

**Foulde n, Mordington and Lamberton Community
Council(FMLCC)
Approved at FMLCC meeting 01/11/21**

06/09/2021

700pm

Foulde n Village Hall

Meeting called by:	Vice Chair	Type of meeting:	Community Council Meeting
Facilitator:	Vice Chair	Notetaker:	Secretary
Timekeeper:	Vice Chair		
Attendees:	Thomas Trotter(Vice Chair), Andy Manley (Treasurer), Anton Whittingham(Secretary) Lianne Drummond (LD) (VIA ZOOM), Nicola Whittingham(NW), Audrey Sanderson (AS) (VIA ZOOM), Elaine Oswald (EO), Helen Dempster(HD) 3 members of the Public were also present for the Open Forum – which ran from 6.30pm to 7.20pm		
Apologies	Harry Frew (Chair) Ian Price (IP)		

Minutes

Agenda item:	Open Forum	Presenter:	Vice Chair
Time:	6.30pm		
<p>The Vice Chair welcomed attending residents, indicating that the first part of this meeting was for residents to feedback to the Community Council: - the following issues were raised by residents</p> <p><u>Increasing the speed limits in Foulde n Village</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Position of the speed warning sign – lorries and commercial vehicles largely ignoring it • Speed warning sign not always working – screen does not come on to register speed • A significant number of vehicles are estimated to be travelling 10mph over the speed limit, and since the speed limit in east Foulde n was raised to 40mph, it means vehicles are now estimated to be doing 50mph through that part of the village. • New raised speed limit of 40mph in the eastern end of Foulde n, and 30mph through the village is too fast. • Unhappy about speed monitoring equipment being removed - how this lack of data will feed into judgements about the success of the project – one resident said it should be put back. • Concerns raised by residents who have families of young children about the deterioration in the safety of the road since the speed limits raised. Furthermore these residents also pointed out the changing demographics in Foulde n as more families move to the village. • A possible FOI request was suggested on speed data and the public consultation data if information is not forthcoming from Scottish Borders Council (SBC) • Concerns raised by both residents and Community Councillors of the possible excessive speeds of Bannister’s lorries taken through the village. • One resident raised the issue that due to the increased speed from 30mph to 40mph by Foulde n Deans, getting out of side roads to access the A6105 is now far less safe. • Residents suggested photographing excessive speed indications on the warning sign and sending to SBC • Concerns that warning signs indicating horses emerging from side roads onto the A6105 need to added, especially are vehicles are believed to be travelling faster through the village. 			

Climate Change

- A resident raised what was both the Community Council and SBC doing to support the net zero and climate change agenda.

The **Vice Chair** had fed back that from SBC perspective they viewed the original reduction to 20mph on the A6105 trunk road as a mistake, and therefore it was very unlikely to be changed. However, it was proposed to follow up with SBC to push for a reinstatement of the speed monitoring equipment. The **Vice Chair** proposed that the Community Council would contact Bannister's - they had been contacted in the past regarding excessive speeding through Foulden Village. It was also proposed to contact Greenvale AP who contract with Bannisters for transport.

The **Vice Chair** and a resident also raised the intention of Councillor Helen Laing arranging for Philippa Gilhooly from SBC to meet some of the residents from different parts of the village to discuss concerns that have been raised. The **Vice Chair** was going to follow this up with the **Chair**. The **Vice Chair** and Community Councillors welcomed a proposal from a local resident that the SBC council officer could meet just one resident from each of the affected areas in Foulden as a way of creating a constructive approach to the community feeding back to the council officer.

LD fed back regarding the climate change query that there is a 47 page route map on the SBC website and believes that work is underway to create a citizens panel. The **Secretary** has agreed to follow this up and create a climate change page on www.fmlcc.org

The **Vice Chair** thanked everyone for their contributions and the Open Forum was closed at 7.20pm. Members of the public left the meeting at this point.

Agenda item:	1 Welcome 2 Apologies for Absence 3. Minutes of the last meeting and outstanding actions	Presenter:	Vice Chair Secretary Secretary
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7.25pm

The Vice Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were noted. On Actions point 1 it was noted that the Communication Strategy would be reviewed on the November meeting when the next digital communication report would be present. Outstanding actions updated.

Minutes of the last meeting were agreed subject to typing and grammatical corrections.

Agenda item:	4 New Community Councillor Vacancy - Lamberton	Presenter:	Vice Chair
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7.35pm

The Vice Chair confirmed that there is now a vacancy for a Community Councillor in Lamberton due to Will Calder having moved outwith the Community Council area. The Community Council acknowledged and thanked Will for his service. It was agreed that the **Secretary** would publicise the vacancy on the website and **AS** would make enquiries regarding Lamberton residents who may be interested in becoming a Community Councillor.

Agenda item:	5. Planning Matters	Presenter:	Vice Chair
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7.40pm

Planning applications 21/01278/FUL was noted and it was agreed that as this had been submitted by the **Chair** of the Community Council it was noted that the **Chair** was not present and would not be part of this discussion. **EO** raised a concern about possible light pollution at night, and Andrew Dempster – co-opted member of the Community Council advising on planning matters, would have this issue passed onto him for comment. No other concerns were raised by Community Councillors present. It was proposed by the **Treasurer**, in the interests of transparency that a summary of all planning notices would be placed upon the noticeboard in Foulden. Any future planning applications from a serving Community Councillor would also be noted on the planning application on these notices. The **Secretary** was also asked to make a note on the fmlcc.org of any planning applications submitted by serving Community Councillors.

A concern was also noted regarding planning application 21/01177/FUL regarding the quality of the access road and lack of potential passing spaces that leads to the proposed new development. Andrew Dempster has already responded on behalf of the Community Council raising this issue with the planning team at SBC.

Agenda item:	6) Secretary’s Report 6a) Updated guidance from SBC for Community Council meetings 6b) Planned police engagement with Community Councils 6c) On-line maps indicating places of interest for the website 6d) Social Care Consultation for the Scottish Government	Presenter:	Secretary
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7.50pm

Item 6a) The **Secretary** outlined key messages regarding this recently published updated guidance, which indicated that Community Councils should be meeting on-line unless this was not feasible. The view from members present was that since the last two Community Council meetings and one Annual General Meeting had been face to face meetings, it was felt that with the appropriate COVID-19 protection measures in place, this should continue with Community Councillors given the option to access the live meeting via Zoom. It was reported from both **LD** and **AS** who were accessing the meeting via Zoom, that it was working satisfactorily and that the flexibility to offer a remote access method if needed should continue. The **Secretary** indicated this would not be a problem for future meetings. It was agreed by Community Councillors to continue with face to face

meetings subject to changes in national COVID-10 guidance and continuing offering councillors the option of remote access if necessary.

Item 6b) The **Secretary** outlined there was a plan for the police to arrange one off visits to community council meetings across our part of the Borders to improve engagement with local communities. This was noted by the Community Council.

Item 6c) The **Secretary** demonstrated some of the work done by Gavinton, Fogo and Polwarth Community Council using OS maps to highlight areas of interest in their local community and integrating into their website – for example highlighting the position of local planning applications. The **Vice Chair** asked the **Secretary** to pick a very specific limited and scenario to trial it so that there was not an excessive workload on the **Secretary's** time. The **Secretary** would investigate it for presentation at the Jan 2022 meeting. The **Treasurer** and **NW** suggested potential marking up of footpaths and points of interest. The **Secretary** will consider and choose a very narrow scope for the first demonstration before the Community Council makes a decision to commit to this more fully.

Item 6d) The **Secretary** indicated that a consultation for the future of Social Care in Scotland was now open – The **Secretary** would place information on the digital channels. This was duly noted by the Community Council.

Agenda item:	7) Treasurer's update	Presenter:	Treasurer
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8.05pm

Latest financial report, which had been prior circulated to Community Councillors, was discussed. It was acknowledged the work hard work being done by the path maintenance volunteer. The Community Council has an allowance of £450 that will pay for paths and fuel for the mower. However, it was agreed that due to the extra effort above and beyond what had been expected shown by the volunteer that an appropriate form of acknowledgement would be made in due course.

The **Treasurer** proposed to produce postcards of the excellent views of the scenery in FMLCC area. They would be printed by Fantasy Prints in Berwick Upon Tweed and sold at events to bring in funds.

The **Treasurer** stated that Community Council had received a proposal for a bulk purchase of the remaining 150 "Smallholding Memories" books at £2.00 per copy, but it was decided to see if the Community Council could sell them first before taking this offer forward. **LD** had suggested a social media campaign to help sell the postcards and books. **AS** suggested contacting Berwick Tourist Information Centre the **Treasurer** suggested Greaves bookshop in Berwick upon Tweed. **EO** suggested both Tourist centres in Berwick, the library and Berwick Literacy festival. The **Vice Chair** proposed to negotiate with Foulden Village Hall to display postcards and the books in this venue.

The **Treasurer** confirmed that the Community Council grant from SBC for the 2021-2022 had been paid into the Community Council's account. **HD** left the meeting at this point.

The **Treasurer** reported that the classic bicycle that had been donated to the Community Council was sold to a local resident for £250. This funding would be for the Playing Field fund. It was proposed that the Community Council should fund the fitting of a bench in Mordington. **LD** stated that Mordington does act as a rest stop for cyclists passing through the area, and believed this would be welcome. The **Vice Chair** pointed out that location of the proposed bench would need be discussed with residents first prior to a final decision being made on its siting. **NW** suggested that the location of a litter bin should be considered as part of the bench purchase and siting. It was also raised who empties the litter bins in the area, **LD** said it is the street team at SBC. It was

proposed that the decision on litter bins siting in the playing field be referred to the trustees of the King George V playing fields.

The **Treasurer** gave an update of Easyfundraising.com stated that the first payment would be received when the fund had reached over £50 in donations, which it was very close to.

The **Treasurer** updated on potential funding bids. People's Postcode Trusts – potential fund – can received up to £40,000 if able to raise £4,000 in donations. The National Lottery are also offering funding for small projects. It was agreed that the focus on future bids should consider these funds. The **Vice Chair** suggested considering offering existing funding as collateral to help match funding to facilitate future bids, with the money recouped through fundraising. The **Treasurer** said this might be possible for funding for exercise equipment in King George V playing field but quotes for the likely levels of funding to refurbish the tennis courts were too high.

The **Treasurer** updated that the new blue table tennis tables were due in at the end of September to be stored at Foulden Village Hall. A local resident with experience of playing had assisted in identifying the optimum type of table to purchase.

Agenda item:	8) Village Hall update	Presenter:	Treasurer
<p>The Secretary had raised an issue of a broken window at Lamberton Village hall being spotted when he was out taking photos of the FMLCC area for the website. AS indicated that the local resident in Lamberton who is on the committee for Lamberton Village Hall is aware of the issue.</p> <p>LD stated that there is a local microlight pilot who flies in the area who takes photos of the area, and suggested getting in touch regarding the proposed postcards. LD says she has a potential contact.</p>			

Agenda item:	9) Footpaths and Road update	Presenter:	Vice Chair
<p>8.20pm</p> <p>A concern had been raised about hacking on the proposed new footpath between Foulden Car park and the Burnbank crossroads. The Treasurer will feedback this issue to the Chair, who is aware of the issue and was going to try and find out who it is – the path is not yet constructed and it will be for pedestrians only.</p> <p>A further updated indicated that actual work on building the path would start this autumn once harvesting in the field was completed. The Vice Chair explained that there is another path that it is appropriate for horse riders to use instead.</p>			

Agenda item:	10. King George V playing field	Presenter:	Vice Chair
8.25pm			
<p>The Treasurer indicated that he had received a letter of interest from a local young person in the village about providing a pop-up shop in/by the Pavilion in the playing field. The Vice Chair suggested that a table outside the pavilion could be a central point to direct people towards. If it was successful, it could lead to more a substantial pop up arrangement, for example the Soil Sisters pop up in Ayton. The Vice Chair would follow this up with the Chair.</p> <p>LD said there are similar activities in Ayton that raise money for the local primary school. LD also highlighted the volunteer run Community Larder in Reston, which does require a significant amount of work, commitment and effort to keep it running.</p> <p>The Treasurer would discuss with the young person the way forward. EO suggested they should start simply with a focus on, for example lemonade, hot chocolate, and juices. EO also proposed that as any agreement the young person demonstrates they have thought of a contingency plan for bad weather, such as using the pavilion, and that the make the request formally to book it as part of the process of having a stall.</p> <p>The Vice Chair suggested discussing with the playing field trustees plan for picnic table/bench.</p>			

Agenda item:	11. AOB	Presenter:	Vice Chair
8.40pm			
<p>The Treasurer indicated there had been 6 replies/requests regarding helping Afghan refugees with settlement in the FMLCC. A resident indicated they are collecting items that could be of use for a potential resettling family. The Treasurer has directed offers of help to the relevant contact at Scottish Borders Council. EO suggested if it was possible for SBC to send lists of what would be useful items for residents to donate. The Secretary would place relevant information of the digital channels of the Community Council.</p>			

Agenda item:	12. Meeting closure and date and time of next meeting	Presenter:	Vice Chair
8.50pm			
<p>Meeting was closed at 8.50pm - next meeting will be at 7.00pm Monday 1st November 2021 at Foulden Village Hall, with the next Public Forum at 6.30pm to 7.00pm on the same day and venue</p>			

Outstanding actions

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

Action Items from meeting 06/07/2020	Person responsible	Status
✓ 1)To feedback on draft Communications Strategy	Vice Chair	To be reviewed at by 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 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	To be completed – agenda item Jan 2022.
✓ Publish photos of road repairs at Mordington	Secretary	Completed – photos supplied by Vice Chair
✓ Follow up verge issues with SBC	Chair	To be completed
✓ Identifying solution for laid down gravestones	Chair	To be completed

Action Items from meeting 05/07/21	Person responsible	Status
✓ Place AGM report and previous minutes on website	Secretary	Completed
✓ To circulate new Community Council guidance from SBC to councillors before 6 th September meeting	Secretary	Completed
✓ Check that digital warning sign is fitted	Chair	Completed
✓ Check possible relocating of store material in Pavilion and cost of fixing a new door to the pavilion	Chair	To be completed
✓ Respond to enquiry regarding place a skip for garden waste in Foulde	Secretary	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 Foulde Village	Vice Chair to liaise with Chair	To be completed
✓ Follow up arrangements with Councillor Helen Laing for SBC officer to visit Foulde to meet local residents	Vice Chair to liaise with Chair	To be completed
✓ Create climate change page on website and upload climate change information from SBC	Secretary	To be completed
✓ Publicise vacancy for Lamberton Community Councillor on Digital Channels	Secretary	Completed
✓ Publicise ongoing planning applications on Foulde noticeboard	Treasurer	To be completed
✓ Publicise planning applications highlighting if it has been submitted on behalf of a sitting Community Councillor	Secretary	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	To be completed
✓ Place social care consultation on digital channels	Secretary	On Twitter but yet to be added to Face-book and website
✓ To confirm arrangements on purchasing of postcards and selling arrangements for existing Smallholding history books	Treasurer	To be completed
✓ To confirm arrangements for bench in Mordington	Treasurer	To be completed
✓ To confirm arrangements for picnic bench in Playing Fields	Treasurer to liaise with Chair	To be completed
✓ Pop up shop request to be followed up	Treasurer	To be completed
✓ Change of use of Pavilion to be followed up with Chair	Vice Chair to liaise with Chair	To be completed
✓ FMLCC to get in touch with microlight pilot	Treasurer	To be completed
✓ Hacking on new footpath to be followed up	Vice Chair to liaise with Chair	To be completed
✓ Statement on supporting potential Afghan refugees placed on digital channels	Secretary	Completed