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HELDON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held 18 January 2022 via Zoom

Chairman	Mr J Montford – Dallas	
Treasurer		
Secretary		
	Mrs A Masson – Alves	Mr K Milne - Miltonduff
	Mrs M Evans – Duffus	Mr N Sutherland - Dallas
	Mrs S Hodder - Pluscarden	Mr W Mustard – Fogwatt & Birnie
	Mr W Duncan - Fogwatt	Mr C Souter - Miltonduff
	Mrs D Kelly - Alves	
Attendee		
Apologies	Mrs L Smailes – Pluscarden	
	Ms J Kirby - Miltonduff	
	Councillor R Edwards	

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mrs L Smailes, Ms Jo Kirby and Councillor R Edwards.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of 07 December 2021 were approved.

Proposed: Mr N Sutherland Seconded: Mr W Duncan

3. MATTERS ARISING

a) Cloddach Bridge: the barriers have been breached on more than one occasion. Cameras have been installed but it seems that the police cannot make use of the information owing to the poor quality of the images. It was agreed that the restrictions need to be both more substantial and more secure. If the signage is ignored by drivers then responsibility for any damage lies with them. Concern was expressed that if damage continues the bridge might be closed.

A proposal was put forward: that the Council put in a more substantial or solid barrier to deter misuse and to make sure that the height limit is observed.

The chairman will email Councillor Edwards. The original order was a temporary one for eighteen months but the permanent order is now in place so stronger restrictions are appropriate.

b) Birnie Kirk Road: Most of the properties lie back from the road with only one fronting the road. Any change to the speed limited is very unlikely.

c) Alves Village Signage: Councillor Edwards has been in touch to say that it is not normal practice for the Council to put such signage in place. Signage on the A96 is a matter for Bear Scotland. There was a query as to whether an annual fee is charged for such signage.

d) Trees on Dallas to Kellas road: the Council will inspect the area to determine the extent and priority for clearing vegetation. If there is a need for Forestry Scotland to take action then they will be notified. Storm Arwen, though, has caused a great deal of damage which might well be a priority for the Forestry Commission.

e) Crosshills Road Duffus: it was suggested that an application should be submitted by the Duffus Estate and this will be discussed at the Finance Meeting.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Most correspondence had been circulated to all members.

a) Local Area Forum: volunteers are being sought as members for this Forum.

b) JCC meeting 10 February: anyone wishing to join this meeting should notify Debra.

c) Active Travel Strategy: this has been added to local websites.

d) Energising Moray: this has been added to the Heldon CC website.

5. FINANCE REPORT

The Treasurer had submitted her report as she was unable to attend the meeting. Apart from the fact that we have received our Council grant, there are no updates since the last meeting. No emailed applications for Wind Farm funding have been received but there could be postal applications which the Treasurer will deal with on her return. It was decided that the date of the Finance meeting should be decided by the Treasurer once the volume of work involved has been assessed.

6. PLANNING ISSUES

All planning details had been circulated. The proposed masts to be erected just south of Kellas were discussed. One is a radio mast to aid the emergency services and will be 100 metres high to record windspeed data. The other is a test application as a pre-cursor for a full Wind Farm application.

7. AOCB – to include area reports

- The potential risk of the Duffus – Gordonstoun junction had been discussed with the Headmaster. It was suggested that the only likely improvement would be improved signage.
- The Alves footpath is just awaiting a coat of tar so it is almost complete.
- Outdoor gym equipment: a salesman is willing to come to the area to discuss this and to answer questions. A date should be fixed.
- The volume of traffic on the Mosstowie road has increased considerably but it was felt that this could be due to the fact that there are roadworks on the A96.

- Dead trees on the road from Wester Manbeen to the quarry are marked for removal but nothing has been done so far. This is the responsibility of the landowners.
- More fly-tipping has been observed at Pluscarden. The Council will be informed.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Date of the next meeting:

Tuesday 11 March 2022 at 7.30 pm via Zoom.

The Finance meeting will be decided by the Treasurer.