

Foulde n, Mordington and Lamberton Community Council(FMLCC)

01/11/2021

630pm

MINUTES APPROVED AT FMLCC MEETING 10/01/2022

Foulde n Village Hall

Meeting called by:	Chair	Type of meeting:	Community Council Meeting
Facilitator:	Chair	Notetaker:	Secretary
Timekeeper:	Chair		
Attendees:	Harry Frew (Chair), Thomas Trotter (Vice Chair), Andy Manley (Treasurer), Anton Whittingham (Secretary), Lianne Drummond (LD), Nicola Whittingham (NW), Audrey Sanderson (AS), Ian Price (IP)		
Apologies	Elaine Oswald (EO), Helen Dempster(HD)		

Minutes

Agenda item:	Open Forum	Presenter:	Chair
<p>Time: 6.30pm</p> <p>No residents attended the Open Forum in person. However, one resident had communicated with the Treasurer of the Community Council for the following to be raised at the meeting</p> <p><u>Last bus from Berwick Upon Tweed to Foulde n</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concerned that last service leaves Berwick at 1650 hours and no further services available after this. The Treasurer would follow this issue up with SBC. <p><u>Potential lack of train services at the planned Reston Station</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The same resident raised the issues that Trans Pennine Express and Scot-Rail are not planning to use Reston station when it opens. The resident was dissatisfied that only 4 trains will be stopping at the station. The Treasurer would follow this issue up with SBC <p><u>High levels of single person car occupancy on vehicles passing through Foulde n on the A6105</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The same resident also fed back concerns of large numbers of cars passing through Foulde n with just 1 driver in them. The Treasurer would follow this issue up with Councillor Helen Laing <p><u>Feedback on issues raised on Open Forum at previous FMLCC meeting on 6th September 2021</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Chair fed back that at this time Scottish Borders Council was unwilling to meet with concerned residents regarding issues of changes to the speed limits in Foulde n, until the Active speed camera was working properly and effectiveness could be assessed, and until after further speed recording had been undertaken. Both Bannister Transport and Greenvale AP have been spoken to and written to regarding the concern of speeding Bannister lorries. <p>The Vice Chair requested that future open forum should provide the facility for Zoom attendance for residents, as he was aware of a resident who could not attend the Open Forum but was asking if they could access it remotely. The Secretary will follow this issue up for the next Community Council meeting in January 2022.</p> <p>The Chair closed the open forum at 6.45pm and the Community Council meeting was started early at 6.45pm as all planned members present were already in attendance.</p>			

Agenda item:	1 Welcome 2 Apologies for Absence 3. Minutes of the last meeting and outstanding actions	Presenter:	Chair Secretary Secretary
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6.45pm

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from:
Elaine Oswald, Helen Dempster

A correction to the minutes was made for accuracy.
Minutes and outstanding items were reviewed and agreed.

Agenda item:	4 New Community Councillor Vacancy - Lamberton	Presenter:	Chair
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6.55 pm

The **Chair** and **AS** stated that a resident of Lamberton, has come forward and expressed an interest in applying to become a community councillor representing Lamberton. The resident is known to the **Chair** and **AS**. The **Secretary** will forward an e mail of FMLCC documentation and an application form to the resident.

The **Chair** confirmed that **Helen and Andrew Dempster** will be moving away from the area. **Helen** will therefore no longer be serving as a Community Councillor for Mordington. **Andrew Dempster**, will also be relinquishing this role soon for the same reason. However, he will continue to monitor planning issues for the time being and will liaise with and handover to the future planning respondent.

It was agreed that the **Secretary** will advertise a community council vacancy, in the Mordington area on the digital channels. There will also be an advert placed for a co-opted role for a local resident with planning experience and expertise.

Agenda item:	5. Planning Matters	Presenter:	Chair
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7.05pm

The **Chair** confirmed that planning application 21/01278/FUL (Cheviot Trees) had been approved, and that planning application 21/01177/FUL (Greenlaw Farm) was still ongoing.

Agenda item:	6) Secretary's Report 6a) Update on digital communication channels 6b) Review of communication strategy 6c) Update on Spaces for People 6d) Public Sector Geospatial Agreement 6e) Scottish Borders National Park proposal 6f) Purchase of digital recording device to help with note taking 6g) Scottish Community Council Improvement Service	Presenter:	Secretary
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7.10pm

Item 6a) The **Secretary** gave an appraisal of the impact of community use of the Community Council's digital channels highlighting the prior circulated report. It was noted that Facebook continues to be the most popular digital channel to engage the local community. The website typically receives approximately 5 visits a day, though the day of the new planning application for redeveloping the steading off Kerrigan way, the website attracted 87 visits. Twitter use fell in the last 3 months, but there is a gradual increase in the number of engagements with the Community Council's Instagram page – albeit the most engagements are individuals who do not 'follow' the Instagram account. There was notable reduction in the number of individuals emailing the Community Council over the summer of 2021. An updated report will be emailed to Community Council members in February 2022.

Item 6b) This strategy was circulated to members prior to the meeting and the **Secretary** requested feedback be provided for the next Community Council meeting in January 2022.

Item 6c) The **Secretary** presented a summary of the speed data for Foulton from the latest speed survey information forwarded to the Community Council by Scottish Borders Council. It was agreed the information clearly showed the positive impact of the speed between the 2 junctions of the A6105 and Woodlands being reduced to 30mph, and the negative impact of the speed being put up to 40mph. A significant concern was also raised of the excessive speeds being driven of 15% of the traffic in the surveys. The **Chair** confirmed that he had written Greenvale and Bannisters expressing the community's concerns regarding speeding of vehicles.

Item 6d) The Secretary confirmed that FMLCC has successfully be registered for this.

Item 6e) The **Secretary** discussed the prior circulated information on the proposal for a National Park in the Scottish Borders. The **Secretary** agreed to place this information on the FMLCC website.

Item 6f) The **Secretary** proposed the purchase of a digital recording device to assist with taking notes of meetings. It was agreed that the **Vice-Chair** would explore alternative and potentially more efficient processes to reduce the burden of note taking in the meeting, as the Secretary also had to present items. The proposal was **not** agreed.

Item 6g) The **Secretary** disseminated information about the service to Community Council colleagues about sending examples of potential good practice to this service.

Agenda item:	7) Treasurer's update	Presenter:	Treasurer
<p>8.00pm</p> <p>The Treasurer summarised the prior circulated financial reports. This includes pleasing progress on revenue generation through the sales of new landscape postcard and the Smallholdings memories books.</p> <p>The Treasurer highlighted the very positive impact the work of the grass cutting contractor, who was contributing above and beyond the requirements of the role. It was agreed that an appropriate acknowledgement of this contribution would be made at Xmas..</p> <p>The Treasurer updated the planter situation in the area. It was confirmed that AS would manage the planter in Lamberton, the Vice Chair in Mordington, and two additional local volunteers have been identified for Foulden Deans.</p> <p>The Chair updated progress on the footpath from the viewpoint to the Burnbank crossroads and noted construction work of the path has now begun. The Chair will review the gate and access point arrangements with AM.</p> <p>The Treasurer updated progress on the King George Vth playing field Easyfunding page, has now raised £70.47 from 14 supporters. Additional funding raising for the playing field has included £250 from the sale of the donated bicycle to a local resident, £185 raised by an event at Foulden Village Hall and a £5 private donation.</p> <p>The Treasurer confirmed that he is awaiting feedback from Mordington residents on the potential siting of a new bench. The Chair suggested the cemetery at Mordington, and LD suggested a position towards Pelham farm – however the was concern regarding the narrow verges for this suggestion to be viable.</p>			

Agenda item:	8) Village Hall update	Presenter:	Treasurer
<p>8.20pm</p> <p>The Treasurer confirmed that craft fairs are proving very popular. There is a 'meet and treat' on the 2nd Thursday of every month at Foulden Village Hall. There is also a community kitchen course underway. LD asked for further details and the Treasurer stated that every Wednesday there is a Felting group, and a Craft and Chat on Tuesday afternoons.</p> <p>The Treasurer confirmed that table tennis with the new equipment has now commenced. There will also be a Christmas market planned for 20th November in Foulden Village Hall, and an Xmas party for families on 5th December.</p> <p>AS confirmed that Lamberton Village Hall is planning an AGM soon – the Chair of the Lamberton Village Hall committee is keen that Community Councillors would attend this meeting. It was agreed that subject to the date, Community Councillors would attend.</p>			

Agenda item:	9) Footpaths and Road update	Presenter:	Chair
8.20pm			
Already covered under item 6c) and item 7)			

Agenda item:	10. Remembrance & Xmas celebration arrangements	Presenter:	Chair
8.20pm			
<p>The Chair stated that a remembrance service and wreath laying will be held at the Foulden Memorial on the 14th November at 10.45am</p> <p>Xmas celebration events mentioned in item 8).</p> <p>The Treasurer reported that there are plans underway to have a Carol signing event. This would be combined with switching on the Xmas lights.</p> <p>The Chair and Vice Chair are considering arrangements for Xmas trees. It is proposed to plant 3 trees, one in each Community, and these would grow for the future and make life easy for the decorating going forward.</p> <p>AS suggested that a raffle, cakes, and mulled wine could be part of the event. It was also proposed that a Xmas tree for Lamberton should be planted by the hall rather than the phone box.</p>			

Agenda item:	11. King George V playing fields	Presenter:	Chair
8.25pm			
<p>The Treasurer reported that the trustees of the playing field were happy to support the use of the Pavilion and field for alternative pop-up activities and uses. The logic being that these would encourage awareness and use of the Playing fields and facilities.</p> <p>The Chair will check the state of the back door to the pavilion and the gutter and organise maintenance / replacement.</p> <p>It was confirmed that the Car Boot Sale planning would be placed on the agenda for the Jan 2022 Open meeting. Some Key helpers from the past to be invited to attend and contribute ideas and suggestions</p> <p>A committee would be set up to manage this project – The Treasurer has a list of 40 names of people who would be interested in helping with the planning and execution of the event.</p>			

Agenda item:	11. AOB	Presenter:	Chair
8.30pm			
<p>The Treasurer reported back that at a recent defibrillator training event at Foulden Village Hall the trainer encouraged the fitting of more devices communities. The Treasurer floated the idea of fitting 1 on the outside of a local business premises in Foulden and the other near or in the phone box at Lamberton.</p> <p>IP reported that the lighting inside the phone box at Lamberton was now working, and it was felt this was a good location to be explored.</p> <p>The Treasurer advised of a notification of the forthcoming Jim Clark Rally to be held in 2022. A Special Stage is likely to be held running from Ayton, via Whiterig and down to Burnbank crossroads. A major public event for the Borders and a big money-spinner for the area, the event is to be encouraged. More news will arrive nearer the time.</p>			

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Agenda item:	12. Meeting closure and date and time of next meeting	Presenter:	Chair
<p>8.40pm</p> <p>Meeting was closed at 8.41pm.</p> <p>Next meeting will be at 7.00pm Monday 10th January at Foulden Village Hall, with the next Public Forum at 6.30pm to 7.00pm on the same day and venue</p> <p>The March 2022 Community Council meeting and Open Forum will be held at Lamberton Village Hall. The main topic for that meeting will be the future of Lamberton Hall.</p>			

Outstanding actions

Please note the status column: rated green has been dealt with or completed. Yellow outstanding and Red significantly outstanding and no colour have been deemed low priority

Action Items from meeting 06/07/2020	Person responsible	Status
✓ 1)To feedback on draft Communications Strategy	Secretary	To be reviewed in Jan 2022

Action Items from meeting 01/03/21	Person responsible	Status
✓ Proposed repainting of Lamberton bus shelter	Treasurer	This is part of the small projects list including 3 bus shelters in Foul登. awaiting confirmation of repairs by SBC Consideration will be given to the Community Council taking this forward should there be a delay in a decision from SBC

Action Items from meeting 10/05/21	Person responsible	Status
✓ Arrange to form group to plan 2022 Car Boot Sale in King George playing field	Chair	Completed – on agenda for 10/01/22 meeting
✓ Follow up verge issues with SBC	Chair	Completed
✓ Identifying solution for laid down gravestones	Chair	To be completed

Action Items from meeting 05/07/21	Person responsible	Status
✓ Check possible relocating of store material in Pavilion and cost of fixing a new door to the pavilion	Chair	To be completed

Action Items from meeting 6/09/21	Person responsible	Status
✓ Community Council to clarify status of speed monitoring equipment and Contact Bannisters and Greenvale AP regarding excessive speeds of lorries through Foulden Village	Vice Chair to liaise with Chair	Completed
✓ Follow up arrangements with Councillor Helen Laing for SBC officer to visit Foulden to meet local residents	Vice Chair to liaise with Chair	Completed but SBC no longer willing to visit area to meet residents
✓ Create climate change page on website and upload climate change information from SBC	Secretary	Completed
✓ Publicise ongoing planning applications on Foulden noticeboard	Treasurer	Completed
✓ Create a specific example of how to use OS maps on FMLCC website as a trial	Secretary	This process is identified as too complex, expensive and time consuming to warrant proceeding – marked as Completed
✓ Place social care consultation on digital channels	Secretary	Completed
✓ To confirm arrangements on purchasing of postcards and selling arrangements for existing Smallholding history books	Treasurer	Completed
✓ To confirm arrangements for bench in Mordington	Treasurer and Vice Chair	Completed – an additional existing bench has been identified
✓ To confirm arrangements for picnic bench in Playing Fields	Vice Chair to liaise with Chair	Completed

Action Items from meeting 6/09/21	Person responsible	Status
✓ Pop up shop request to be followed up	Treasurer	Completed – Treasurer has written individual and awaiting response
✓ Change of use of Pavilion to be followed up with Chair	Vice Chair to liaise with Chair	Completed
✓ FMLCC to get in touch with microlight pilot	LD	LD has contacted individual who says he will capture some aerial images when they are able to resume flying
✓ Hacking on new footpath to be followed up	Vice Chair to liaise with Chair	Completed

Action Items from meeting 01/11/21	Person responsible	Status
✓ Follow up with SBC/Councillor Laing transport issues raised by resident	Treasurer	Completed
✓ Place information on campaign for new national park in the Borders on community council's digital channels	Secretary	Completed
✓ Offer facility for residents to Zoom in for future public forums	Secretary	Completed
✓ Advertise for new community council vacancies for Mordington and new co-opted role	Secretary	Completed
✓ Community Councillors to attend Lamberton Village Hall AGM when date confirmed	All Community Councillors	To be completed
✓ Confirm arrangements for siting of 2 extra defibrillators in the community	Treasurer	Completed – agreed that siting of 1 defibrillator at Lamberton Phone Box will be appropriate

Action Items from meeting 01/11/21	Person responsible	Status
✓ Confirm arrangements for siting of Xmas trees	Chair & Vice Chair	Completed