

RESOLIS COMMUNITY COUNCIL (RCC)

Minutes of Meeting 06 September 2016

Venue and time:

The meeting was held at Resolis Memorial Hall at 7.00 p.m.

Present:

Alister Matheson (AM), Marion Campbell (MC), Ian Philips, Neil Cameron (NC)
Sally Ann Jackson (member of public)

Welcome and Apologies:

Apologies were received from David Alston and Norma Holm

1. Previous Minutes

The minutes of the 06 June meeting were approved as correct subject to minor amendment. Minutes proposed by AM, seconded by IP.

2. Matters arising

Actions as follows:

1. Local Police representative, Carl Sandever, was invited to the meeting but was unable to attend. (CS sent apologies by e-mail on 07.09)
2. Newhall Burn and Himalayan Balsam clearance. No official feedback but AM had heard that clearance work had been completed.
3. The use of Resolis Hall as an emergency response centre to support vulnerable people in the event of e.g. a prolonged power failure. NC contacted Nigel Shapcott (Cromarty Community Council) and visited the similar project in Cromarty . After discussion, members agreed that this model would not necessarily suit Resolis because of the scattered population and no further action would be taken at this time.
4. NC sent approved accounts, the office-bearers pro-forma and the AGM minutes with a covering letter to Di Agnew in June. MC confirmed that 2016/17 grant had been received. (see Treasurers report below)
5. From item 2.5, Newhall School site. NC met with Ronnie MacRae CEO of the Highland Small Communities Housing Trust (HSCHT). NC reported that Mr. MacRae would be interested in helping to develop a project on the Newhall site and he would be happy to attend one of our meetings to explain the process. The Group were very interested in this possible project and NC was asked to invite Mr. MacRae to a future meeting to introduce the Trust and test the viability of the proposal
NC expressed interest in applying to be a Community Elected Director of the HSCHT. This was supported and the Nomination Form signed by the Chair. **ACTION NC**
6. Spending decisions - Community Council Funds. A request from Resolis Primary School (for nature study equipment) was circulated by Ian Philips in June. The committee considered this a very worthwhile project involving local children in environmental studies and agreed to fund the request. MC agreed to contact the

school to arrange for the money to be donated. MC would ask for receipts for the equipment (estimated cost £401.99). **ACTION MC**

3. Treasurers Report

1. The grant for 2016/17 was £942.78 less insurance costs of £100.74 and the net grant of £842.04 was paid in June. Known costs so far this financial year are the Secretary honorarium payments and the nature study equipment (see above).
2. The cash balance at 31 March 2016 was £2727.08. The only expenditure in the last year was Hall Fees.
3. No further expenditure decisions were made.
4. AM had not yet had an opportunity to discuss parish sign maintenance and there may be costs in that regard

4. THC Councilor's report

No report. David Alston unable to attend.

5. Correspondence

None

6. Planning

1. There was an application for a house near Poyntzfield nursery. No comments.
2. There has been a recent appeal judgment which appears might effectively nullify any existing Section 75 planning condition. IP suggested that the Council should formally rescind all historic section 75 conditions to save having a series of planning appeals and saving the inevitable costs to the Council and to homeowners. This would probably be a question for David Alston and will be carried over to the next meeting.

7.0 Any Other Business

1. Concern was expressed about the pending disposal of the Raddery Education Centre as the property was originally gifted to the Council for education and training uses. NC to enquire if David Alston had any information on the property disposal or future use (Raddery is out with the Resolis CC boundary but the future of the property is of interest if, for example, it could be adapted to provide affordable housing.)
2. Sally Ann Jackson (SAJ) initiated a discussion on the Newhall School property. In her view, the building should be converted for use as a community centre. SAJ requested funding from the Community Council initially for a feasibility or 'needs' consultation study followed by a property survey. Concern was expressed that this might not be a proper use for CC funds. SAJ was asked to expand on her proposal in writing so that the CC could consider her proposal at a future meeting. SAJ agreed.
3. IP brought up the question of the future leadership of the Friendship Group, as Karina Reynolds and Ian Philips were unable to devote as much time to the club as in the past. Members agreed to try to assist in finding new members and possibly leaders.

8. Date of Next Meeting. Tuesday 4 October 7.00pm