

Foulden, Mordington and Lamberton Community Council(FMLCC) minutes of meeting

05/07/2021

700pm

Approved at Community Council Meeting on 6th September 2021

Foulden Village Hall

Meeting called by:	Chair	Type of meeting:	Annual General Meeting (AGM) followed by Community Council Meeting
Facilitator:	Chair	Notetaker:	Secretary
Timekeeper:	Chair		
Attendees:	<p>Harry Frew (Chair), Thomas Trotter(Vice Chair) Andy Manley (Treasurer), Anton Whittingham(Secretary), Julia Trotter(JT) (AGM only), Lianne Drummond (LD), Nicola Whittingham (NW), SBC Councillor Helen Laing</p> <p>Members of the public were also in attendance for the Annual General Meeting</p>		
Apologies	Audrey Sanderson (AS) Helen Dempster(HD), Elaine Oswald(EO), Ian Price (IP) and Will Calder (WC)		

Minutes

Agenda item:	Annual General Meeting (AGM), apologies for absence and adoption of minutes from last AGM	Presenter:	Chair
Time:	7.00pm		
<p>The Chair welcomed everyone present to the first Annual General Meeting of the current Community Council. The Chair also introduced members of the community council who were present and Councillor Helen Laing to the meeting.</p> <p>The Secretary confirmed he had received apologies for absence of both local residents and Community Councillors.</p> <p>The Chair stated that the last Annual General Meeting minutes were from 2018. The Chair explained that the Community Council was unable to hold an AGM in 2019 due to it not being quorate. The reformed Community Council in 2020 was only in place from April 2020, and since there had been no meetings since the spring of 2019 it was decided it was inappropriate to hold a meeting during COVID restrictions as that time all Community Council Meetings were being held on-line.</p> <p>The 2018 AGM minutes will be available on the website for the record. The Secretary will action this</p>			

Agenda item:	2. Reports from the Chair, Secretary and Treasurer	Presenter:	Chair, Secretary, Treasurer
Time:	7.10pm		
<p>The Chair, Secretary and Treasurer all presented their annual reports as PowerPoint presentation, which is available at https://www.fmlcc.org/minutes-agendas-reports</p>			

Agenda item:	3. Demit of office bearers and election of officer bearers	Presenter:	Chair
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7.25pm

The **Chair** thanked **JT** formally for her contribution of her contribution of over 30 years' service to the Community Council, as she has stood down now that the new **Treasurer** has been in post since April 2020.

The **Chair** confirmed that a new community councillor has been appointed to fill the vacancy for **JT's** departure. Due to only one application being received, there was no need for an election and Lianne Drummond (**LD**) will take on one of the Community Councillor positions for Mordington.

Agenda item:	4) Guest Speaker	Presenter:	Councillor Helen Laing
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7.35pm

The **Chair** welcomed **Councillor Helen Laing** to the AGM, who gave an oral presentation and took questions from both the Community Councillors and members of the public present.

Key points from the presentation were

- £50,000 left in the community fund for Berwickshire
- Recovery funding available of up to £15,000 grant applications focused on sports and the environment
- Review of community councils
- Community empowerment
- Equality and Diversity
- Consideration of Community Councils posting their agendas on the Scottish Borders Council website
- Developing a formal complaints process for community councils
- Supporting surveying and feedback for community councils
- Work being undertaken with Live Borders and Scottish Borders council who are looking at services and outcomes rather than facilities. An example stated was maximizing the use of school estates for wider community use.
- Digitizing council services and co-locating face to face delivery of council services with other organisations.
- **Councillor Helen Laing** also received feedback from both community councillors and residents about issues with the Spaces for People Project.

Agenda item:	5) Closure of AGM and agreed date of next AGM in 2022	Presenter:	Chair
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8.00pm

The **Chair** thanked **Councillor Helen Laing** and members of the public for attending the next AGM and indicated next meeting will be held in July 2022- final date to be announced in the near future.

AGM WAS CLOSED AT THIS POINT AND THERE WAS A 10 MINUTE BREAK FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO TALK TO COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS AND **COUNCILLOR HELEN LAING**.

IT ALSO FACILITATED RESETTING OF THE ROOM ACCOMODATION FOR THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

At this point, **JT** left after the AGM closed.

All members of the public who attended the AGM also left.

Agenda item:	Community Council meeting – Welcome and matters arising	Presenter:	Secretary
<p>8.15pm</p> <p>The Chair formally welcomed LD to the community councillor team as a new representative of the Mordington area.</p> <p>The Secretary went through the outstanding actions from the meeting of 10/05/21 and updated actions accordingly.</p> <p>The Secretary asked whether the presence of dog fouling signs had any effect on the issue raised at the last FMLCC meeting. The Treasurer said it was difficult to judge. Councillor Helen Laing indicated that SBC could assist with additional signage if required and also provided a contact a SBC, Rose Hogg to contact if there were any ongoing issues.</p> <p>Councillor Helen Laing also stated that Ayton Primary School had done a project about dog fouling.</p> <p>The Treasurer indicated that a decision on the 2022 Car Boot Sale needs to be made by March 2022 for insurance purposes.</p> <p>The Chair stated this needs to be on the agenda for the 10th January 2022 Community Council meeting</p> <p>The Vice Chair offered to send photos of the road repair on the Mordington to Lamberton road to the Secretary for publishing on the digital channels</p> <p>The Chair, Vice Chair and Treasurer updated the latest situation with planters. It was also agreed to support new planters with £20 for the purchase of plants, £10 for existing planters.</p> <p>The Vice Chair asked about a future little pick event</p> <p>The Chair updated that he had written to SBC regarding dissatisfaction regarding gravestones being laid down. The answer received from SBC was expected and doesn't change the current situation. The Chair has secured the voluntary services of a local builder. The Chair is currently researching the appropriate British Standard that needs to be followed to reattach the gravestone correctly.</p>			

Agenda item:	2. Planning Matters	Presenter:	Chair
8.30pm			
No significant new developments – please see www.fmlcc.org/planning-applications for the latest announcements			

Agenda item:	3. Secretary's report	Presenter:	Secretary
The Secretary confirmed he had received new guidance on the running of Community Councils from SBC on the Friday 2 nd July and would email a summary of this to colleagues before the next community council meeting			
The Secretary also confirmed that an updated report on the performance of FMLCC's digital channels will be emailed in the next week.			

Agenda item:	4. Treasurer's Report	Presenter:	Treasurer
Fencing, signage and gates will need to be purchased for the new path from the Foulden war memorial to Burnbank. Work will begin on the footpath after the harvest			
£150 received from RBS for acknowledgment of poor customer service.			
Footpath from Kerrigan Way to eastern end of Foulden being investigated. Councillor Helen Laing indicated she would investigate what council funding might be available to bid for.			

Agenda item:	4. Grants & Community Garden	Presenter:	Treasurer
No new updates			

Agenda item:	4. Village Hall - Foulden	Presenter:	Chair
Village hall looking to purchase 2 new table tennis tables – preferred choice currently in short supply.			
Plant sale was in May 2021			
Dance events planned for September 2021 – using iPhones to project music			
Abundant Borders charity planning to do cooking courses in 2022 after the Treasurer secures a new electricity contract.			

Agenda item:	5. Spaces for People	Presenter:	Chair
<p>Issues discussed that were raised at the AGM.</p> <p>Councillor Helen Laing will follow up regarding the fact that the digital warning sign has still not been fitted. It was also proposed to her by the Vice Chair, and agreed by the Chair that SBC should give consideration to another one placed at the eastern end of Foulden highlighting the reduced 40mph limit has they approach westwards by Kerrigan Way. Councillor Helen Laing said that the SBC analysis of the traffic behaviour and public consultation would be available soon.</p> <p>Footpaths covered under Agenda item 4.</p>			

Agenda item:	5. King George V Playing Field	Presenter:	Treasurer
<p>Main emerging issue is the state of the Pavilion.</p> <p>The back door is rotten.</p> <p>The pavilion is currently being uses as a store for equipment for marking out spaces for the car boot sale. The Vice Chair made an offer of potential storage space to help clear the pavilion.</p> <p>The Chair to contact a local joiner regarding the cost of a new door</p>			

Agenda item:	5. AOB	Presenter:	Chair
<p>The Secretary raised a query that had come through on FMLCC's face-book page requesting a skips for garden waste to be placed by TS Ribbons.</p> <p>The Community Council agreed that this request was not appropriate and it was decided to forward the enquirer details of the nearest SBC recycling centres that handle garden waste. The Secretary will action this.</p>			

Agenda item:	5. Closure of meeting	Presenter:	Chair
<p>9.01pm</p> <p>The Chair thanked everyone for attending, including Councillor Helen Laing and reminder that the next meeting is on Monday 6th September at Foulden Village Hall at 7.00pm, with a planned public forums from 6.30pm to 7.00pm.</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	Ongoing review

Action Items from meeting 01/03/21	Person responsible	Status
✓ Emailing out next data update on digital channels at end of June, and prepare future report for November community council meeting	Secretary	To be completed
✓ 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	To be completed
✓ Follow up verge issues with SBC	Chair	To be completed

Action Items from meeting 10/05/21	Person responsible	Status
✓ 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	To be completed
✓ To circulate new Community Council guidance from SBC to councillors before 6 th September meeting	Secretary	To be completed
✓ Check that digital warning sign is fitted	Chair	To follow up with Councillor Laing
✓ 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 Foulden	Secretary	Completed