

HELDON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 4th October 2016 at Mosstowie Primary School

Chairman	Pending election	
Vice Chairman	Mr S Masson - Alves	
Treasurer	Mrs L Smailes – Pluscarden (apologies)	
Secretary	Mrs S Richards	
	Mrs A Masson -Alves	Mr J Smith -Birnie
	Mr J Mountford -Dallas	Mr N Sutherland -Dallas
	Mr P Austin -Duffus	Mrs Mary Evans -Duffus
	Mr W Duncan -Fogwatt	Mr K Milne -Miltoduff
	Mr C Souter -Miltoduff	Mrs S Hodder -Pluscarden
	Mr Angus Dixon (Mosstowie) - visitor	Cllr. A Wright
Apologies	Cllr. D Ross	Mrs D Kelly-Alves
	Mr G. Mackessack-Leitch - Alves	

The Vice Chairman welcomed members and Mr Dixon to the meeting.

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Approved: Mrs Sally Hodder

Seconded: Mr Willie Duncan

1.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTE

- 1.1 Mosstowie School House– Mr Dixon gave an update – a new Community Interest Company is being formed - this new body will lease the empty School House from Moray Council and aims to use the building for the benefit of both the school and the local community. Mr Dixon was advised to clarify issues such as insurance, maintenance and the duration of the lease. He was thanked by the Vice-Chairman for his report. Mr Dixon then left the meeting.
- 1.2 A96 duelling – members are attending the 'Meet the Teams' meetings. Cllr Ross has met with the Transport Secretary who has promised increased local liaison.
- 1.3 Election of new Chairman – after some discussion, Willie Duncan was proposed as the new Chairman by Neil and seconded by Peter. Willie asked for time to consider and the members agreed to await his decision at the next meeting.
- 1.4 Report on Litter Summit John Smith attended the meeting, a Litter Forum is being formed.
- 1.5 Road fault at Spynie junction – Roads department to repair as appropriate
- 1.6 Unauthorised encampment on A96 layby – Cllr Ross confirmed the layby is owned by Transport Scotland who have a non-intervention policy on this issue, unless there are safety concerns either for the encampment or the greater public. Moray Council have been monitoring the site and consider there is no nuisance. Cllr Ross has pressed Transport Scotland for more action & awaits a reply.
- 1.7 Discussion of Community Benefit proposals at next Finance meeting (continuing reminder)
- 1.8 Parking around Mosstowie School – the issues have been highlighted to the parents.
- 1.9 Alves playpark update -Cllr Ross confirmed if the Community Council funds the purchase & installation of new equipment, Moray Council will provide on-going maintenance & insurance. Lands & Parks dept have details of suppliers.
- 1.10 Arrangements for 15th November -various members volunteered to provide food & Denise is asked to arrange teas & coffees.

2.0 CORRESPONDENCE - all circulated

- 2.1 Changes to school funding by Scot Gov – weblink circulated
- 2.2 Access to Elected Office Fund – financial help for the disabled standing for office – weblink circulated
- 2.3 ScotRail & Foundation Scotland funding – weblink circulated
- 2.4 Community Health & Wellbeing Day 30th Aug – info circulated
- 2.5 Bags of Help – changes to grant funding – weblink circulated
- 2.6 Community Councillor training – info circulated

- 2.7 Update on Beaully-Blackhillock-Kintore projects – weblink circulated
- 2.8 Findrassie Forum – invite to first meeting circulated
- 2.9 tsiMoray seeking Directors – info circulated
- 2.10 Moray Council Budget, potential £12.4M shortfall – discussed by the members – thinking 'outside the box' needed.
- 2.11 Elgin Transport Parking Strategy presentation (7 Sept) . Survey has been completed by some members.
- 2.12 Training, events and opportunities from tsiMoray – weblink circulated
- 2.13 Scottish Rural Parliament draft manifesto – weblink circulated
- 2.14 Funding news from tsiMoray – weblink circulated
- 2.15 Public engagement for Wind Turbine proposals -new procedure info circulated
- 2.16 Moray Council Planning facebook page – link circulated
- 2.17 Quarriers news & latest newsletter – links circulated.
- 2.18 Special meeting of JCC & Police Scotland 13 Oct – **Willie Duncan to attend**. Willie to ask about the local Community Police Officer, any reports and the local Community Warden.
- 2.19 Community Council & Planning email from Jane Martin – contents of e-mail were discussed & noted.
- 2.20 European funding available to coastal communities – weblink circulated
- 2.21 Letter confirming Administration Grant for 2016/17

3.0 TREASURER'S REPORT

Copies of the year end accounts were distributed and discussed. The Vice Chairman thanked Lyndsay for her work in preparing the accounts.

4.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 4.1 Colin raised concerns about speeding on the road into Elgin, at the 60-40MPH changover.
- 4.2 Neil reported on the Flood Scheme meeting in Dallas and he has suggested the proposed bund is extended slightly and drew attention to the potential for flooding at the sewage plant.
- 4.3 Sally offered the now surplus tables & chairs from Pluscarden Hall
- 4.4 Mary reported on overhanging trees on the Duffus Road – she will confirm who is the land owner

5.0 PLANNING APPLICATIONS – No objections

- 5.1 Proposed Crematorium at site of approved Funeral Chapel, Burghead Neuk, Roseisle 16/01184/APP
- 5.2 Mixed development at Findrassie, Elgin 16/01374/SCN
- 5.3 Major planning app for 870 houses etc south of Elgin. Replies needed by 20/09/2016 16/01244/APP
- 5.4 Erect a bungalow near Waterton Farmhouse, Elgin 16/01417/APP
- 5.5 Consultation on hazardous substances storage (~9600 tonnes Ethanol) at Longmorn Distillery 16/00483/HAZ
- 5.6 Construction of earth embankment on fields south of Dallas 16/01454/APP

6.0 CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS.

Scott thanked all present for their contributions and invited proposals for Council Officers. Neil proposed the current office holders should continue. This was seconded by Jim. This was agreed by the meeting. Also, it was agreed to pay an honorarium to the Secretary of £500 – payable in 2 installments, and another to the Treasurer of £200. All expenses are to be re-imbursed. There being no other business, Scott closed the meeting at 20:40.

Dates for 2016 15th November.

Proposed Dates for 2017 17th January, 28th February, 11th April, 23rd May, 4th July, 15th August.

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