

## Minutes of Holm Community Council Meeting

5<sup>th</sup> April 2011

7pm Holm Primary School

### 1. Apologies

Apologies received from Councillor Norrie Donald, Councillor John Finnie and Councillor David Henderson

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

Councillor Fraser Parr

PC Gary Dunlop

1 member of the public

### 2. Minutes of previous meeting

With an amendment to a repeated name, the minutes were agreed as a true record. Proposed by Jim McDiarmid and seconded by Jim Hardie.

### 3. Matters arising

- Inverness Royal Academy – design of website logo - Actioned
- Letter to Scottish & Southern Energy - Actioned

**All other matters arising are covered within the agenda items**

### 4. Police Matters

Community Beat Officer PC Dunlop gave a report on the Holm area covering the last two months and noted that it had been a very quiet period with few incidents. Outwith our area there have been a number of sneak in thefts and we are encouraged to be vigilant and keep our doors locked. It was noted that there had been motorbikes racing up and down the path at the back of the Holm Dell Estate.

### 5. Tesco Development

It has been established from section 17 of the conditions applied by the Highland Council, that community land has been allocated within the Tesco development on Dores Road. This land is in the process of being transferred over to Highland Council who will hold it in Trust for community groups to apply for. Annette Maclean declared an interest as an employee of Inverness St. Columba Church of Scotland who are as a Church, looking to obtain community land in the area. The Community Council are interested in taking on this land with a view to developing it and will get in touch with Keith Forbes to establish how we go about doing so – **Action – Secretary.**

It was also noted at section 3 of the conditions that Tesco are obliged to submit a travel plan which will detail measures on improving the bus service to the area. Community Council to follow this up with the Director of Planning to establish if this Travel Plan has yet been submitted. **Action – Secretary**

Tesco have been granted a public catering license until midnight.

### 6. Ness-side Development

A planning application for phase 1 of the development has been submitted by GH Johnston on behalf of Academy St. Restorations limited. The application is for 36 flats within 3 blocks and for the demolition of a ruin which will be incorporated as far as possible into a stone wall feature. GH Johnston has separately

invited comments from the Community Council. The Community Council will write to the Director of planning (cc GH Johnston) to express concern over the access for construction traffic involved with the works; to ensure that Tree Preservation Order (no HRC47) is maintained and to express concern over the sewage capacity. **Action – Secretary**

Cllr Fraser Parr did not take part in discussions relating to this planning application.

#### **7. Finance**

The current balance stands at £4027.94 with no outstanding expenditure. It has become apparent that the original bank account opened for the Community Council is not of the correct type. The Treasurer requires to meet with someone from Lloyds TSB to establish to establish the best account for us. **Action – Treasurer**

#### **8. Correspondence**

Review of Scottish Policing Structure – Feedback has been invited from the Community Council on the Northern Constabulary's response to the review of Scottish Policing Structure. Comments to be fed back at the next meeting of the Community Council prior to the closing date of 5<sup>th</sup> May.

#### **9. AOCB**

- i. Highland Council Community Council scheme -, The Council agreed at its meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2011 to the introduction of a new Scheme of Establishment for Community Councils. This will take effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2011. The new constitution requires to be adopted prior to end of June 2011 and new elections will take place in November 2011.
- ii. There are no plans for a bus shelter to be put in place outside the Gellions on Bridge Street.
- iii. Cllr Fraser Parr reported on the issues he had been looking into including the repairs to the grass verge on Dores Road and the Holm Dell kick pitch.

**The next meeting of Holm Community Council is the Annual General Meeting and will be held on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2011, 7pm at Holm Primary School. All are welcome.**