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

**at Hilton Community Centre**

Meeting:Tuesday 5th December 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

Paula Lloyd

1. **Welcome and apologies**

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

Alison Murray

1. Official Formation of New Committee

Chaired by Cllr Jackie Hendry

Peter Wyness nominated Richard Allan as Chair, Shirley Wyness seconded

Richard Allan takes the chair

No volunteers for Secretary position

Richard Allan nominated Jess MacLennan as Treasurer, Lorraine Cran seconded

Jess MacLennan nominated Lorraine Cran as Vice-Chair, Richard Allan seconded

**3. Previous Minutes**

Previous minutes were agreed with the addition of report from Councillor Jackie Hendry.

**4. Matters Arising**

Community Skip – potential to tie in with a ‘spring clean’ along with a litter pick in March once weather has improved. Skip could be located alongside garages on Mackay Road where there is often rubbish left.

Basketball Court – Cllr Hendry was involved in a ward business meeting last week where Castle Heather and Macdonald Park were discussed. Resurfacing and improvements are planned.

No update on toddler park fence in Castle Heather Park

5-a-side pitch football goal nets need replaced. PW will measure.

**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 £21661.

**7. Councillor’s Report**

Councillor Hendry provided a report –

Hot Food Hilton launched 15th November and has been very successful, with 800 meals served by end of November. Funding is in place to continue for next three months. Advisors have been on hand to offer assistance regarding grants, benefits, energy saving advice etc. Home Energy Scotland have been to HFH offering advice and access to home energy grants.

Johnstone Place parking lines are being repainted.

Highland Council vans are not being left at Community Centre car park as often, easing parking and access issues

HC are looking at providing more facilities for 12-18 year olds, with Smithton Youth Café being looked at as the model for this.

* It was agreed HMCH CC could provide funding for equipment

HC have open public consultations – Rent levels for tenants, 20mph limits, details on HC Facebook page.

**8. AOCB**

Cllr Hendry will follow up on issues with street lighting and progress on upgrades.

Lack of pavement gritting has been noted.

RA provided an update on burnt out house at 46 Evan Barron Road. Ownership is a trust fund and property insurance was not valid due to it being unoccupied after previous fire. HC Empty Properties and Housing are continuing to chase for updates as it is now up to trustees to decide on course of action regarding the property since insurance will not cover rebuilding.

JM noted that Brown Bins in Castle Heather had not been emptied at end of November potentially because of a calendar error which showed a 31st November collection.

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

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