Minute of Meeting of Holm Community Council
Held on Thursday 30th May 2019
At Holm Primary School at 7pm

Note on Abbreviations: HCC = Holm Community Council, HC= Highland Council

Present:

- Community Councillors - Graham Mackenzie (Secretary), Nan MacMillan, Mary Gordon, Margaret Irvine, John Horne (Treasurer), Murray McCheyne (Chair), Alison Jamieson,
- Carmen To (Minutes)
- Councillors – Alasdair Christie and Ron MacWilliam
- PC David Grant
- Scott McRoberts, Chair Holm School Parent Council (from 8pm)
- Members of the public - 2

Apologies for Absence: Councillor Callum Smith

1. **Welcome & identification of business**
   The Chairperson welcomed all present and called for items of business not on the agenda.

2. **Declarations of Conflict of Interest**
   No conflicts of interest were declared.

3. **Approval of Minutes of Meeting on 28 March 2019**
   The Minute of the previous Minute had been circulated by email and were approved.

4. **Police Scotland Liaison**
   PC David Grant spoke to his report, made available in writing to all who attended the meeting. Of note were some speeding offences in our area.

   Concerns raised at the meeting, which PC Grant will look into, were:
   -Parking on the pavement at Drumfield Court/ Boarstone Court.
   -Parking at Ardness Place during school pick up and drop off, which has been reported to Holm School Parent Council.

   Dores and Essich CC have requested a copy of the Police report given to our area, especially for their monitoring of motor offences on Dores Road. This was agreed.

5. **Finance**
   Little financial activity has taken place since the last meeting. The account balance at the date of the meeting was £5014.79.
   HCC is now insured for public liability which was arranged by HCC rather than HC.

6. **Consultation/Correspondence**
   a) *Community Council Forum* – 5th June in Town House, 4 – 6pm. Graham and Murray to attend this forum.
   Action: Graham and Murray
   b) *Local Community Partnership* – To be held in Merkinch to discuss, amongst other things, empowering local communities. All were invited.
   c) *Community 'Right-To-Buy'* – This event will be held on 7th October 2019 and will be attended by Murray.
   Action: Murray
   d) Community Council Review – Alasdair Christie urged HCC to respond. A draft response was discussed, focussing on encouraging your people's participation in community councils and ensuring appropriate funding is maintained.
   Action: Murray
   e) Parent Council – Scott is to take up the complaint raised by a resident in Ardness Place of an excessive number of vehicles parking during school drop off and collection time. **Action: Scott**
   f) Safer routes to School – It was again discussed with Scott about some near misses on the Essich roundabout. It was suggested that there could be longer delay in the phasing of the traffic lights as part of safer ways of crossing.
   d) Cold Calling - Calum Smith has requested that the HCC area could be a no cold calling zone. This is to be discussed at a future meeting.

7. **Litter Bin Provision**
   The bins at the lay by on the west link have been installed. Bins are still need at the bus stop. Suggestions of other locations for litter bin provision are invited.

8. **Street Signs**
   John Taylor (Head of Road) confirmed the lit signs at Holm roundabout is to be attended to. Drumfield Road sign to be reported for repair. **Action: Murray**

9. **Pre - Planning Application: Barratt New Castle and Ness Castle Primary School**
   Meetings are to be held on 11th June to engage with the community in advance of regards to the planning application being made for Ness Castle Primary School which all are encouraged to attend. To be discussed at next meeting.
   Murray reported having made a submission on Barratt's application for their latest phase of Ness Castle, regarding an apparent lack of provision of a footpath connecting to Torbreck Road which is a popular route with walkers. The scheme also seems to be unimaginatively laid out in very angular streets.

It was also agreed that as regards planning application comments a sub group of Nan, Alison and Murray would marshal comments on planning applications before meetings.

10. **Essich Roundabout / Road Noise on SDR**

    The issue of road noise and speed of traffic on the distributor road was again raised. Graham (whose home backs on to the Distributor road) reported that the worst times between 9pm – 10.30pm and it is worse in the weekend. Alasdair Christie explained that HC does not see the noise levels as requiring intervention, as they are within tolerable standards.

11. **Bus Timetables**

    A New Transport Group (part of Locality Planning with NHS and HI TRANS) would like to gather the views on bus operational changes, to ensure more stability. The meeting is to take place the week following this HCC meeting and HCC members were reminded to send their views to Ron MacWilliam. HCC will in the autumn seek to host a joint meeting with Lochardil and Drummond CC and Stagecoach. John and Margaret will take the lead on this issue and pass on comments to Ron.

    Action: Margaret, John and Ron

12. **Holm Playpark Equipment**
    This issue is still on-going discussion but until clarity is given about maintenance and liability being undertaken by HCC it is unlikely HC will provide equipment.

13. **Boundary Changes with Dores and Essich Community Council**
    This discussion is on-going discussion with D & ECC to be reported to as future meeting.

14. **Ness side Tulloch development – traffic calming proposals and other issues**
    Murray, Graham and Margaret continue to represent HCC on the community liaison group set up by Tulloch Homes. Work is now underway on site.
    Plans for road crossing points on Dores Road have still to be finalised and made public. It was noted that it was disappointing that Tulloch will not be required to install a pavement on the Ness-side side of Dores Road all the way to Tesco.

15. **New Issues: Organised Litter Pick-Up**
    It was suggested there could be a litter pick-up happened on 15th/29th June, 10am-12pm.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9pm.

Next Meeting: *15th August 2019, Holm Primary School at 7pm*

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