

RESOLIS COMMUNITY COUNCIL (RCC)

Minutes of Meeting 05 April 2016

Venue and time:

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

Present:

Alister Matheson (AM) Chairperson, Marion Campbell (MC), Norma Holm (NH) Neil Cameron (NC)

Cllr David Alston (DA) - The Highland Council

Welcome and Apologies

Apologies were received from Ian Philips

1. Previous Minutes

The Secretary (NC) was not present at the Tuesday 01 March meeting. Notes were taken by MC as follows:

Present – D. Alston, A. Matheson, I. Philips, N. Holm, M. Campbell

02 February Minutes: Proposed – I. Philips Seconded – A. Matheson

Matters Arising

- Newhall Access – It was suggested asking Phil Waite about it being a right of way.
- Meals on Wheels – run by B.I.C. – due to start in March – food to be made by local restaurants.

Councillor's Report

- D.A. said there were severe cuts in the latest budget with 280 staff due to leave and some services to go.
- The ship to ship oil transfer proposal for outside Cromarty Sutors:– As yet, it appears that there is not enough evidence to allow it to go ahead without further investigation – it is now down to the coastguard agency to further consider the issue of the discharge of ballast water.

Any Other Business – Potholes need to be reported to the service point.

Planning – A planning application has been submitted for a second temporary Newhall Bridge so that traffic can be diverted to allow the permanent structure to be built. No issues raised by RCC

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2. Matters arising

Actions on the above:

- NC to contact Philip Waite to establish the outcome of his investigation and actions regarding access to the development at Newhall Farm.
- NC to report pothole issues on roads to the Dingwall Servicepoint, particularly the B9163 either side of Balblair and the road between the bottom of Fanny's Brae and Newhall.

3. Treasurers Report

MC issued a cheque for £200 for Secretary Honorarium and reported that Hall fees of £75 had been paid covering the period February to June 2016

NC advised that we had received an e-mail notifying us of the Community Council Grant for 2016/17. It was noted that grant levels were reduced this year due to Council cuts. The Grant for Resolis is £942.78 before the insurance charge, a slightly lower figure than last year.

4. THC Councillors report

DA reported that the sale of Newhall School had fallen through again late in the process. The reason was not known but uncertainty about dealing with the drainage issue was the most likely reason.

No other Council business was reported.

5. Correspondence

1. NC had circulated a consultation questionnaire regarding local policing. The form was discussed and the biggest issue was speeding, particularly near Balblair and through Jemimaville. No other notable issues. **Action. NC to complete and return the questionnaire.**
2. NC had received information from the Highlands Small Communities Housing Trust (HSCHT) which notified that funding assistance was available for developing affordable housing in rural areas such as Resolis. Newhall School playing field site was discussed as a possible site and The Community Council acting with a (not for profit) Housing Association could access the funding. **Action. NC to make initial contact with the Council (Alan Maguire) and the HSCHT to discuss.**
3. MC received a letter regarding Jemimaville Post Office – **No Action**
4. MC received a Briefing Note regarding the (Westminster) Scotland Bill – **No Action**

6. Planning

No planning applications

7.0 Any Other Business

NH produced information from Diana Gilbert about an infestation of Himalayan Balsam in Newhall Burn. NH will investigate adjacent land ownership and the RCC agreed to support any volunteer initiative to eradicate.

8. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place at the Resolis Memorial Hall at **7.00 pm** on Tuesday 03 May 2016