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HELDON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 25th June 2024

at Mosstowie Primary School 7.30 pm

Chairman	Mr J Mountford – Dallas	
Treasurer	Mr S Williams – Roseisle	
Secretary		
Attendees	Ms S Hodder - Pluscarden	Mr W Duncan – Fogwatt & Birnie
	Mr C Souter - Miltonduff	Mr K Milne - Miltonduff
	Mr A Wallis - Birnie	Mr N Sutherland - Dallas
	Mr W Mustard – Fogwatt & Birnie	
	Ms H Ospazuk – Birnie resident	
	Ms J Johnson – Birnie resident	
Apologies	Ms D Kellyt – Alves	Mr C McCarthy – Birnie
	Ms L Smailes - Pluscarden	
	Ms J Kirby - Miltonduff	
	Mrs M Evans - Duffus	Councillor Neil Cameron
	Mr A Lyons – Roseisle	Councillor Bridget Mustard
	Ms Hilary Stewart – Roseisle	



The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received and noted as above.

2. Common Energy, Moray

Alex Walker provided an overview.

They have been in discussions with EDF Renewables in relation to their Clash Gour Wind Farm proposal. There was a conference in 2019 in terms of potential investment into the project in terms of funding routes etc.

This is a 48 MW project.

Potential to invest up to 10% which is circa £10m

Planning was approved in Oct 2022

They have received funding for professional advise and are seeking potential Community Share Issue in the future.

They have a Board of Directors

Project is still in the early stages in terms of their potential investment.

EDF have still to confirm financial commitment to build the Wind Farm

Community benefit is not part of their overview / involvement

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of 14th May 2024 were approved. The attendee / apologies from previous meetings has been adjusted.

Proposed: Mr W Duncan Seconded: Mr N Sutherland

4. MATTERS ARISING

- a) Fogwatt Ditches. Still to inspected. Councillors to provide update either direct to W Duncan or at the next meeting
- b) Roseisle Traffic . No update, agreed to discuss at next meeting
- c) Water levels at Belts Road. No action has been undertaken and with the recent increase in rainfall there is likely further erosion. Councillors to provide update at next meeting.
- d) broadband. Roseisle Main Road will complete Mid Sept.
action – agreed that we would review areas that are not currently covered by Broadband within Heldon and we would produce a map of the outstanding areas for further discussions with Openreach



5. CORRESPONDENCE

Most correspondence had been circulated to all members but some might need further action.

- a) Wind farm update. Suggestion that we could receive funding on an annual basis though requires to be kept in a high interest account.
Further discussion required Rothes III 24 turbine potential commencement during 2025. They are re-apply for planning due to a change in blade sizes. Further discussions with Fred Olsen on fund allocations.
- b) Findlay path fund. Per email, fund applications now available <https://www.pathsforall.org.uk/ian-findlay-path-fund>
- c) Proposed development comprising a battery energy storage system (BESS) with associated infrastructure with capacity up to 49.9MW on Battery storage facility at Loanhead Farm pre planning notice submitted.

There is a public exhibition at Spynie Hall which was advertised within Northern Scot.

- d) Elgin area learning estate. A Sustainable Learning Estate questionnaire is currently on line and closes Friday 28th June 2024. Questionnaire located upon Moray Council web page
- e) S.S.E.N. update. Route is now being formalised

6. FINANCE REPORT

The Treasurer presented his report.

Rothes 1:	£ 12,520.19
Rothes 2:	£ 7,946.46
Heldon CC:	£ 2,243.46
Total	£ 22,710.11

£ 8,042.24 has been paid out since the last meeting.

There is an invoice due for Scotways <https://scotways.com>

Agreed to pay for 2024, though further review to be undertaken going forward

Awaiting confirmation from Fred Olson on previous applications.

The closing date for the next round of applications for the Rothes Wind Farm money will be End Sept 2024.

Members were encouraged to advertise the availability of this money within their communities.



7. PLANNING ISSUES

All planning details had been circulated.

- Biomass project at Fogwatt is still on the Council planning portal and new client documents have been uploaded.

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

- Miltonduff – replacement village fence will commence 15th July as now obtain road permit and traffic lights to enable works to commence.
- Cloddach Bridge – Council has advised the next steps, Once ministerial sign off they will prepare the tender documents and tender the work as a design build contract. This process is likely to be complete in October/November, after which the contract will be awarded and the detailed design and statutory consent process can begin. Following tender a programme for construction will be established.
- Viewhill bridge – works are progressing with anticipated completion end of July.
- Verges – Concern on verges in and around Birnie, though this is a wider concern for visibility for cyclists.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Date, time and venue of the next meeting:

HCC meeting – Tuesday 6th August 2024 at 7.30 pm at Tomshill Public Hall.