



HELDON Community Council

Date: 3 Aug 2026

Time: 7.00pm

Venue: Roseisle Village Hall

Chair: Andy Wallis

MINUTES

Attendees:

Community Councillors: Andy Wallis (Chair), Simon Williams (Treasurer), Steve Valentine (Secretary), Kenny Milne, Angus Dixon, Grahame Davidson, Colin Souter and Alex Lyons, Hilary Stewart.

Apologies: Neil Sutherland, Colin McCarthy, Willie Duncan

Heldon Ward Members: Cllr John Cowe.

1. Welcome

Welcome from the Chair who thanked the Roseisle members for hosting the Heldon Community Council Meeting and for providing excellent refreshments.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting Ratification

The minutes of the last meeting were proposed to be correct

Proposed: Angus Dixon

Seconded: Hilary Stewart

3. Declaration of Interests

None

4. Matters Arising from the Meeting of the 23 June 2026.

- a. Election of a Sectary: - Steve Valentine put himself forward and was proposed by Simon Williams and seconded by Hilary Stewart.

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

Only one suitable site and host have been identified and a bid will be submitted to the next finance meeting. Future bids may be submitted where a need and host site are identified

Action: A bid is to be submitted by **Colin McCarthy** for the provision of a defibrillator at Birnie Hall, Birnie hall is currently the only hall without a defibrillator.

- c. First Aid courses.

There has been interest shown and there will be up to 40 places available across the Heldon community.

Action: A bid is to be submitted to the finance meeting in Sep 26 by **Colin McCarthy**.

d. Tree encroachment on the B9010.

As there has been no action by the Forestry Commission and the Chair will now make a formal approach to Moray Council regarding the issue of encroachment.

e. Appeal of the quarry at Birnie.

HCC has submitted its response and as yet there is no forecast for a decision date by the Reporter.

f. Update and distribution of Posters.

The HCC posters will be redistributed once the any new members are co-opted, Sep 26 to the HCC. The posters should be available late Sep.

g. Traffic

Mostowie School: Moray Traffic Manager (MTM) confirmed the Zig Zag lines to be painted at the entrance to Mostowie School. The chair will contact the MTM to see if the Zig Zag lines can be painted prior to school commencing in late Aug. Action Chairman.

Vehicle activated speed signs (VAS): Moray Council had confirmed that a VAS system installed by them on behalf of HCC would cost approximately £3500 plus £400 installation and a further £750 for a 10-year maintenance package. The HCC would work with Moray Council and consider submitting bids for two systems (Roseisle and Thomshill). **Action: Alex Lyons** would draft a bid for two VAS systems for the next finance meeting.

Roseisle: Recent accidents have highlighted the risk associated with this junction and the concerns raised with the local community. Moray Council have acted quickly to cut back vegetation, clean up debris and prioritise renewal of road markings. However, Moray do not consider the design of the junction needs to be changed based on accident injury data and current policy, which is contrary to the community view that the junction presents an endemic risk, based on accident data and lived experiences locally. HCC will ask for a meeting with Moray Council Traffic to review the locally collected data and consider options to further enhance safety at the junction. **Action. Chair** to write to Moray Council and ask for a meeting to discuss the Roseisle junction layout.

h. Cloddach Bridge

Following the HCC letter to him, Graham Leadbetter MP has written to the Department of Transport seeking a refund of £120K.

i. What's on in Heldon GD

Highlighted the opportunity to list a Heldon Community activity on the Heldon Community Council Facebook page. **Action: Chair** would put a Facebook post out advertising the monthly HCC summary of whats on in Heldon and inviting contributors

5. Correspondence Received

None

6. Treasurers' Report

Income since last meeting:

Income £986.96

Expenditure £2,225.84

Balances

Heldon £ 4,385.97

Windfarm money allocated waiting to be spent

Roths I £37,459.76

Roths II £13,849.15

Total £55,694.88

A request from the Information Commissioners Office for a fee of £52 has been requested to pay the Data Protection Fee. Action Simon Williams.

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.

7. Planning

a. Auchtertyre and Lochinver quarries.

Mr Stephen Cowan, Head of Strategic Planning and Geology North and Scotland TARMAC, presented a short Power Point Presentation regarding the intended future planning request for the 2 quarries. A number of observations were highlighted in respect of the proposed Lochinver development. **Action: Colin Souter** would send an email to Steven Cowan with the HCC observations.

b. Glassgreen Village

It was noted that a precondition of the next phase of 200 plus properties for the Glassgreen development is for a; footpath on the western side of the A941 to be completed from Elgin to the north side of the Burn of Linkwood, crossing the existing footpath at Birkenhill.

c. SSEN Substation

Innes CC had suggested a joint approach to the proposed SSEN substation project between Elgin CC and HCC and Innes CC. The HCC will work with the joint group, where it is seen as constructive to do so, but will also continue to work directly with SSEN as we have thus far established a good working relationship. The HCC have contacted SSEN and highlighted shortcomings from the last public event, especially on respect of notifications.

d. Spynie Battery Park

Planning permission was rejected as it did not comply with the National Planning Framework. The Chair requested a note of thanks be recorded to Colin Souter for the work he carried out in writing an effective objection letter on behalf of HCC.

8. Reports

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

b. Community Councillors Ward Reports

Dallas: No updates

Alves and Roseisle: It was noted that as the nights draw in there was increasing light pollution from the Diagio distillery towards Easter Buthill. **Action: Chair** would highlight the issue to Moray Council and ask them to investigate

Milton Duff and Spynie: No updates

Fogwatt and Birnie: No updates

Duffus: It was noted that development work in Duffus had resulted in restricted pavement access near the post office. **Action: Colin Souter** would confirm the location and ask Moray Council to investigate.

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

Resilience Planning (RP).

Debra Duke, MC CC Liaison Officer addressed the meeting regards Resilience Planning. She highlighted the differing requirement each ward has depending, for example, on their size and population; HCC will have differing considerations compared with Elgin. There will be however a common theme running through a Resilience Plan to include:- Communication both phone and internet, Roads, Medical and Power.

She suggested that HCC contact Duffus CC and look at their RP.

The Chair noted that we should take an incremental approach to building a plan, if there was an appetite to do so and perhaps start with defining what resilience might mean in HCC and what resources we could deploy to support it. **Action: The Chair** would draft a

short paper/presentation for discussion at a future HCC meeting and the HCC would also ask for copies of the Duffus plan.

Co-option of new members.

Members of the public were invited to submit an application to be coopted onto the HCC by emailing the Secretary at HeldonCC@hotmail.com. As of this meeting one volunteer has expressed an interest.

12. Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting

1900hrs, 15 Sep 2026, Dallas Hall and Community Centre

Future dates for HCC Meetings

October 27 2026 tbc

December 8 2026 tbc

January 19 2027 tbc

Meeting finished at 8.45pm