Foulden, Mordington and Lamberton CC

Minutes of Meeting

5pm 04/11/24 – Foulden Village Hall

**Present.**

**Harry Frew – Tom Trotter – Andy Manley – Neil Adcock - Lianne Drummond – Ian Price- Audry Sanderson – Kim Kirby- Nicola Whittingham**

Agenda from HF

1. **Welcome and Apologies HF**
2. **Minutes of last meeting, outstanding action, matters arising HF**
3. **Carboot review.**  **HF et al**
4. **Secretary’s update NA**

Confirm meeting dates for 24 / 25

 Comms

 Speaker for next meeting

1. **Treasurer’s update AM**
2. **Village Halls update**

Lamberton **AS**

Foulden **AM**

1. **King George V Playing Fields**
2. **Footpaths. TT HF AM**

1. **AOB**

1. **Date and time of next meeting.**

**Open Meeting:**

**Welcome and Open forum. HF**

Notes from 04/11

1. **Welcome & introductions Harry**
2. **Minutes of the last meeting (26/08/2023)**

Approved Tom T

1. **Car Boot Sale**

Very busy – good feedback from all involved in volunteering and from attendees

Question of parking/gaining access to playing field needs some thought to alleviate and minimise any queues on way in which results in a tailback onto A6105 .

Financial results were good (especially buckets for Defib).

162 sellers vs 134 for last year. (Field could possibly have a capacity at around 170).

Van parking was generally good and worked well with little in the way of complaints from those sellers.

The Foulden team - all worked well and there was a good ‘Buzz’ around the event, Great effort by all involved and everyone deserves thanks for the time and effort put in to making this years car boot such a success.

Other Car Boot Issues/concerns/considerations

Overflow parking field needs to be secured as much as possible with a plan B should that field not be available due to harvest/weather conditions

Plan b might be the sileage field opposite the playing field but this would require careful marshalling of pedestrians across the A6105 and back.

Suggestion to move payment point for sellers further into the field allowing more sellers to queue and reduce backlog on road.

It was obvious that toilet facilities need increasing – suggestion of adding 2 portaloos (maybe situated on the tennis court )

Signage –

More signs pointing out where toilets are located need to be provided

Disabled parking signs required.

Some existing signs are showing wear and are not fit for purpose some signs need to be refurbished or remade

**Action** – Need a review of all signage ASAP and put in place a plan to renovate /renew well in front of next car boot sale.

Question raised as to - Could we use tennis court space during the car boot productively – at present it is left as an empty space. Perceived problem of how to connect it with the event and ensure whatever happens on the courts isn’t isolated from the event. To be discussed further no action at present

Note – TT reported that 2x 10 litre paint tins were used to white line the field – we need to ensure we have 20 litre minimum available before the event setup.

**Further Action** – (HF) Ref - Kevin Armstrong – Harry to look at offering some form of thanks.

1. Secretary report

Report on Communications from SBC – mainly road repairs etc. Also passing on info from BAVS etc on Third Sector funding opportunities

NA raised speeding issues in and around Foulden- not just A6105 but also on the lanes.

Driver behaviour is declining and there is a danger to pedestrians/cyclists/horse riders and other motorists

Discussion on how we can engage with Police and SBC to see if there are any actions that can be taken to raise awareness of drivers using the roads to slow down, respect other road users and stay safe.

Police have not responded to invitations to attend CC meetings, SBC ( Philipa ) has suggested some white lining through the village – unclear if that is throughout all of the village ( 20 and 40MPH section) or just the 20MPH section – there is a bigger problem than just the A6105 which seems to go unheeded.

Action – a door to - to door survey and Email campaign to gain insight into residents views and experiences of road use in and around Foulden (NA and LD)

Dates for next meetings where discussed and these will be communicated not only to residents but to SBC and Police Scotland to see if we can attract some interaction.

Proposed Dates for Next Meetings

 6th January 2025

12th May 2025

7th July 2025 – AGM

18th August 2025

3rd November 2025

Jan 5th 2026

Place plan – it seems a lot of villages close to us are producing a ‘place plan ‘. We should look into producing one. **Action** NW to investigate

1. Treasurers report

Path maintenance grant received and paid to John

The Path trimmer has been serviced

Available money is less than annual support grant now so this is favourable for attracting grants.

John Burgess – It was discussed what a fantastic job he has done for us over the years– the sad news about John’s illness was relayed to the group.

Andy has been looking for a new path man – Ian MacPherson – some issues with transport of trimmer – (needs a towbar fitted to his car. Also a trailer )

Note - Paths should take 2 to 3 hours a week.

Action – AM to check if insurance is an issue for trimmer depending on where and how it is stored.

Tom Trotter offered the services of his groundsman to cut Footpaths if helpful

Playing field – AM reported we have a savings account in place for the Playing Field – earning around £ 15 per month covering some of the electric costs.

**Action (AM)** - Proposed that a further 3K goes into the savings account. – **approved**

Funding available from BCCF run via BAVS – for goal posts – could be combined rugby and football goals. – KGV Trustees to explore

**Village Halls Report**

**Lamberton** – lots of action and activity – pushing ahead to be a Charitable organisation – not proving to be that easy to get.

Visit to Hutton VH – spoken to Beth Langdon – 1.5 years into SCIO.

Lots of forms for funding and follow up paperwork plus legal work.

Jude Cormack for retrofit funding – Major priority is the need for a toilet first.

The hall has some damp problem on the gable end – could be foundation or water table problems. Action is to look at what work is needed and obtain quotes for work.

In conclusion Lamberton needs big funding for big projects to maintain the fabric of the hall and add vital amenities.

The team are keeping good connections to work through projects to look at feasibility.

Activities

Social club is up and running on a Friday night

Darts and dominoes is planned for November

There is building momentum with the local community

Hutton Village AGM are holding the Berwickshire federation sat 9th November of village halls – representatives of SBC representative of Lamberton VH to attend and report back.

Note: Foulden is an unincorporated Scottish charity.

Noted there is a shortage of trustees in Scottish borders.

FMLCC to focus on Lamberton – HF commented on what a tremendous effort has been made with the hall in a relatively short time.

**Communications related to raising attendance at events etc.**

There is a concern that not all people in Foulden/Lamberton/Mordington and surrounding farms etc know what is on where – **Suggestion** Could all Emails go out to everyone to publicise all hall activities.

TT suggested that we collect email addresses to make sure we are able to reach as many people as possible.

Foulden VH – AGM Wednesday 13th November – Issue of path and exterior grounds maintenance to be discussed.

Playing Fields,

HF reminded – The Community council is the management committee of the Playing Fields.

The Plating Field has 4 trustees. Gregory L-F, HF, TT and Brenda Deans

When court repairs have finished and activities and use starts in earnest, we will be looking for a playing field manager .

Funding attracts funding!

1. Planning – nothing to report.
2. AOB
* NB Remember to Advertise the CC election well in advance of the AGM –
* Road Markings – Give way markings have worn away at Kerrigan Way / Cheviot view junction – report via SBC website (NA )
* A6105 – The Crash barrier next to footpath needs reporting to SBC (NA)

---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------