

Hilton, Milton & Castle Heather Community Council

Date:	2 December 2025
Time:	7.00pm
Location:	Hilton Community Centre

Minutes

1. Welcome and Apologies

Present

Sarah Walker – Chair	Steven Whitelock
Aaron Taylor – Vice Chair	Kirsty MacNeil – Hilton Brownies
Jess MacLennan - Treasurer	Jamie McCarry Hilton Brownies
Richard Allan – Community Councillor	Audrey Clarke - Resident
Shirley Wyness – Community Councillor	Jackie Hendry – Highland Councillor
Peter Wyness – Community Councillor	

Apologies from

Isabelle MacKenzie Highland Councillor

Andrew MacKintosh Highland Councillor

David Gregg Highland Councillor

Alasdair Christie Highland Councillor

2. Previous Minutes

No changes or amendments to be made, accepted as is.

3. Matters Arising

- Community Council Members Lorraine Cran and Chris Turner have stepped down.

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Chair thanks Lorraine and Chris for their time and work given to the Community Council. Currently without secretary so any volunteers for that role or to take meeting minutes would be appreciated.

- Update – garages at Mackay Road.
Update from JH on garages. Some garages flattened in storm. Area has been tidied up and a lamppost moved. Question from PW – what about remaining garages? JH – Unknown but will find out.
- Update – Play parks – quotes coming in – CRF application.
SW updated on play park information gathered previously including the child consultation carried out by Lynn Macgilvary at Highland Council. EOI for CRF submitted after last meeting. Application has now been submitted for CRF. Quotes have been obtained from play equipment providers.

CRF funding will be decided in February. JH advised that Ward Discretionary Budget still has funding ~£10k available until end of March but applications should be in by end of January to allow for time taken for application review.

SW raised question about whether funding should be sought for a gardener or garden services to plan and maintain planters. Those present in support of doing so.

- Events. Events are to raise awareness of CC and to raise funds, discussed at previous meeting.
 - January event
Burns night quiz, Saturday 24th January 2026 at the Three Witches. Events committee, SO, SW, SWy, AT, will continue to organise.
 - Spring Clean-up. Planned for March or April, SW asked for dates to avoid.
Weekend of Inverness Half Marathon to be avoided. Community Centre willing to provide teas and coffees etc. Organising Committee – SW, AT, AC
Brownies and Guides would be willing to be involved again.
AC updated on areas now being cleaned up and cut back, improving the area and hopefully encouraging others to continue.

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SW has been in contact with the artist who creating the work outside Community Centre who will be looking at this in January with a view to repairing.

- White lines – Car parking – Evan Barron Road/Balloan Road
PW – lining in car parks in Evan Barron Road, Balloan Road are worn to non-existent. JH to see if this can be done. AT raised possibility of white lining in Milton, but these are owned by Cairn
- Funding ask Girl Guides Guide Camp 2026, was raised at previous meeting. County camp for Guiding Inverness-shire at Badaguish. Guides are also doing a practice camp as many have not been away, particularly those affected during Covid. Looking for £2800 to cover remaining amount after their own fund raising, agreed unanimously by community councillors to fund this.
- Pavement sweeper. Looking for additional sweeping in the Community Centre area and through Castle Heather Park. JH advised that Highland Council have another sweeper being allocated to HMCH CC area so will increase pavement sweeping in the area.

4. Correspondence

- Old Edinburgh road roundels 20 Road markings now painted on most roads
- Tomatin road shops. Restoration of shops completion in February 2026, looking for a tenant for vacant shop
- Morvich Way lighting
Communication from Isabelle Mackenzie updating about 25-49 Morvich Way. 2 lampposts not functional, still not repaired, Isabelle will continue dealing with this. SSEN are involved as there is a cable fault. Jackie Hendry has followed up on Morvich Way but not heard back, two other faults have been repaired.

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PW raised that faults can be raised on Highland Council website.

<https://www.highland.gov.uk/report> Facebook post and website update to be done with reporting links

- Inverness Marathon road closures March 2026
Sunday 8th March, Culduthel Road closed Northbound. Map to be shared on Community Council Facebook page and website.
- Community beats newsletter. Will be shared on Facebook and website

5. Treasurer's Report

£11,735 current balance including the payment for Cauldeen Sports Kit not yet cleared.
£8835.00 remaining after funds to Girl Guides.

6. Councillor's Reports

Alasdair Christie – The council has established a team to tackle the fly tipping issues especially in Mackay road and Oldtown road areas. Alan yates reports that the waste team will share information with environmental health.

Jackie Hendry

- Number 5 buses, started off well but now has problems. Residents waiting for over an hour. Incorrect onboard announcements. Stagecoach have advised that they will try to prioritise number 5 buses.
- Highland Council are trying to fund additional buses as they have been very successful.
- Hilton Court does not have a drop kerb, JH working with Ian Brown to try and get that done.
- AT – Any update on sign for Glenshiel Place? JH Kintail Cres has been done, AT to contact JH to chase.

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7. AOCB

- Openreach poles in Aird Avenue, Oldtown Road, etc.
RA explained how Openreach have legal right to install poles as they see fit. RA will contact Openreach. AT to contact Emma Roddick. AT to collect number of residents potentially affected.

Community council forum on Tuesday 9th December 5:30pm – 7:30pm

8. Date and Time of Next Meeting: February 3rd 7pm