

Heriot Community Council

Minutes of meeting carried out via Zoom – 6pm 14/10/2020

Present: J. Williams, F. Connelly, H. Brinkworth, S. Sharp, G. Whittaker, Cllr. Aitchison, Cllr. Anderson, Cllr Jardine

Apologies Cllr. Harry Scott

No members of the public attended.

AGM

1. Minutes of previous AGM - accepted
2. Chairman's report – accepted
3. Treasurer's report – attached, ca. £1500 to allocate. Accounts signed off by Cllr. Harry Scott
4. Office bearers – It was accepted that there would be no change in the office bearers.

Main meeting

1. Minutes from August meeting – accepted.
2. Police report - The Chair had received a request for meeting dates from Police Scotland, with police reports to be circulated as and when they are sent to HCC.
 - a. Cllr Aitchison reported that a recent meeting with police was good. The discussion covered what each community requires. The Police were encouraged to join Community Council Zoom meetings, but security concerns from Police Scotland prevent this.
 - b. FC circulated information about a recent police initiative to monitor farms and farm machinery
3. Roads
 - a. The Chair expressed his gratitude to SBC councillors for their efforts with the B6368 and A68 repairs.
 - b. New speed restrictions in the Borders – FC commented that the drop from 60mph to 20mph is extreme in places. GW commented that the speed along B709, 60mph, is too high for the road conditions and the stretch past the primary school is only an *advisory* 20mph, with no legal standing.
Cllr Anderson had submitted a request to move the 30mph signs (which would become 20mph signs for the duration of the trial) to the Sandyknowe junction. Admin issues are causing a delay in implementation.
 - c. The Manse bridge is closed at the time of this meeting - SS expressed thanks to the workmen and was pleased by their work and helpful attitude.
 - d. Repair of old stonework at bridge was completed thanks to request to workmen by SS.

- e. Speeding - A7 corner at telephone exchange requires signage. This was supposed to be in process, but it was unclear why SBC have not implemented it.

4. Windfarms

- a. Scoping consultations ongoing
- b. Greystone Knowe consultation. Montages from Heriot CC available and will be put up in the community, probably at A0 size. It was agreed that the photo on brochure doesn't match HCC photomontage due to the brochure not meeting industry guidelines. HCC will attempt to confirm with the developer that ours are correct before they are displayed or distributed.

It was agreed that we would send the HCC montages (as PDFs) to Coriolis and ask them to produce any montages that they wish to exhibit to the SG approved technical guidelines.

It was agreed that John would get quotes for printing (outdoor quality) for HCC produced photomontages at A3 and A0 size, prior to decision on production.

- c. Wull Muir result still not available at the time of the meeting.

[GW left the meeting at this point]

5. Community Funds

- a. HCC made a successful application to Heriot Community Fund (Carcant and Toddleburn windfarms) to pay for 2 new benches; 1 hand-made in teak to replace the former Millennium bench in Heriot Station and 1 simpler bench for Sandyknowe cross-roads. The teak one is in position, the other has been delivered and we are in the final stage of installation.
- b. Refurbishment of the telephone box which now houses a defibrillator was also part of the grant and is underway. There was a call for volunteers to help Gavin and Frank with the repainting.
- c. HCC has agreed to contribute £1500 as a condition of the grant.
- d. Churchyard headstones – We have 3 quotes from SBC approved suppliers. Sue to progress a funding application to HCF.
- e. Sue has chased SBC roads department re the new Heriot Station sign for Sandyknowe. As part of this discussion, SBC confirmed that they are installing a sign for Heriot Way.

6. AOB

- a. Helen has drafted a SurveyMonkey to collect community views on future development for Heriot. All councillors to provide feedback.
- b. Agreed to pay for a SurveyMonkey sub which allows more questions and respondents than the free version, if required.
- c. Helen requested funding to replace the window for the Outside Room at HPS. Cost approx. £250. HCC approved.

- d. HCC recorded a formal thanks to Cllr Harry Scott for checking and approving the HCC accounts.
- e. Frank confirmed the financial position of HCC and ring-fencing of reserved project funds. Frank agreed to send clarification in writing, together with his suggestions on how we should meet our various commitments.
- f. Frank has applied to SBC for the annual grant of £540 as this year, we appear to be eligible.
- g. HCC councillors agreed that they will abide by the Code of Conduct for Community Councils which is Schedule 3 of the Scheme for the establishment of Community Councils and is referred to in Section 13 of the Scheme.

The meeting ended at about 8.15.