

Minutes of Holm Community Council Meeting
1st February 2011
7pm Holm Primary School

1. Apologies

Apologies received from Councillor Fraser Parr and Councillor Norrie Donald

Present: Alec Bruce, Jim Hardie, Annette Maclean, Andy Maxtone, Fiona McBain Jim McDiarmid,
Robert Philips, Steve Rodgers
Councillors John Finnie & David Henderson
3 members of the public

2. Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising

The minutes of 14th December were agreed as a true record. Proposed by Andy Maxtone, seconded by Jim Hardie.

Recycling Facilities

Following discussions with the Ward Manager, the recycling facilities at Drumblair Stores will be staying in their current location.

Tesco

Covered in agenda

Bus Services

It is still proposed to invite Steve Walker of Stagecoach to a future community council meeting; however there are difficulties in obtaining use of the large hall due to the groups that currently use it on a Tuesday night. It was noted there was a new electronic timetable at Holm Park bus-stop.

3. Finance

There has been no movement on the account since the last meeting. New signatories are required for the account. Andy Maxtone, Annette Maclean & Jim Hardie to be added as signatories. **Action:**
A Maxtone

4. West City Link Road

It was noted that the 2 Highland Councillors present could not comment directly on the planning options.

Two members of the public were in attendance as representatives of local residents who have grave concerns over the options that have been laid out by Highland council. A meeting was held locally on Saturday 29th January with 120 people in attendance. It was reported that the overwhelming majority of those people feel very strongly that options 3, 4 and 5 are in no way feasible and must be rejected, nor are options 1 & 2 considered suitable. They presented 2 alternative routes which focussed on coming off the Dores roundabout with the preferred option of going by the Torvean Quarry.

Holm Community Council objects to any option that will amount to increased traffic travelling along Dores Road as it is already a road considered unfit for purpose. A letter will be submitted to make that point and also to state that we would be in favour of the link road coming from the existing Dores Roundabout. **Action: A Maclean**

5. Tesco License

It was noted that Tesco have applied for an extended liquor license. As this is largely a residential area all efforts should be made to limit the trading hours of the store in order to keep noise levels to a minimum. Cllr John Finnie will be in contact with licensing board and clarify what the nature of the extended license is. **Action: Cllr Finnie**

6. Ness-side Field

Ness-side Field is now up for sale with an application for 276 homes. The community council will look at plans when they become available.

7. Extension to Holm Primary School

A demountable unit is to be built in the grounds of Holm Primary School to accommodate Nursery and Playgroup children. Security requires that the Nursery has its own entrance which has resulted in plans being put forward to create a gated path which runs along the back of Ardholm Place. Residents have expressed concern that this will lead to an increase in traffic coming into Ardholm Place. Community Council will forward on the letters of objection from residents and express our own concern about potential traffic congestion generated by the proposed access points. **Action: A Maclean**

8. Holm Dell Play Park

Previous flooding problems at Holm Dell Play Park had been noted. Cllr David Henderson reported that the playing surface had now considerably improved. The pitch had been spiked, fertilised and grass seed sown. Football goals have now been put in place which will hopefully encourage residents to use the area.

9. AOCB

- I. A local resident had expressed concern at the cleanliness of the Boarstone Avenue steps. Being a main route to the school, these steps are in constant use and it is felt that they are not in a fit state. Chairman to contact Ward Manager. **Action: S Rodgers**
- II. Overgrown greenery from a residential property in the area is causing obstruction on a public pathway, Chairman to mention to Ward manager. **Action: S Rodgers**

The next meeting of Holm Community Council will be held on Tuesday 1st March 2011, 7pm at Holm Primary School. All are welcome.