Minute of Meeting of Holm Community Council

Held on Tuesday 30 June 2020

via Zoom at 7pm

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

Present: Community Councillors - Murray McCheyne (Chair), Graham MacKenzie (vice chair), John Horne (treasurer), Evelyn Grant, Margaret Irvine, Rhona Douglas (secretary), Gail Beveridge.
Councillors – Callum Smith, Ron MacWilliam. Apologies for absence: Alastair Christie

1. **Welcome**

Murray welcomed all. Two members of the public were present.

2. **Declarations of conflict of interest, minutes**

No formal conflicts of interest were made based on the agenda issued before the meeting. The minutes of the previous meeting on 27 May were approved, subject to Murray verifying the changes requested by Margaret had been made and recirculating, as necessary. No matters arose not already on the agenda.

3. **Police Report**

No police report was available for the meeting, as the new policing has resulted in a change of practice which will see monthly reports being generated. How effective this new practice is will be monitored closely.

It was requested that speeding the distributor road (between the Dores and Essich Roundabouts), Dores Road and also the access road into the Ness Castle development be brought to the attention of the Police with a request they target these locations.

4. **Issues raised at the meeting**

(a) Speeding in Ardness Place

Murray reported a resident in Ardness Place has requested speeding be discussed, including identifying potential measures to combat that, specifically making the area a 20mph zone and installing speed bumps. That there is a speeding problem was echoed by those community councillors resident in that area. They also highlighted some recent mysterious goings on of vehicles being left to run down the street, causing damage, for which there is already Police involvement and there had recently been a separate incident in the early hours of a morning when a moving vehicle had damaged a stationary one and had dropped debris around the street . The message of reporting speeding and any other anti-social behaviour was highlighted again.

With regarding to the speeding whilst it was felt speed bumps were too divisive a deterrent – because they have the propensity to damage vehicles – it was universally agreed a 20mph zone both for this and all streets in our community council area should be requested. Ron agreed he would take that up with the relevant officer of Highland Council (Alasdair Macleod) and Murray will too.

(b) Non permitted development in Ardness Place

It was reported that there are two houses who seem to have installed decking in the front garden and garden sheds too, which are suspected not to have planning consent. This is to be explored with Highland Council's planning enforcement team.

(c) Covid 19 Active Travel response

It was agreed that we would also join Dores and Essich Community Council in requested that the C1040 along its full length be reduced to 20mph and the part of Dores Road between Dores Roundabout and the junction with the C1040 be reduced to a 30mph limit.

(d) Bridge on the C1040

Murray reported Highland Council are very closely monitoring the bridge on the C1040 over the Big Burn, with the distinct possibility of the road being closed to vehicles before a repair can be made.

5. **Finance Report**

Johns report issued before the meeting stated that the current balance in the account is £7252.23

6. **Covid 19 related Grants**

Since the last meeting it was reported £352 had been given to a group donating craft boxes for Drummond School and £100 is to be given to Holm Primary School for art materials. No further response had been received yet from Inverness foodstuffs or Ness side community support. Ron observed that the complexity of the form we had devised might be off putting and the stipulations made to Ness-side support might well rule out them applying. It was emphasised during discussion that the funds are there to be used and that the need for funds might be long term too, especially if the virus spikes again later in the year. Rhona is to ascertain if she can assist Ness-side support in the completion of the form, to the end that a successful application might be made.

7. **Art@Holm competition**

Our competition has seen one winner already with another likely to be announced the following weekend. Entries have bene fewer than expected.

8. **Lockdown loops**

The website has been updated with the tabs added for the walking route leaflets. Murray will publicise this now on our facebook page and more widely in the media.

9. **Public access at Ness Castle development**

Murray will raise the concern of a member of the public with Barratt Homes about their contractor's fence cutting off public access from Roberts Road to the south side of the field of Phase 3. Also, Simon Pettitt is to be asked to attend a future meeting, as was intended before lockdown happened.

10. **Speeding at Ness Castle development**

Alasdair Christie had reported prior to the meeting that he has requested HC put electronic speed monitoring strips in place.

11. **Ness Castle Primary School**

It was noted that the liaison group is only virtually meeting and that only by means of an annotated agenda being circulated after the event. Ron is to attend a meeting of the officials tasked with considering the planning condition which was remitted for local members to attend to. This is condition 11 of the planning consent 19/05203/ful. *"No development shall commence on each phase of the car park until a detailed scheme for the car parking spaces and drop off area has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority in consultation with Local Members. The approved scheme shall be implemented prior to first occupation of the phase of development to which it relates, thereafter being maintained for this use in perpetuity."*

Gail is to replace Alison Jamieson on the liaison group.

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(a) There is to be no Loch Ness Marathon this year, nor Etape Loch Ness

(b) John raised the state of the public path along the east side of the path at Holm playpark which needs being cleared of moss and vegetation. This to be highlighted in the next few days on our Facebook page, asking if there are similar paths in need of attention, with the hope that either a few local individuals in the area will rise to the challenge or else a contractor could be sought to price this.

13. Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting will be 18th August by zoom.