Minutes Holm Community Council

Tuesday 2nd September 2014

Prior to commencing the meeting the chairperson informed the group of the sad passing of Brian Allan from Drumblair Post Office. The community councils sincere sympathy goes to Brian's family ; Frances, Gordon and Derek.

1. **Apologies –** Councillors Parr and Slater

   Present – Jim Hardie, Jim McDiarmid, Mary Matheson, Julia Brook, Alasdair Christie, Norrie Donald, PC Sam Morrison (for part of the meeting), Andy Maxtone, Katherine Mackenzie

2. **Minutes of previous meeting –** proposed by **JB** seconded by **MM** as a true reflection of the meeting.
3. **Matters arising -** Goal nets now up in Holm Park. Annette has being updating web page . Trading standards officers at last meeting – Cold Call Control Zones information now on web site – discussion related to a newsletter making residents aware of the potential problem. Dores Road / Island Bank Road repairs – nothing has happened despite emails to Highland Council. Community garden possibility at land around Tesco store – individual had expressed an interest but did not want to undertake alone. Suggestion to add to newsletter regarding possible uses of community land.
4. **Update for Holm Park –** Resident close to Holm Park concerned about position of goals in the park. Relocate the goalposts to repair the turf – compromise and move posts just enough to repair turf. Standard of grass cutting poor. Meeting on site – agreed there are problems with continuing maintenance both in the park and alongside footpaths. Request relocation of one of the bins on Holm Road to Holm Park, **AM** will investigate. Tesco staff have been helping clear the rubbish from Holm Park.
5. **Finance –** cheque received from Highland Council - £5061.62 now in bank account – no requests for funding pending. Lengthy discussion followed regarding how community council budget could be spent.
6. **Police Report –** Holm, Culduthel, Lochardil and Drummond incidents all logged together. Road safety issues - Mobile patrols continue in the areas**.** Speeding on Dores Road continues to be an issue. School talks regarding road safety ongoing. Several episodes of anti social behaviour reported. Several thefts also reported. Cold callers and bogus workmen continue to be a problem, particularly in the summer months, in the area particularly with elderly residents (reminder to contact trading standards – Highland Council). Problem noted with parking around Lochardil School.

Foot and mobile patrols will continue. **AC** noted there seems to be an increase in "boy racers" again.

7. **Correspondence –** wholesale brochure received regarding garden supplies – discussion followed about whether we could plant some flowers in the area. **AC** suggested he would find out what other community councils do.
   Update regarding Knocknagael development received, including potential for allotments in that area.
   Community challenge fund may be a way of distributing community council budget to benefit the area by contracting out e.g. to local gardening contractors.
   ABO Wind – newsletter received regarding their proposed development at Allt Carach, Beauly.
   Highland Council Quality Awards 2014 – nominations requested – display on website
   Inverness local history forum – provided background of what the group do and when they meet also requesting financial donations to help run the group
   Kirking of the council – invitation received for community council members to attend
8. **Any other competent business –** request from local resident to find out if there is any update regarding building at Ness Castle now the trees have been felled. Trees were removed to allow access but no time scale known regarding house building.
   Ragwort growing uncontrolled at Tesco land **AM** will contact the council for guidance.
   Newsletter to be produced
   Christmas lunch / party for elderly residents in the area **MM** will contact local businesses to check prices. Discussion followed regarding how we contact elderly in the area. **AM** will ask council to help us identify elderly who may benefit from Christmas lunch.

Date of Next meeting - 7th October 2014 (venue to be confirmed).