Proposed ramp at Alves Community Village Hall – Planning permission will be sought to include the ramp and the change of position of the main door.
- 1.15 Scottish Rural Parliament meeting – report sent by Rev. Jenny Adams and read out by Secretary.

**2.0 CORRESPONDENCE**

- 2.1 Planning & Building – noted.
- 2.2 U117E - letter of thanks sent to Roads department by Mr J Smith.
- 2.3 Litter & Fly Tipping Community Fund – noted.
- 2.4 People & Communities Fund – noted.
- 2.5 Join the NHS team – noted.
- 2.6 Path Grading Systems - circulated
- 2.7 Statutory review of Polling Places – discussed and each hall will charge their own rate.
- 2.8 Scottish Civic Trust Conference – noted.
- 2.8 Spirit of Moray Book Festival 01343 562623 – noted.
- 2.9 PSE News Letters available for circulation.

- 2.10 Automated External Defibrillators - the telephone number to use for further information is - 0161 930 6010
- 2.11 Request from Ruth Mackenzie P&J asking for comments on the crashes on the Fogwatt area of Rothes Road.  
Mr Duncan responded to this but said it would be discussed further at Community Council. It is hoped the new signage will help.
- 2.12 Land use Strategy - circulated
- 2.13 Community Councils on line – circulated. Heldon Community Council stated that they feel communications are satisfactory in their present form. We have a good communication system between the Community and our Councillors.
- 2.14 SEPA new coastal flood warnings – noted. We have just had a talk from one of the members.
- 2.15 AGM of Citizens Advice Bureau – noted.
- 2.16 Review of JCC – questionnaire completed.
- 2.17 School Review Report. Mr Mountford said nothing has changed after the Consultation process. There is limited validity of the on-line survey in terms of 1% response. He said he is also doubtful of the validity of the criteria used as a basis for the investigation. In fact, he found the whole exercise quite unsatisfactory, given his background in Education.  
The report is a starting point and Moray Council will discuss this on 3<sup>rd</sup> November. Cllr. Wright said that they will decide on short, medium and longer term decisions. Mr Mountford asked if there would be an open meeting to discuss all aspects.
- 2.18 Major Exercise at RAF Lossiemouth and West Coast – noted.
- 2.19 Brown Muir Wind Farm –progress update. It was agreed to look at the electronic copy of the application and then ask for a meeting with someone from Brown Muir.
- 2.20 Admin Grant return was explained.
- 2.21 Return of consultation request on Meikle Hill Wind Farm. It was noted that Dallas residents were very pleased with the Consultation process.
- 2.22 Smart water paste – noted.
- 3.0 TREASURER'S REPORT-** End of year report given by the Treasurer who invited questions. Everyone present was satisfied with the report and there were no questions.
- 4.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**
- 4.1 Provisional dates for 2014-2015 accepted.
- 4.2 The pavements at the West End of Dallas were damaged during the floods and all pavements need examining on safety grounds. They are holding water.
- 4.3 The Ness end bridge on the C3E is a narrow bridge and traffic is unaware that it is only a single carriageway. A request has been made for warning signs to that effect. Trees have been cleared to aid visibility. Secretary to write to Roads Department.
- 4.4 Red squirrels are being subjected to Road Kill and since they are an endangered species the question of warning signs has been queried.
- 4.5 A941. The Longmorn straight is causing concern because of fast overtaking and new prominent signs will be put up to warn drivers before overtaking. The Fogwatt bends are also a cause of concern. Although there is a 50mph restriction, drivers are not heeding this and the idea of Smiley Face signs warning drivers of their speed has been suggested. The Secretary is to write to the roads department about these issues.
- 4.6 Overhanging bushes and branches are causing poor visibility at the Findrassie/Duffus road junction – Cllr. Wright dealing with this.
- 4.7 The road from Spynie Hall to Spynie Kirk towards the A96 is suffering with flood water coming from the wood. Cllr. Wright is dealing with this for us.
- 4.8 Scots Pine trees on the B9010 from Landlash towards Dallas has 200 metres of greenery overhanging the road thus making visibility difficult.
- 4.9 Water is overflowing from the Kellas pond, running down the road and then back into the pond. Secretary to write roads about all these points.
- 4.10 Complaints from residents in Fogwatt and Longmorn are worried about inconsistency of reply time on a planning application. Councillor Ross was informed at the meeting.
- 5.0 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**
- 5.1 Full planning permission to extend planning consents at Hillockhead, Dallas (Dallas Trust) – no objection.
- 5.2 Full planning permission to erect dwelling house and garage and install private waste water treatment plant north of Bonnymuir House, Lochiepots Road, Milntown. – no objection
- 5.3 Full planning permission to create a new outdoor nature centre and children's nursery at Millbuies –Consultation request completed.
- 5.4 Full planning permission to vary condition 6 of planning consent 09/01798/APP for erection of dwelling house to allow for works to be carried out prior to occupation of the dwelling on site at Upper Torehead, Pluscaden. – no objection
- 5.5 Full planning permission to erect dwelling house on site at Shougle Farm, Birnie– no objection
- 5.6 Full planning permission to erect dwelling house at Wester Hillside, Mosstowie. – no objection
- 5.7 Full planning permission to erect dwelling house on site adjacent to Rohallion, Ordhill, Longmorn– no objection
- 5.8 Full planning permission to erect dwelling house on site at Tyrockside, Milntown. – no objection.
- 6.0 CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS.** The Chairman thanked everyone for their input and the Councillors for all their help and support. Before he closed the meeting, he announced he had a presentation to make.  
He presented Mr Kenneth Milne (Mosstowie and Milntown) with a Heldon Community Council certificate for 2 years perfect attendance. He said Kenneth worked hard for the Community through Heldon Community Council.

