

Halkirk District Community Council

Minutes of HDCC meeting held on Monday 19th including AGM held in Ross Institute, Halkirk at 730pm

PRESENT: Chairman Stuart Mills, Dave Busby, Linda Levack, Nicola Campbell, Laura Coghill, Katrine Coghill, Declan Gunn,

In attendance: Cllr Ron Gunn , Shona Gunn, Ken Nicol

Apologies:– Billy Manson.

1. Welcome

Vice Chairman Stuart Mills welcomed everyone to the meeting including the AGM including Shona Gunn and Ken Nicol attending as members of the public from the Village. He updated that Peter Blackwood had formally resigned and there was now a vacancy for Treasurer. As AGM to follow he handed meeting over to Cllr Ron Gunn.

2. AGM – items

2a. Minutes of last AGM

The minutes of the previous AGM were accepted and formally proposed by Nicola Campbell and seconded by Dave Busby.

2b. Election of Office bearers

Chairman – Stuart Mills (Proposed by Dave Busby; seconded by Katrine Coghill)

Vice Chairman – Dave Busby (Proposed by Linda Levack; seconded by Stuart Mills)

Treasurer – vacant role (to be continued interim by Chairman/Secretary)

Secretary – Katrine Coghill (Proposed by Stuart Mills, seconded by Dave Busby)

Cllr Ron Gunn congratulated members on their appointments and handed the meeting back to Chair Stuart Mills.

2c. Approval for Accounts for year 2022-23

The audited accounts were presented for 2022-23 along with all Invoices and statements and approved as a true and accurate record. Secretary will send the signed copy to Highland Council for release of the Community Council grant.

3. Community Safety Report

No report had been received for this meeting as this was an additional meeting to incorporate the AGM before 30 June 2023. No concerns were raised to report to Police at this time.

4. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 17th May were accepted as a true record. Proposed by Dave Busby, seconded by Declan Gunn.

5. Matters Arising from these Minutes

- Halkirk District Benefit Fund – secretary had contacted HDBF for details of membership, but still no further on, contact for this is Gillian Coghill.

5. Treasurer's Report

A new cheque book had been received today and all outstanding cheques will be paid.

The HDCC balance has reduced since funding 3 projects last year and it was highlighted this balance also includes the Achlachan Microfund.

Balance as at 19/06/23- £3775.82

HDCC - £1367.10

Achlachan Micro Fund - £2408.72

The Village Officer had to be paid out of this, (approx. £1K) though a further grant of £600 is due to come which will cover this, and further funding could be applied for if required.

6. Village Warden's Report

Marie Hickling had started the Village Officer role as per last year.

It was highlighted that the playpark area had the grass cut and not lifted, this is not done by Highland Council and probably done locally. Secretary will ask Village Officer to look at this and include in her role if possible and take the grass away.

Allans of Gillock hold a stock of equipment which belong to the Association of Community Councils and can be borrowed if required.

7. Area Representatives Reports•

Forestry & SNH – Representative Linda Levack

- None

• Roads

- The collapsed part of the wall on bridge has been reported twice to HC
- Weeds are not being treated any more by HC – the Village Officer is weeding some areas.
- Achlybster road is collapsing but no word of a date for fixing.
- The budget for HC had been announced at £3M –
- Action: Cllr Ron Gunn will try to get the road repair list and copy to Secretary
- **Action: Cllr Ron Gunn will try to find out more about the Timber Strategic Road Fund - ongoing**

• Dounreay Stakeholders

The minutes can be accessed from the Dounreay Stakeholder's Group website.

<http://www.dounreaystakeholdergroup.org/>

• Health – Representative Nicola Campbell

- Resilience group emails contain updated information on services and useful links

- Planning – Representative – Secretary

All emails from Planning are circulated weekly and any of interest picked out and brought to meeting. All planning applications can be accessed from the Highland.gov website.

Current applications – no objections raised.

<u>SSEN - Spittal - Loch Buidhe - Beaully - 400kV Reinforcement - Forum of CCs in the Highlands</u>

8. Achlachan Microfund Applications

- No current applications

9. Correspondence

- None for this meeting

10. Any Other Business

Bottle Bank area – is really untidy and the mess around them needs tidied up – the Contractors are emptying the skips but not tidying the area. Report to Highland Council roads team.

HDBF AHM was held last week, but no notice or invitation came through for this, except on the day of the meeting. Secretary still experiencing difficulty in accessing as a member.

Comfort Scheme – for opening of Toilets was being looked at by others.

Defibrillator to Westerdale – application to HDBF to go in. Secretary/Chairman

Secretary would send further information on Community Councils to Ken Nicol and Shona Gunn and would invite them to further meetings.

11. Date of Next Meeting

- Wed 16 Aug 2023
- Wed 4 Oct 2023
- Wed 29 Nov 2023