

Hilton, Milton and Castle Heather Community Council Meeting

6/2/24

Present

Richard Allan, Peter & Shirley Wyness, Alison Murray, Jessie MacLennan, Cllr Ian Brown, Cllr David Gregg, Paula Lloyd, Liberty Lloyd, Chris Turner, Lorraine Cran, JD

Apologies

Cllr Jackie Hendry

Matters arising

1 Community skip could be tied in with litter pick / spring clean.

24th Feb duck pond clean up at 10am and litter pick has been arranged by a member of the community. Over 100 have expressed interest.

Tying it in with primary school. Great response. Been approved by the council.

Richard advised that community council have access to bin bags, gloves, litter pickers.

Paula suggested using community payback equipment.

Primary school children making bird boxes and picnic benches. Cauldeen primary linking in. There is a toddler walking group.

Peter Kelly has responsibility for the parks.

Paula mentioned bats in the park area and to not interfere with them. Any disruption can deter bats.

Bird boxes can be added for roosting.

There is now one bin in the park and two dog waste bins. Two previous bins were destroyed through vandalism.

The funding for the resurfacing of the basketball court and back boards is in progress.

2 De-culverting Ault na Skiach burn application in progress. Richard updated accessing the additional funding is holding things up.

Ownership of the park is still not clear. Due to time delays the fund that Richard applied to has now timed out.

Anglian water own the woods behind the park.

Application was to be made by HC to NRF. Richard also launched an application so HC asked Richard to submit his application. £375000 offered by HC and part funding from SSE. Needed confirmation of ownership of land and this was not confirmed then HC said that they could not offer full funding. May become eligible for WEF.

The park is under Education according to JD.

JD suggests using the enquiry system as it is logged and there is a time deadline.

Cllr Ian Brown suggests attending Community Forums. Email Mark Gregg to find out about Community Forums.

3 Five aside pitch

Peter updated it will cost 90 to one hundred pounds for new goal nets. Will measure these up and order, to be repaid from Community Council funds.

Correspondence

McKay road – garages on upper end of McKay Road limited spaces so people pavement parking which we can no longer do. Garages no longer used for cars as not big enough. Some are bought. JD said some are bought as they tried to knock down and create a turning circle. Some homeless people using that area of garages or next to Dows using the picnic benches.

Richard also mentioned the asbestos on the garage roofs.

Parking enforcement now an issue as not enough parking for blocks of flats.

JD mentioned transit vans and caravans are in the car park at the back of Cauldeen.

Cllr Ian Brown added that there is no money available for demolishing and removing the garages.

Police report nothing of note.

Treasurers report

Jess updated that the CC Balance at £21661.86

Councillors report

Cllr Ian Brown updated 29.2.24 Budget meeting need to make savings of £61,000,000.

Development of Community officer Mark Gregg

Gritting – according to committee members inconsistent. Oldtown road grit bin Oldtown place is empty.

Police update – shoplifting has escalated and drink/ drug driving issues. Drug driving in particular.

Cllr Ian Brown encouraged the reporting of crime.

County lines gangs Liverpool, Dorset, Albania. This was happening on Esk Road.

Peter Wyness has reported bulbs out on lamppost walkways in the area.

Cllr Gregg advised that parking attendants are in residential areas.

Councillor Jackie Hendry report

Inverness Food stuffs Christmas events were packed and Santa visited.

Kintail Court and Johnston place line markings should be completed.

Cllr McIntosh and Cllr Gregg visited Youth café in Smithton and at Kings Church.

Hilton Community Centre Youth Club is currently closed.

Illegal to park fully or part on pavements charge of £100.

AOB

Castle Heather flats have received grey new bins and old blue bins as you turn off main road into Castle Heather from Old Edinburgh Road. These have become a hazard. For the flats. Cllr Ian Brown took a note of this to action it.

Skip end of March Spring clean event.

Tape on trees adjacent to Wades roundabout – in area owned by Anglian water. Taped off to be cut down but Anglian water did not want to pay for that. On market with Sheperds - £1,500 starting offers.

Date and time of next meeting

Tuesday 2nd April 7pm at Hilton Community centre in Blakey's Bothy

