

Foulde n, Mordington and Lamberton Community Council(FMLCC)
Minutes approved at 07/03/2022

10/01/2022

630pm

REMOTE MEETING ON ZOOM

Meeting called by:	Chair	Type of meeting:	Community Council Meeting
Facilitator:	Chair	Notetaker:	Secretary
Timekeeper:	Chair		
Attendees:	<p>Foulde n Councillors Harry Frew (Chair), Andy Manley (Treasurer), Anton Whittingham (Secretary), Nicola Whittingham (NW), Elaine Oswald (EO)</p> <p>Mordington Councillors Thomas Trotter (Vice Chair), Lianne Drummond (LD)</p> <p>Lamberton Councillors Ian Price (IP), Audrey Sanderson (AS) (arriving at 7.30pm)</p> <p>Open Forum (on-line): 1 resident attended; 4 notes submitted from other residents who did not attend</p>		
Apologies	None		

Minutes

Agenda item:	Open Forum	Presenter:	Chair
Time:	6.30pm		
<p>One resident booked onto the open forum but was not present at the start of the session.</p> <p>Feedback from four further residents was presented at the open forum to attending community councillors. These residents were unable to attend the meeting</p> <p><u>Chair of Playing Field Trustees</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request to be kept informed of FMLCC developments that impact on the King George V Playing Field. The Chair of the King George V Playing Field committee raised an objection to the electricity supply being cut off to the Playing Field Sports Pavilion. The Treasurer indicated that the service has been de-energized, which is not being cut-off. The existing contract for electricity was with Npower and was fixed for 3 years expiring March 2022. The Treasurer had attempted to change to a more competitive tariff, and change supplier for the same reason but neither of these were possible while the existing contract is in place. It was noted that being a non-domestic user means that different rules apply. The plan is for the meter to be re-energized in the spring of 2022 with a new contract and/or supplier 			

Feedback from resident regarding public transport issues related to Foulden

- Raised concern about impracticality of the last bus service to Foulden from Berwick, particularly for those residents that work in the town. It was also raised about the large gap in bus times in the morning travelling to Berwick, making connections onto northbound trains to Edinburgh impractical for commuters and forcing residents to drive.
- Concern was also raised about LNER services requiring a seat reservation before boarding a train and plans to close the travel center at the station by 1.00pm
- Resident also shared new planned Northbound and Southbound departure times at Berwick for the new services being introduced by Trans Pennine Express (TPE)
- The **Treasurer** had passed a reply from the Transport Manager at SBC to the resident - who had previously raised concerns over public transport.

Feedback from resident regarding speed limit issues

- Feedback from a local resident who had written the MSP Rachael Hamilton expressing concerns of her proposal to raise the national speed limit for HGVs on Scottish derestricted roads.
- The **Chair** indicated that there would be significant opposition from residents if this proposal was taken forward. It was decided to monitor the situation to see if anything further happens. If it did the view was that the Community Council would formally object if it was implemented on the roads in the Community Council area. The **Chair** has also raised the positive impact of writing to local businesses having led to much greater compliance to speed limits of HGVs through the village. The **Secretary** pointed out that this proposal from the MSP was counter to the Spaces for People initiative.

Feedback from resident about significant increase in dog faeces on paths and tracks in Foulden

- Another resident passed feedback to the community council about a significant increase in fouling when out walking in the Foulden area.
- The **Secretary** has agreed to repost a reminder about removing offending material by dog owners.

Feedback at 6.45pm on Zoom from local resident who was able to access the open forum via Zoom live

- Resident wanted to thank the Community Council for the new path being set up from the viewing station at Foulden to Burnbank Crossroads. However, the resident asked about the feasibility of this path being extended to West Foulden. The resident raised that it is difficult and potentially unsafe to access the A6105 from New Mains, especially for children. The **Chair** explained that he would discuss this with the landowner in that area.
- Resident also requested a buffer zone speed limit be introduced from the western end of the 30mph limit in Foulden Village heading westwards to after the West Foulden turn off. Both the **Secretary** and the **Chair** advised the resident of the status of speed limits in Foulden. The **Secretary** to send information to the resident.
- Resident also raised concern that a family relative works in Berwick and currently must rely on the bus service from Foulden to get to work. Resident says last departure time from Berwick for Foulden is inconvenient and impractical for working people. The **Treasurer** fed back that according to SBC Transport Manager that patronage on buses has fallen considerably and SBC is having to provide financial support to keep the existing services running. The **Vice Chair** proposed a community survey of the Community Council area regarding bus service access, and that the results are then passed to SBC. This was agreed by members and the resident present as a good idea to proceed with. **NW** offered to contact the Secretary of Chirnside Community Council to see if they also had issues with the current bus timetable.

At this point the open forum was completed at 7.15pm – the **Chair** closed this meeting and opened the Community Council meeting. The attending resident left the Zoom meeting at this point.

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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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7.15pm

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from:

AS – who prior notified the **Secretary** that she would be attending the meeting but would be late

Outstanding actions points were updated

AS arrived at 7.30pm

Agenda item:	4 New Community Councillor Vacancy – Lamberton and Planning	Presenter:	Chair
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7.30 pm
The **Secretary** stated that the advert for co-opted role to support Community Council with planning has been placed on the Community Council’s digital channels. It was also confirmed by the **Chair** that a member of the Lamberton community has come forward as a possible candidate for the Community Council vacancy in Lamberton, but is not yet ready, at this time to join the Community Council.

Agenda item:	5. Planning Matters	Presenter:	Chair
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7.35pm
No updates to report

Agenda item:	6) Secretary’s Report 6a) Update on Community Council scheme review by SBC 6b) Review of communication strategy 6c) Update on Spaces for People	Presenter:	Secretary
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7.35pm

Item 6a) The **Secretary** had circulated documents from SBC confirming plans to update their Community Council scheme document. The **Treasurer** explained that the scheme details were refined by SBC, and that there has been good community council input, notably from Reston Community Council. All community councillors agreed to accept the proposed amended scheme and the Community Council does not intend to feedback on the changes.

Item 6b) The contents of this document were agreed during actions from the last meeting - will be tabled for review in 12 months

Item 6c) The **Secretary** presented a summary during the open forum and has placed a significant amount of information about the proposed plans to make the speed limits permanent on the website and the digital channels.

Agenda item:	7) Treasurer's update	Presenter:	Treasurer
<p>7.40pm</p> <p>The Treasurer summarised the prior circulated financial reports</p> <p>The Treasurer highlighted a further £20 of donations from easyfundraising and £19.70 from Amazon Smile towards the King George V Playing Fields.</p> <p>The Treasurer also indicated that Abundant Borders are looking to plant trees to create an orchard in the corner of King George V Playing Field on the 12th January. Work to secure a new bench is on-going.</p> <p>Platinum Jubilee – Grant available</p> <p>The Community Council is considering a 2-day event to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The Vice Chair proposed lighting a beacon. Food and refreshments could be available in vans, followed by a community walk from the village to the location to light the fire. The Vice Chair has applied to SBC(?) to prepare and light a beacon. There could also be afternoon tea, music, and food in a marquee.</p> <p>A proposal for bouncy castles raised concern as it would have to be subject to a very rigorous risk assessment.</p> <p>EO felt there needed to be a historical perspective on the villages, and to make use of the Playing Fields as a possible venue for a marquee. It was proposed to add a page to the website regarding Jubilee arrangements - the Secretary would investigate and action this. Historical activities could be set up. The Chair proposed that a working group be created – for example that bunting could be produced by residents involved in craft activities.</p> <p>The Platinum Jubilee celebrations will take place on the Thursday 2nd June to Sunday 5th June. The June bank holiday has been moved to Thursday 2nd June, and another bank holiday created on Friday 3rd June to facilitate these celebrations.</p> <p>The Chair raised the Queens Green Canopy initiative – it is to encourage the planting of trees as part of the Jubilee celebrations. The Chair will circulate information on this fund for encouraging planting. EO stated that planting trees will be important, especially after the impacts of Storm Arwen. The Vice Chair proposed a tree planting ceremony to mark the Jubilee.</p>			

Agenda item:	8) Village Hall update	Presenter:	Treasurer
<p>7.50pm</p> <p>The Treasurer confirmed the challenges of the Omicron variant increase in COVID-19 infections. Several new year events at Foulden Village Hall (FVH) were cancelled out of caution. Table Tennis - singles only is still proceeding on Sundays at 5.00pm and Tuesdays at 2.00pm. Chair Yoga is still running on Monday mornings and Yoga on Wednesday mornings.</p>			

Agenda item:	9) Footpaths and Road update	Presenter:	Chair
7.55pm			
LD enquired whether different speed limits need to be considered in Mordington. View from community councillors would be difficult to change as these speed limits are seen as too rural for SBC to consider any changes.			

Agenda item:	10. Car Boot Sale planning – King George V Playing Field in Foulden	Presenter:	Chair
7.58pm			
Proposal for Sunday 4 th September 2022. It was also agreed to shrink the length of the next Community Council meeting, and increase the length of the open public forum, which would focus on inviting volunteers to come and discuss contributing their time and expertise to the Car Boot Sale.			

Agenda item:	11. Date for Annual General Meeting of FMLCC	Presenter:	Secretary
8.00pm			
Agreed this would be Monday 4 th July. The Secretary will circulate this with proposed new Community Council meeting dates for the 2022-23 year			

Agenda item:	12. King George V Playing Fields	Presenter:	Chair
8.03pm			
The Chair fed back that repainting and fixing of the pavilion will be undertaken when the weather improves in the spring, which will also be the time that is planned for the electricity meter to be re-energised.			

Agenda item:	13. AOB	Presenter:	Chair
8.05pm			
<u>Lessons learned from Storm Arwen</u>			
Feedback from the Treasurer indicated that the SBC ‘bunker’ – which was their Storm Arwen communications hub was very helpful. The Treasurer reported to Neil Inglis at SBC every day. Neil would communicate daily to SP Energy Networks, and he also organised the hot meal support from the Salvation Army. Feedback from SBC was that the electrical distribution system in the area was insufficiently resilient to deal with a Storm of Arwen’s magnitude. The Treasurer also felt there was insufficient upfront guidance for Community Councillors working in a resiliency capacity. NW raised that the Priority Services Register was not up to date as she was aware of residents in her area that should have been but did not seem to be on this register. EO stated that Community Councils should receive a regular hard copy list of this register to keep them informed as to where support might be needed.			
It was felt that Foulden Village Hall should be an SBC priority to receive a backup electrical generator as an emergency centre. The Chair and Vice Chair agreed that issues and proposals from the community resilience volunteers, to include IP and EO should be fed back into the SBC Storm Arwen Storm Debrief document and then forwarded to SBC. The Vice Chair also proposed the community council consider producing a flyer of ‘what to do’ in future. The Vice Chair also proposed to replace Julia Trotter on the resilience group. This was agreed.			

8.20pm

AS raised that the Whale Jaws in Lamberton has been damaged by Storm Arwen. Now there is no whale jaw displayed as it has been broken. **AS** also said that North Berwick has new whale jaw replicas made to replace a previous damaged example, but cost was considerable.

IP and **AS** to research possible repair options for the Whales Jaws

Agenda item:	14. Date and Time of next meeting	Presenter:	Chair
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8.30pm

Next meeting Monday 7th March, but it was proposed, and agreed to move venue to Foulden Village Hall. Subject to current COVID-19 restrictions, it was agreed to plan this meeting as a face to face one, with the Open Forum extended to run from 6.30pm to 8.00pm and the Councillor only meeting to be shortened. The Secretary will add this information to the digital channels accordingly

Meeting closed at 8.35pm

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	Completed Policy agreed from next 12 months

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 Foulden. 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
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
To confirm arrangements for bench in Mordington	Treasurer and Vice Chair	Completed – an additional existing bench has been identified
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 he his able to resume flying

Action Items from meeting 01/11/21	Person responsible	Status
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

Action Items from meeting 01/11/21	Person responsible	Status
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
Confirm arrangements for siting of Xmas trees	Chair & Vice Chair	Completed – IP will plant Lamberton, the Vice Chair will follow up re Mordington, the Treasurer to follow up by contacting the Robertson Trust

Action Items from meeting 10/01/22	Person responsible	Status
To post information regarding new Open Forum to discuss the forthcoming planned Car Boot Sale provisionally scheduled for Sunday 4 th September 2022	Secretary	To be completed
To repost information about dog fouling on Community Council digital channels	Secretary	To be completed
Resident request in Open Forum to consider extension of a footpath from Burnbank Crossroads to New Mains at West Foulden – Chair to discuss with landowner	Chair	To be completed
Secretary to send speed limit information to resident who attended open forum	Secretary	To be completed
To conduct a community survey on the quality of the bus service serving Foulden	Treasurer	To be completed
To contact Chirnside Community Council regarding to obtain feedback on the quality of bus services in their area	NW	To be completed
Application to light a beacon for the Queens Platinum Jubilee	Vice Chair	To be completed, underway
To set up working group for planning and implementing Jubilee celebrations	Treasurer	To be completed

Action Items from meeting 10/01/22	Person responsible	Status
Set up webpage for Jubilee celebrations on website	Secretary	To be completed
Chair to circulate information on Green Canopy initiative	Chair	To be completed
Circulation of proposed new meeting dates and AGM date to Community Councillors for agreement	Secretary	To be completed
To complete Storm Arwen debriefing document and return to SBC	Treasurer	To be completed
To research repair options for Whales Jaws at Lamberton	IP and AS	To be completed