

Foulden, Mordington and Lamberton Community Council
Agreed at Community Council meeting 14.09.20

06/07/2020

730pm

Remote Zoom meeting

Meeting called by:	Treasurer	Type of meeting:	Community Council Meeting
Facilitator:	Chair	Note taker:	Secretary
Timekeeper:	Treasurer		
Attendees:	Harry Frew (Chair), Thomas Trotter(Vice Chair) Andy Manley (Treasurer), Anton Whittingham(Secretary), Helen Dempster(HD), Julia Trotter(JD), Nicola Whittingham (NW), William Calder(WC), Ian Price (IP), William Calder (WC) Councillor Carol Hamilton Co-opted: Andrew Dempster(AD)		
Apologies	Audrey Sanderson(AS), Elaine Oswald(EO)		

Minutes

Agenda item:	1.Minutes of last meeting (28/04/20) and matters arising	Presenter:	Chair
<p>Time: 730pm Welcome to the meeting made the Chair. It was confirmed that Councillor Hamilton will be joining part of the meeting.. 733pm Confirmation from the Secretary that apologies were received from AS and EO for this meeting 735pm Formal welcome to IP as a new additional community councillor for Lamberton 741pm Chair verified that documentation circulation arrangements to community council were satisfactory. This was confirmed by Community Councillors in attendance. Minutes from last meeting approved.</p>			

Agenda item:	2. Secretary's report	Presenter:	Secretary
<p>741pm The Secretary reviewed outstanding action points from previous meetings. Those marked in green are completed and will be removed off future minutes. All but one of those marked in yellow were agenda items for this meeting. It was confirmed by the Chair that one outstanding action point 5 of actions points from the 28/04/2020 meeting has been completed. The Secretary explained that completed actions will be removed from future minutes. It was agreed that the format was agreed going forward. 745pm The Treasurer confirmed that a picture of the new community councillor IP was taken and the Secretary confirmed this would be transferred to the website it due course.</p>			

Agenda item:	3 Treasurers report	Presenter:	JT
7.50pm			
It was confirmed that the community council agrees with the new arrangement for authorized signatories. JT has completed the mandate form for the changes of signatories on the FMLCC and playing field accounts.			
The resolution was passed at the community council meeting of the relevant members of management of Foulden, Mordington and Lamberton Community Council's relevant accounts and is recorded as follows:			
It was resolved that the Authorized signatories in the current mandate, for the accounts detailed in Section 1.3, be changed in accordance with Section Authorized Signatories.			
The current mandate will continue as amended.			
Previous authorized signatories:			
Julia Trotter			
Frances Donoghue			
John Novak			
New authorized signatories			
Julia Trotter			
Harry Frew – Chair Foulden, Mordington and Lamberton Community Council			
Andy Manley – Treasurer, Foulden, Mordington and Lamberton Community Council			
The Community Council accounts currently stands at £2513.05p including the COVID 19 support grant.			
Sports Field accounts currently stand at surplus of £2,500.			
7.52pm			
JT indicated that recurring electricity costs are £58 per quarter. If FMLCC moves back to face to face meetings the cost of hiring accommodation can be claimed. Community Council forum membership cost is another recurring outgoing.			
7.55pm			
The Chair asked about steers and advice from Scottish Borders Council from Councillor Hamilton regarding planning and providing community events. Councillor Hamilton will investigate the possible considerations and advice for putting on events. The Vice-Chair stated that large events are not realistic at present. JT pointed out that social distancing is not practical during large events such as the car boot sale. Councillor Hamilton pointed out that payments at these sort of events are typically cash, which potentially presents a further risk to participants. Attendance is likely to be low due in the current COVID-19 context. FMLCC then formally agreed it will not proceed with any large events in 2020. It was agreed that a car boot sale activity for September 2020 was not realistic or practical in the current COVID-19 situation and it was agreed not to move forward with planning such an activity in 2020.			

Agenda item:	4 COVID-19 / Resilience and Grants	Presenter:	Chair
<p>8.03pm</p> <p>Possible candidate for ground maintenance is no longer available. NW raised that we need to have a plan for a series of proposals, decide the priority and have these available as and when funding projects become available.</p> <p>The Treasurer pointed out that the Round 2 of the current COVID support grant process has a deadline of 13th July.</p> <p>The Treasurer has indicated the success of a COVID support bid for Foulden Village Hall to support remodeling for improved social distance measures to enable the hall's activities to successful restart. An element of the funding is also to help offset loss of booking income due to implementation of new social distancing measures.</p> <p>The Treasurer and Chair plan to walk and review the road between Foulden Village and Burnbank to ascertain the practicality of a potential bid for funding to build a footpath to safely connect the two parts of the village.</p> <p>The Secretary raised the issue of how to manage feedback from the community using the on-line survey application Survey-monkey. It is a subscription service costing £300 per annum. The Chair indicated that we should not pursue the purchase of this package at this time but to keep it under review for the future.</p> <p>The Treasurer clarified that the two funding projects available are different. "Spaces for People" is a project fund for temporary activities to support local communities in the COVID-19 context. "Places for Everyone" is a project fund for projects that have a permanent impact supporting communities recovering from the impact of COVID-19. Garry Haldane at Scottish Borders council is looking to obtain more information on these programs.</p>			

Agenda item:	5. Planning Activity	Presenter:	Chair
<p>815pm</p> <p>Development: 20/00067/FUL Erection of 52 holiday lodges with office, reception/shop and formation of associated roads and parking Land North West Of Willowdean House Foulden Scottish Borders</p> <p>Councillor Hamilton stated that the planning committee will make its judgement objectively. It was also confirmed that the planning application is substantively identical to the rejected application 18/01479/FUL. The Chair confirmed that this application will be discussed on the 3rd August 2020 using Microsoft Teams. The Community Council will be able to make representations using a 6 minute slot. Councillor Hamilton raised the issue that with no grass cutting, she observed that the access road adjacent to the development is very narrow. The Chair raised that fact that there is significant traffic flow northwards through the access road, that it is believed the developers have not taken into account sufficiently.</p> <p>822pm</p> <p>AD was formally welcomed to the council as a co-opted member of the local community. AD stated that should the application be rejected by the planning committee, it is likely it will go to an appeals process. How this process will work is still to be clarified should this application go to appeal. Scottish Borders Council is investigating the mechanism that would allow the public to listen in to this meeting on 3rd August.</p> <p>Development in Lamberton: WC raised an issue regarding a potential development without planning permission. Councillor Hamilton is following up Paul Duncan at Scottish Borders Council planning department regarding this issue. WC will forward photos of this issue to AD.</p>			

829pm

The **Treasurer** raised a question regarding the acquisition of litter picking equipment. **Councillor Hamilton** will follow this up with **Darren Silcock** at Scottish Borders Council. Councillor Hamilton will contact Darren and copy in the **Treasurer** to replies. **Councillor Hamilton** reminded FMLCC members of the priorities that Scottish Borders Council officers are focusing on at the moment. FMLCC was reminded of the letter sent to Community Councils by **Tracey Logan, Chief Executive of Scottish Borders Council** that requested that locally lead grass cutting cease as instructed below

“While we understand their desire to start work in these areas, current Scottish Government restrictions mean the Council cannot currently allow this work to take place on its land.”

The **Treasurer** has asked about issues regarding road signage and the lack of and poor state of passing places. The **Chair** agreed to meet with the **Treasurer** outside of the meeting to look into this further. The Chair will then following this up with **Louise McGeoch** at Scottish Borders Council.

837pm

The **Chair** wants to review FMLCC's approach to planning proposals. Supporting papers circulated by **AD** to FMLCC councillors was very positive. The view from the **Chair** is the Community Council needs to take a more pragmatic approach to feeding back to Scottish Borders Council on planning matters.

NW queried what would happen if a Community Councillor(s) had diverging views of the merits of a planning application. **AD** explained he is a conduit for planning application issues and it is for FMLCC to make decisions based upon his observations as a co-opted member. **AD** explained how he summarizes the information on a planning application where objections, comments and feedback are coming from. The **Chair** explained that in the circumstances where FMLCC could not come to a consensus on a planning application, then a vote may be needed to settle FMLCC's position towards that application. **AD** suggested that planning applications placed at the start of the agenda so he then leaves the meeting after that agenda item.

Agenda item:	6. Community Survey Report	Presenter:	Treasurer
848pm			
<p>The Treasurer reviewed the prior circulated summary of the survey results. While there was some disappointment with the 27-28% response rate, NW pointed that that this result was a positive return rate. The report highlighted the following ideas</p>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposals better use of the tennis courts at Foulden • Proposals for better use of the sports field at Foulden • Proposals for community council activities to develop community cohesion across Foulden, Lamberton and Mordington • Activities for volunteers to improve visual amenity of the areas • Setting up a volunteer litter picking group to rotate across all three communities 			
<p>Areas for lobbying appropriate authorities included</p>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Road condition, road safety and traffic management – All three communities concerned about state of verges, road signage, speed of vehicles through villages, particularly Mordington and Foulden, wheelchair access, passing places and bus stop access. • State of pavements/footpaths at both ends of Foulden and access to Lamberton bus stops • Whales Jaws condition 			
<p>Lamberton and Mordington resident feedback showed no interest in the playing field. The survey raised potential insufficient access to keys for the tennis courts. The Chair suggested a subcommittee meeting involving a link of FMLCC to the Trustees of the playing field. The Treasurer suggested a grant application to support the purchase of outdoor Gym equipment.</p>			
<p>Litter picking support received very positive feedback in all three communities. The Treasurer suggested litter picking once a month alternating between the three communities. This would be subject to obtaining appropriate equipment, which could be sourced from SBC. IP stated it was less of an issue in Lamberton. The main concern in Lamberton was people in cars stopping for breaks and disposing of rubbish outside of their vehicle windows and then leaving. The Treasurer said that appropriate gear and equipment for litter picking volunteers would also have to consider issues around COVID-19.</p>			
<p>Foulden village planters were looking for additional volunteers as the current volunteers are elderly. Issues with overgrown church cemeteries and grounds are the responsibility of SBC but with the council prioritizing resources these areas have become overgrown.</p>			
<p>The possibility of a Garden Trail for summer 2021 was discussed. Discussion included a suggestion to visit 12 gardens across the three communities and have a treasure hunt as a way of bring the communities together. JT agreed this was a good idea but indicated that the road over the moors from Lamberton was very overgrown. HD said that some residents in Mordington felt left out of the considerations of FMLCC. The Chair said that it was crucial to continue to work on this to disavow communities of this notion.</p>			
858pm			
<p>NW raised the concern that when collecting the surveys, verbal feedback from residents indicated that speed limits road quality around Foulden was a significant issue for residents. The Treasurer indicated that all three communities were raising this.</p>			
<p>HD raised a safety issue in Mordington of flooding of one of the roads. She has already taken photos of the issue. This information will be forwarded by FMLCC to SBC. The Chair is following up this specific issue with a local farmer who has agreed to dig a trench to improve field drainage. This will be the initial approach before approaching SBC on this matter.</p>			
<p>The Treasurer will draw up a list of 'You said' points from the survey, which will be used as a basis for prioritizing the work of FMLCC in responding to the feedback from the community. The Vice-Chair proposed purchasing the litter picking equipment through the FMLCC budget to obtain a 'quick win' and be able to demonstrate the impact of the local community on its environment. JT seconded this idea as a way of moving forward on this quickly. The Treasurer asked if noticeboards in the three communities belonged to FMLCC. JT says John Williams may have the information on this. The new noticeboard outside Foulden Village hall belongs to the Village Hall. The Treasurer will follow up on confirming this for Foulden. IP and WC will confirm access to noticeboards in Lamberton. Mordington doesn't have one. HD rents a</p>			

building that had a history of having local notices placed on it and will follow up to confirm that the owner is happy for the FMLCC to advertise on it.

Agenda item:	7. Communications	Presenter:	Secretary
912pm			
<p>The Secretary updated the arrangements on communications. The website content is being reviewed on an ongoing basis with changes made to the latest news and contact details working with Linda Trickett remotely. The Secretary has agreed to keep updates to once a week for the time being. The Secretary is currently investigating www.onlineborders.org.uk as a vehicle for hosting the website over the longer term. This would be a free service and FMLCC is likely, as a volunteer run organisation, to qualify to access this facility. The Secretary has registered an interest with the organisation and will keep FMLCC informed. The Secretary is planning to post to the Facebook and Twitter feeds at least once every other day, The Secretary is also responding to enquires received by e-mail from the website and messages posted on twitter or via Facebook messenger.</p> <p>The Secretary has circulated the 1st draft of a FMLCC communications policy for feedback. The Vice-Chair has agreed to review and feedback to the Secretary.</p> <p>The Treasurer suggested posting on the FMLCC communications feeds that if anyone wanted to add their name and address details to the database we could put an announcement on social media feeds. The Secretary agreed to follow up on this. The Secretary agreed to follow up with links to, Foul登, Lamberton and Mordington Village Halls.</p>			

Agenda item:	8. Village Halls update	Presenter:	Chair
919pm			
<p>WC confirmed that Lamberton has a late summer village hall AGM – though with COVID-19 restrictions this is yet to be confirmed for 2020. A decision on refurbishment grant application for Lamberton is currently being awaited.</p> <p>The Chair reminded FMLCC of the forthcoming book exchange at Foul登 Village Hall.</p> <p>The Treasurer confirmed that the Foul登 Village Hall committee has received formal information on how to plan to re-open taking into account COVID-19 guidance. The Village hall has received a substantial grant to support re-modelling and the development work necessary to open safely in post pandemic context. This will include spreading out of groups in the Village hall and reduction in the number of organisations using the hall at a given time. FMLCC offered congratulations to the Treasurer and the Foul登 Village Hall committee for the success in receiving the award.</p>			

Agenda item:	9. Footpaths and roads 10. King George VI playing field	Presenter:	Chair
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927pm

The **Chair** reported that SBC is budget limited regarding potential work in the FMLCC area. FMLCC was unsuccessful in a request for digital automatic warning signs to reinforce speed limits on the A6105 in Foulden. Cost of this facility is approximately £5,000 per sign and would require installation by SBC. It was indicated that FMLCC would have to pay for them. Road, paths and traffic management concerns in the FMLCC area are currently low priority for SBC. The **Chair** is keeping in regular touch with SBC officers but explained to the FMLCC that expectations have to be realistic at this point in time. It was confirmed that the pothole repair team has been seconded to other council duties to support high priority services during the COVID 19 pandemic.

The **Chair** and **Treasurer** have agreed to arrange a site visit to look at improvements to pedestrian access between Foulden village and Burnbank. **JT** indicated that the public footpath that connects Lamberton to Mordington is an issue due to cattle being placed in a field that the path passes through. **JT** confirmed she had received feedback from a family who were too scared to complete a walk due to the presence of cattle.

JT confirmed that previous FMLCC expenditure on maintain footpaths was approximately £400. **JT** said the main issue would be the need for strimming. In January there is a deadline for submitting these expenses to SBC, who then refund FMLCC. The **Chair** asked for FMLCC members that if they new anyone interested in doing the strimming work to pass the information to the **Chair**.

JT said that one Community Councillor should have a subcommittee meeting with the playing field trustees and should be a regular contact. **NW** has agreed and the **Chair** will follow this up.

Agenda item:	11. Any Other Business Mandate for authorized signatories	Presenter:	Chair
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930pm

Covered in Agenda item 3

Agenda item:	11. Date of next meeting	Presenter:	Chair
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931pm

The **Chair** confirmed next meeting for **Monday 14th September 7.30pm**. Meeting will be at Foulden Village Hall subject to COVID-19 reopening progress. Contingency will be for the meeting to be held on Zoom. The **Treasurer** will keep FMLCC informed regarding venue for next meeting

Meeting closed at 9.33pm

Please note items rated green have been dealt with or completed. Yellow underway and Red Outstanding

Action Items from meeting 14/04/2020	Person responsible	Deadline	Status
✓ Increase capacity for use of Sports Field (<i>post lifting of COVID-19 restrictions</i>)	NW	28/04/2020	On agenda for 06/07/20

Please note items rated green have been dealt with or completed. Yellow underway and Red Outstanding

Action Items from meeting 28/04/2020	Person responsible	Deadline	Status
✓ Monitoring of potential new planning applications in Lamberton to be highlighted to Community Council	FMLCC	06/07/2020	On agenda of 06/07/20 meeting
✓ Monitor of status of Planning Committee meeting planned for 29/06/2020 to review application 20/00067/FUL	HF	29/05/2020	On agenda of 06/07/20 meeting
✓ HF to contact Gregory Lauder Frost, Francis Donoghue and Anne Nixon to thank them for their past service to FMLCC	HF	31/05/2020	Completed
✓ Review Covid-19 support funding to identify potential to fund safer walking access between Foulden Village and Burnbank alongside A6105. To be decision item on next Community Council meeting agenda	FMLCC	06/07/2020	On agenda for meeting 06/07/2020
✓ HF to identify potential candidates for footpaths maintenance officer role. To be decision item on next Community Council meeting agenda	HF	06/07/2020	On agenda for meeting 06/07/2020
✓ Distribution, collection, collation, and presentation of draft information from survey at next FMLCC meeting	AM	05/07/2020	On agenda for 06/07/20
✓ Contact community police with reference to speeding vehicles in all three areas of the Community Council	HF	31/05/2020	On agenda for 06/07/20 meeting

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Action Items from meeting 06/07/2020	Person responsible	Status
✓ Next meeting agreed as Monday 14th September 7.30pm	FMLCC	Agreed
✓ To liaise with SBC to clarify how public can access this planning meeting	Chair	Completed
✓ Advertise to local community wishes to join mailing list	Secretary	Completed
✓ Follow up linking up social media site for villages halls in the area	Secretary	Underway, on Agenda 14/09/2020
✓ Transfer photo of IP to website list of community councillors	Secretary	Emailed to Linda, awaiting uploading
✓ Place notice on website and social media that Car Boot Sale at Foulton will not be taking place this year	Secretary	Completed
✓ Review of pedestrian access between Foulton Village and Burnbank to ascertain the practicality of a potential bid for funding to build a footpath to safely connect the two parts of the village	Chair, Treasurer	Meeting taken place, work on-going – update on agenda 14.09.2020
✓ Follow up with Louise McGeoch re traffic and road issues	Chair	Update on agenda 14/09/2020
✓ Follow up with Paul Duncan at SBC regarding possible development in Lamberton without planning permission.	Councillor Hamilton	Completed-planning application now submitted
✓ WC to forward photos of potential development in Lamberton without planning permission to AD	WC	Completed – planning application now submitted
✓ Obtaining access to appropriate equipment to support volunteer litter picking – to follow up with SBC	Treasurer	Completed
✓ Confirm ownership of noticeboards in Lamberton	WC,IP	Location of noticeboard

Action Items from meeting 06/07/2020	Person responsible	Status
		for CC confirmed
✓ Confirm ownership of noticeboards in Foulden	Treasurer	Location of CC noticeboard confirmed
✓ Venue of next meeting to be confirmed	Treasurer	Completed
✓ Planning agenda items to be placed at top of future agendas	Secretary	Completed
✓ Investigate the possible considerations and advice for putting on events	Councillor Hamilton	To be completed
✓ Arrange subcommittee of FMLCC member with playing field trustees to support funding applications	Chair, NW	Completed
✓ Arrange summer trails across all 3 communities for summer 2021	FMLCC	To be completed
✓ Flooding issue on Mordington road to be followed up	Chair	Completed
✓ To publicise need for more Foulden Village Planters	Secretary	On agenda item 14/09/2020
✓ To create a list of 'You said' points from the survey	Treasurer	To be completed
✓ To purchase little picking equipment from Community Council budget as a contingency	Treasurer	Completed
✓ To feedback on draft Communications Strategy	Vice Chair	To be completed
✓ Feedback to Chair regarding possible candidates for grounds maintenance works	FMLCC	Completed
✓ To keep under review access to survey=monkey	Secretary	Under review