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HELDON COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting held on 14th May 2024
at Mosstowie School 7.30 pm

Chairman	Mr J Mountford – Dallas	
Treasurer	Mr S Williams – Roseisle	
Secretary	Mr A Lyons	
	Mr C Souter - Miltonduff	Mr W Duncan – Fogwatt & Birnie
	Mr A Lyons - Roseisle	Mr N Sutherland - Dallas
	Ms Hilary Stewart - Roseisle	
Attendees		Ms H Ospazuk – Birnie resident
	Councillor Bridget Mustard	Ms J Johnson – Birnie resident
		Mrs P Smith – Birnie resident
		Mr R Gillespie – Birnie resident
		Mr M Gillespie – Birnie resident
		Mr C McCarthy – Birnie resident
		Samantha Ryder – Birnie resident
		Gordon Nicol – Birnie resident
		Patricia Harper – Birnie resident
		Mr A Wallis – Birnie resident
		Mr T Lee – Birnie resident
Co-opted members tbc	Andrew Willis, Colin McCarthy	
Apologies	Mr W Mustard – Fogwatt and Birnie	Lindsay - <i>apologies don't know surname</i>
	Ms S Hodder - Pluscarden	
	Ms J Kirby - Miltonduff	
	Mr W Duncan	Councillor Neil Cameron
	Mrs M Evans – Duffus	Councillor Marc Macrae
	Mr K Milne - Miltonduff	

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The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received and noted as above.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of 02 April 2024 were approved.

Proposed: Mr N Sutherland Seconded: Mr C Soutar

4. MATTERS ARISING

a) Newmills bridge – work has started and should be completed in next few weeks.

b) Co-options - Andrew Willis, Colin McCarthy. Proposed by Mr C.Soutar and seconded by Mr N Sutherland. Email details to be circulated to Mr C Soutar to add to circulation lists.

c) Fogwatt ditches – Still to be inspected but also dependent on financial support. Update for next meeting.

d) Roseisle Traffic- Meeting held with council and agreed to look at costs and locations for Vehicle Activation signs and new 30mph signage. Councillor Mustard asked that any other HCC members who have a similar request to bring back to next meeting to understand if there are any cost saving for purchasing a number of the signs for other HCC members. To be added to next meeting agenda.

Roseisle action group– a meeting will be held on 15 May about the traffic issues. The point was raised about the fact that some communities fund their own speed signs, but it was explained that they still need planning permission and also funding for electricity and maintenance.

e) Elgin Hill roundabout – The issue of the water levels at the Belts Road was raised by Mr N Sutherland. Noted that the levels were approaching the roadway and update for next meeting.

f) Parking at Torridon woods was raised due to the incidence of dangerous parking. This has been caused by the lack of payment facility in the area as machine works on an App which people do not have access to and reduced mobile signal in the area. Chair advised that this should be reported to the local Police as HCC had no remit in this respect.

Correspondence.

1. Common Energy, Moray – Apologies but I don't really understand what next steps are?

2. Cloddach bridge- business plan approved, and next step is that it is now waiting for Ministerial approval. Mr C Soutar is looking for Fairhurst invoices for HCC finance purposes and agreed to pick this up with HCC treasurer to ensure we meet our accountancy obligations. Bring back to next meeting if required.

3. Rothes open day – was fully booked and a number of the HCC were unable to obtain tickets. (**Chair to mention at next meeting with Rothes?**)

4. Elgin long term plan - £20 million available for public projects and Chair encouraged members to log in and vote for/ create proposals for the use of funding.

5. SSEN consultation – next meeting due 5th June 2024 to discuss the locations of the new line and impact in Dallas, Kellas and Fogwatt. (***Not sure that I picked up the subtle nuance here? Or what it was raised for.***)

Finance report.

Mr S. Williams provided latest figures -

Funds held

HCC – 2343.46

Roths 1 – 14808.45

Roths 2 – 13700.46

Total in bank 30752.37

Movement since April meeting

Income – 466.38(interest)

Paid out - 3453.05.

Planning issues

Nothing new to report(?)

- It was thought that the Biomass project at Fogwatt had been shelved.

Update from Chair

Scottish rural network - Footpath access

Lyme disease - NHS bulletin on their site- advised members should raise awareness.

8. A.O.C.B. to include area reports

Roseisle broadband – Mr A Lyons raised concerns from community that BT Openreach were installing new fibre optic cabling and routing this through existing properties to support a number of new builds. However, they weren't allowing the existing rural community to access the new structure. A number of the community members raised concerns that they too were having issues. Chair reminded the group that this was not in the purview of HCC. Mr A Lyons asked that the issue was placed on the next meeting to collate any other occurrences which he would raise directly with BT

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending the meeting, especially for the increase in members of the communities who were now attending and contributing to the meetings.

Date, time and venue of the next meeting:

HCC meeting – Tuesday 25 June 2024 at 7.30 pm at Mosstowie School.

Finance meeting – Tuesday 21 May 2024 at 7.30 pm At Mosstowie School.