

Minutes of Holm Community Council Meeting

1st March 2011

7pm Holm Primary School

1. Apologies

Apologies received from Alec Bruce, Councillor Fraser Parr and Councillor David Henderson

Present: Jim Hardie, Annette Maclean, Andy Maxtone, Fiona MacBain Jim McDiarmid, Robert Philips, Steve Rodgers

Councillors John Finnie & Norrie Donald

1 member of the public

2. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of 1st February were agreed as a true record. Proposed by Jim Hardie, seconded by Fiona MacBain

3. Matters arising

- New signatories for bank account – ongoing
- West City Link Road letter to planning dept. – Actioned, acknowledgement received
- Holm Primary school letter to planning dept. – Actioned, acknowledgement received
- Tesco license query over trading hours – Actioned – see Agenda item
- Cleanliness of Boarstone Avenue steps – Actioned, will now be cleaned fortnightly
- Overgrown greenery from residential property – ongoing, see AOCB.

4. Finance

A recent payment has been made for the reinstatement of the domain name and hosting for the website. The balance stands at £4377.94

5. Holm School Extension Plans

Following a number of objections the original plan to create a path along the back of Ardness Place has now been withdrawn. Highland Councillors present made no comments on the plans. It was noted that the Highland Council are providing a new means of accessing planning applications. Rather than the weekly list that has been previously distributed, there is now a dedicated online webpage <http://www.highland.gov.uk/yourenvironment/planning/eplanning> The Community Council will need to be pro-active in checking the site for local applications.

6. Tesco License

It is apparent that some kind of building works has begun at the Tesco site. The Community Council is yet to see any detailed groundwork plans or receive notification of what has been allocated to us following the pledge of community land. Local Cllrs present had not seen detailed plans either. **Action – Steve Rodgers to enquire with David Polson.**

7. West City Link Road

No further developments

8. Ness-side Field

No further developments

9. Correspondence

- I. Notification of the next Community Council Forum on 4th April at Town House.
- II. Notification of City Forum, 6-8pm Town House, Christie Commission – review of Local Authority and public services
- III. Notification of Planning for People training day, 12th March at Ross County FC, Dingwall

10. AOCB

- I. Website - The Community Council website is now up and running and also a dedicated Facebook page. Ideas for the webpage include: correspondence page with current issues; links to “what’s on” in the community; links to the discretionary budget fund and links to the community beat police officer. It was agreed to try and engage young folks by inviting Inverness Royal Academy pupils and senior pupils at Holm Primary to design a new logo for the website/facebook page. **Action – S Rodgers & A Maclean**
- II. Scottish and Southern Energy - A letter is to be drafted to Scottish and Southern Energy with regards to the mess of the grass verge that is being created during the recent works – it is to be reiterated that we desire that the grass bank is returned to its previous condition. Tec services manager (Richard Evans) to be copied in on the correspondence. **Action – A Maclean**
- III. Constitution - Chairperson noted from the constitution that accounts will need to be prepared for audit. Our current constitution appears to be a very old version – there may be a new standardised one available following the community council review.
- IV. Overgrown Shrubbery - As per minutes of 1st February 2011, it is unclear as to whom the responsibility for the issue lies with privately owned properties. Cllr Norrie Donald to visit again – **Action N Donald**
- V. Bus Service – It is still desirable to have a public meeting with managing director of Stagecoach, Steve Rodgers to speak with Ward Manager Stewart Wardlaw to ascertain if this would be better held as a Ward Forum. **Action S Rodgers**
- VI. Holm Dell Woods – fallen trees in the woods have blocked the pathways, it was noted that these woods are privately owned and would have to be tended to by the owner

The next meeting of Holm Community Council will be held on Tuesday 5th April 2011, 7pm at Holm Primary School. All are welcome.