

## Hilton, Milton and Castle Heather Community Council meeting

1 April 2025 - 7pm

Hilton Community Centre

### 1. Welcome from Chair

Present:

Sarah Walker – Chair

Lorraine Cran – Vice Chair

Jessie MacLennan - Treasurer

Liberty Lloyd – Secretary

Cllr Jackie Hendry

Cllr Ian Brown

Cllr Michael Gregson

Cllr Isabelle Mackenzie

Cllr Andrew MacKintosh

Chris Turner, Shirley Wyness, Peter Wyness, Karla Stevenson, Tracey Ross, Robert Ross, Lindsay Fulton, Richard Allan, Adele Robertson

### 2. Apologies

Aaron Taylor

### 3. Matters Arising

- Cauldeen Primary Parent Council - Breakfast club funding - Isabelle Mackenzie and Michael Gregson advised Lindsay Fulton that there is funding available for breakfast clubs. HMCH CC agreed to donate £1000 towards running the breakfast club until they are able to secure funding.
- Community Planning Partnership – Scottish Fire and Rescue Service attended the meeting and updated us on some of their recent and upcoming engagements. They have been and will continue to attend schools, discourage anti-social behavior, attend Inverness Foodstuff sessions, make home visits to check detectors and alarms, offer sessions on how to fit a car seat for new parents.
- Aird Avenue – There is a wild green area once maintained by The Highland Council. It has been 9 years since the last time it was cut back, it is starting to block the path for mobility scooters. Councilors are going to raise with amenities department, resident advised to raise on The Highland Council online portal too.
- Community volunteers for Castle Heather Park – Richard Allan is going to look into public liability insurance.
- Milton step handrails and passing places to be raised at next meeting when Aaron is there.
- Sarah Walker and Jess MacLennan went to the Cauldeen Primary Parent Council meeting, there is going to be a Spring Tea on 23 May, HMCH CC have been invited. It is for the over sixties, it is for giving back to the community, everything is free.
- Hilton Primary Parent Forum – The sound system fundraising is now complete. They raised £6200, Hilton Primary School are topping it up to meet the target. They have asked that HMCH CC attend once it has been installed to be in a photo so they can thank the CC.
- Hilton Primary Parent Forum are looking for funding for shinty equipment – there are 36 children in the team, they said it is £70 per stick, and £86 per helmet and they are looking for 20x of each. HMCH CC agreed a decision would not be made at this meeting but a representative from the HPPF would be invited to a future meeting to discuss it.

- Wester Lairs Quarry – An email was received regarding a planning application for a quarry in the Wester Lairs area and they asked HMCH CC to assist in objecting as this was done previously, roughly 20 years ago. As this is not within the HMCH CC area it was decided that the community council could not object.
- Leyton Drive – Andrew Mackintosh is going to follow up with one of the residents.
- Castle Heather Park grass cutting – despite the churning up of some of the boggy parts, it looks really good and strimming has been completed around basketball court which makes a nice difference.
- HLH Rangers have been out and planted trees at Castle Heather Park. Prior to planting, the flood maps were considered.
- Inverness Disc Golf Club have installed baskets in Castle Heather Park
- Duck pond group - pond plants have been planted.
- Survey responses, to be published at a later date.
- Balloan Road car park parking lines – Isabelle Mackenzie has forwarded this on to relevant teams within The Highland Council.
- Logo competition – approximately 125 entries. All entries to be displayed at Cauldeen Primary Spring Tea. Runners up prizes to be decided for the 4 runners up. A budget of £150 has been agreed on for prizes.

#### 4. Correspondence

- Police Report to be sent out to Community Councillors

#### 5. Treasurer's report

- Hilton, Milton and Castle Heather Community Council balance stands at £18115.79

#### 6. Councillor's reports

##### ▪ **Jackie Hendry**

- Skate and Create was a great success.
- Hole in the fence at Castle Heather Park around the children's play area has been reported to the relevant department.
- Churned up grass at Castle Heather Park has been reported to amenities and the waste department.
- A car parked on pavement on Balloan Road reported to Highland Council.
- Trees in Castle Heather park have been planted.
- The contractor that is going to do the court lines on the basketball court is going to notify us 2 weeks before they attend to allow us to give the court a sweep.
- Bird droppings around Hilton Community Centre have been cleaned.
- Campervan outside Hilton Community Centre yet to be reported.

##### ▪ **Ian Brown**

- Speeding throughout city still an issue. Police doing checks outside schools.
- Strimming starting again this year. Some areas have already been cut and strimmed.
- Inverness Castle to open end of August and discounts for locals will be available.

##### ▪ **Michael Gregson**

- Traffic speeds on Druid Road and Old Edinburgh Road still being monitored

##### ▪ **Isabelle Mackenzie**

- Public event for BT landlines changing at Spectrum Centre. Details to be shared on Facebook

- **Andrew Mackenzie**

- Whin Park almost ready and should re-open in the next few weeks.

7. AOCB

- The AGM will be held on Tuesday 3 June, followed by a regular meeting.

8. Date and time of next meeting

Tuesday 3 June 2025 – 7pm at Hilton Community Centre.