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

**at Hilton Community Centre**

Meeting:Tuesday 3rd October 2023

*Present:* Richard Allan Community Councillor - Chair

 Jess MacLennan Community Councillor - Treasurer

Peter Wyness Community Councillor

Shirley Wyness Community Councillor

Lorraine Cran Community Councillor

Cllr Jackie Hendry Highland Council

Cllr Ian Brown Highland Council

Cllr David Gregg Highland Council

Alison Brown

Andrea Paterson

Robbie Ross

Gary Rollason

Amando Izquierdo

1. **Welcome and apologies**

Members were welcomed to the meeting. Apologies were received from:

Cllr Isabelle MacKenzie Highland Council

Cllr Alasdair Christie Highland Council

Johann Roden Community Councillor

**3. Previous Minutes**

Previous minutes were agreed.

**4. 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.