**Hilton, Milton & Castle Heather Community Council**

**at Hilton Community Centre**

Meeting:Tuesday 15th August 2023

Present:

Richard Allan (Community Councillor – Chair)

Jess MacLennan (Community Councillor – Treasurer)

Lorraine Cran (Community Councillor)

Peter Wyness (Community Councillor)

Jackie Hendry (Highland Council Councillor)

1. **Welcome and apologies**

Members were welcomed to the meeting.

Apologies were received from Johann Roden (Community Councillor - Secretary)

1. **Funding for community groups (Connecting Carers event and Castle Heather Gardening)**

All present agreed that Community Council will fund Connecting Carers event once further details are known. All present agreed to fund topsoil for community gardening initiative in Castle Heather. RA to email JR for details sent so far and JM to arrange cheque.

1. **Basketball Court**

The condition of the basketball court was raised, along with the possibility of SportScotland funding to repair or replace surface. JH to investigate further.

1. **Overgrown grass in MacKenzie Road**

No further details were provided in correspondence, to be passed back for further details and any response forwarded to Mark Greig.

1. **Previous minutes**

Previous minutes from June were unavailable due to poor attendance.

1. **Matters Arising**

Thanks given again to JR for her work as Secretary, as yet no volunteers have come forward for the role. Any suggestions on who to approach would be appreciated.

There is funding available for further tree planting through The Tree Council, if anyone would like to put forward potential locations or access the funding directly.

No progress as yet on Castle Heather Park deculverting project, still attempting to confirm funding.

1. **Correspondence**

As discussed earlier, Castle Heather residents have requested funding for topsoil.

1. **Treasurers Report**

JM reports a current bank balance of £22039.86

1. **Councillors Report**

From Jackie Hendry: Inverness Foodstuff have received three years funding for hot food provision at Hilton Community Centre. An event is planned at Hilton Community Centre with representatives from housing and environmental health. Trading standards have been involved in dealing with motor vehicle trading being carried out from car parks on Johnstone Place. Inverness Millburn Place Based Investment Fund is open for funding applications, more details by contacting Mark Greig.

1. **AOCB**

A request was made regarding lining car parking on Oldtown Road, JH to follow up. The garages by Cauldeen were being looked into by Mark Greig, JH to follow up.

1. **Date of next meeting**

Next meeting to be held 1900 on Tuesday 3rd October 2023 at Hilton Community Centre

**Matters Arising**

A second funding for additional topsoil for the Castle Heather gardening project was agreed.

Basketball court – poor surface, no markings

Castle Heather Park – Poor grass cutting, no strimming carried out, water logged areas. Whin Park and Bellfield Park have cuttings cleared, Castle Heather Park does not.

Toddlers Park at Castle Heather Park – fence damaged and has been for some time.

Community Skip – RA to follow up with potential to have a community skip for house\garden clear ups.

**5. Correspondence**

No planning applications of note. Police Newsletter highlighted continued issues with drug dealing and anti-social behaviour in Hilton, these are being dealt with as a priority.

**6. Treasurer’s Report**

The community council currently has a current balance of £21888.

**7. Councillor’s Report**

Councillor Brown provided an update on 20mph roll-out with traffic monitoring now in place to monitor effectiveness. He has been made aware of issues in Milton Crescent regarding weeds and the poor state of some raised beds. The issue here is that ownership of these areas is unknown and may belong to housing society.

**8. AOCB**

Alison Brown – why have street light upgrades stopped? Some areas are done, others not and some are in very poor condition.

Andrea Paterson – Can more grit bins be provided. Response to this was grit bins can be applied for online as a community or neighbourhood initiative on Highland Council website as part of Winter Resilience Program.

Ownership of woods by distributor road, path along from Castle Heather Park to Old Edinburgh Road.

Peter Wyness raised issue of 46 Evan Barron Road, which is now burnt out. This will be followed up by Councillor Gregg.

**9. Date and Time of Next Meeting:**

Next meeting arranged for Tuesday 6th December, Hilton Community Centre at 7pm.