**FMLCC COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**AGM and Council Meeting**

**Monday 8th July 2024**

**Foulden Village Hall**

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| Attendees: | Committee: Kim Kirby – Lianne Drummond - Ian Price– Andy Manley – Audrey Sanderson –Nicola Whittingham- Tom Trotter – Neil Adcock  Community: Louise Birkett– Nina Salkovskis – Fiona Macpherson - Ian Macpherson– Catherine Mcconnachie – Tim Morris- Brenda Deans – Cllr. Carol Hamilton – Gregory Lauder Frost |
| Apologies | Elaine Oswald and Harry Frew |

AGM:

Minutes of Meeting

1. **Welcome & introductions (TT)**
2. **Minutes of the last AGM (3rd July 2023)**

Approved

1. **Chair’s annual report (2022-23) ( HF – Delivered by TT)**

* A record car boot sale. Lamberton Hall committee re-established and working well.
* New Trustees appointed for George V playing fields with plans for tennis court refurbishment ongoing.
* Thanks to all members of the CC for their contributions and particularly to AM for his endless work, and Anton Whittingham who has recently left the secretary role
* Thanks to those who volunteer in the community, John Burgess and others for their ongoing maintenance of footpaths.

1. **Secretary’s report (NA)**

* Increase in digital communication traffic from SBC regarding roads, grants, funding. Each one communicated to FMLCC members to assess if applicable for us.
* Committee members seem happy with communication from secretary.
* Secretary looking to see how communications and storage of ‘data’ can be improved to provide enhanced access and security of documentation.

1. **Treasurer’s report (AM)**

(AM) reported on finances for both CC and King George V Memorial Playing Fields accounts.

* In his report Accommodation costs have risen slightly vs. than last year –and this is covered by SBC
* Income - CC received income from Annual Support Grant, Path Maintenance Grant, AED Community Grant. Notably Path Construction Grant received in 22/23 but not this year. Lower Income that last year.
* Expenditure – CC funded meeting venue costs, Path Maintenance Contractor, Associated Fuel for Path Maintenance, Defib. Supplies, Website costs, General Maintenance, Misc Equipment – Slightly higher expenditure than previous year.
* After Expenditure vs income there is still a positive balance to the CC account.
* Annual support grant due to rise this year as it appears to have stayed static for quite some time.
* Path Maintenance - £ 450 received this year. This grant should be due for an increased next financial year.
* AED community Grant – just spent – however expenses for Defib. Supplies and running costs are over this amount.
* Note Foulden AED been used twice in past 4 months – each time it is used the pads need to be replaced. Cost of pads is £186 (for 2 sets of pads).There is also an ongoing cost of battery replacement which needs to be done every 2 years. suggestion to try to offset this shortfall is to charge nominal donation (maybe parking) at next car boot to raise funds.Lamberton Defibrillator is on a managed contract– covering costs of maintenance for the present.Foulden has seen challenges getting training for Defib. use – being shunted around from pillar to post with no supplier of training able to commit. However it is thought that Foulden can double up on training for Lamberton under the managed contract/setup of the Lamberton Defib.Lamberton phone box (location of Defib.) is in the process of being painted – primed and ready for top coat.
* AM mentioned that Foulden CC purchased a new strimmer for John Burgess to allow trimming of more challenging terrain and edges of paths – already seeing benefits to some paths.

**Playing field financial report –**

* Playing field received various income from either donations, Funeral or from the Car Boot Sale ( £1,950). It total £ 3,744. Expenditure for the playing field is low – just electricity charge and maintenance for the Pavilion. The Treasurer has moved surplus funds into a higher interest savings account to attract more interest.
* Now funds are looking at nearly 10% of grant application for tennis court upgrade – holdup is with SBC planning over fence height, surface colour – basically SBC planning stopping progress. AM to pursue further.
* Note the Duck that took up residence on the Tennis Court has hatched its brood and disappeared – we are assumed all well..
* Accounts approved.

**Re Election of community council**

Noted that the CC is on the lookout for one more CC member particularly from Mordington.

* On 27th March 2020 the main body of FMLCC was Elected. With Covid pause in proceedings there will be a Formal election of members next year – This was approved by Cllr. Carol Hamilton.
* For formalities and to adhere to the constitution positions on the CC were confirmed as follows

**Chair** - Harry Frew – Proposed Catherine Mcconnachie – Seconded Kim Kirby

**Vice Chair** - Tom Trotter– Proposed Gregory Lauder Frost – Seconded Tim Morris

**Treasurer** – Andy Manley – Proposed Audrey Sanderson – Seconded Lianne Drummond

**Secretary** – Neil Adcock –Proposed Tim Morris – Seconded Louise Birkett

Nicola Whittingham – Proposed Fiona Macpherson – Seconded Tim Morris

Elaine Oswald – Proposed Kim Kirby – Seconded Audry Sanderson

Lianne Drummond – Proposed Tom Trotter – Seconded Louise Birkett

Audry Sanderson – Proposed Ian Price – Seconded Andy Manley

Kim – Proposed Lianne Drummond – Seconded Andy Manley

Ian Price – Proposed Tom Trotter – Seconded Audry Sanderson

All present asked if there were any objections – there were none.

Due to constitution – 4 years to re election which will be 2026

**AOB**

Tim Morris raised the question around the Foulden Holdings Booklet – Tim mentioned that these are from 25 years ago and there might possibly 100 in still in existence – Tim gives them away free to newcomers when he gets the chance – could this be discussed as a policy by the CC to ensure every newcomer gets a booklet as way of introduction to the history of the area.

Catherine Mcconnachie – raised the question as to who is responsible for the wall bounding the rear of properties on woodlands to the A6105. The wall is looking in bad repair in places and before it deteriorates further needs attention. It is unclear who is responsible or who owns said wall (which was the old Foulden House estate wall). Cllr. Carol Hamilton to look into this and report back. ( a number of property owners will be interested in the findings)

Next AGM - Date 7th July 2025 – Foulden Village Hall

Close formal part of meeting.

**FMLCC Committee Meeting**

Welcome – TT

Apologies - Elaine Oswald and Harry Frew

Minutes of last meeting approved.

**Planning:**

Update from John Novak– only 2 reports this month:

The new house on Kerrigan way still in process. And a PV application on a barn at Nunlands – no further updates.

**Treasurers report**

Nothing in addition to what was discussed at the AGM.

**Village Hall Updates –**

Foulden VH has a new electric cooker – alleviating the ventilation issues with the old gas one– managed to sell the old cooker to Berwick café.

The recent Plant sale a great success – over £ 500 raised

Committee still 5 members out of 9 – new recruits are needed.

Audrey reported on Lamberton VH – awaiting South Scotland Enterprise results to see about possibilities with hall – old kirk service being organised

Carol Hamilton (SBC) highlighted new funding SMC LEG – funding for borders community and business – Full funding ref criteria. AS to look into it.

**Roads and Footpaths**

TT – no further updates. there are still plans for the top of Mordington and Lamberton footpath move – however too costly at present – 1,500m of fencing required which is a major cost.

**Roads**

Speed is still seen as an issue on Foulden roads. Both in the 20MPH and 40MPH sections. Point was raised to see if speed sign could be updated to one with a face (smile or not depending on speed) – it is understood this is a budget issue with SBC but may be worth pursuing again. ( HF to action).

Signage was also raised in two aspects. 1. The warning signs from East to West approaching the 20MPH section appear to have been turned around. NA reported turning them back and AM reported doing this previously – NW reported this and that there are some 20MPH repeater signs loose and clanking together causing annoyance to residence.

Action**: Cllr. Carol Hamilton** agreed to raise this to see if roads maintenance could visit to check and maintain signage.

2. Lack of speed signs or signs obscured by vegetation – NA pointed out that there are few 40MPH repeaters and some of the existing ones are obscured – asked if this can be looked at to try to educate drivers as to what the speed limit is.

NW also mentioned broken road edge markers on the approach to the Tythe Barn ( at the entrance to Woodlands) and also opposite the Ayton turning. This need pursuing with SBC to get replacements. – Hopefully the council lawnmowers will be kinder to the new ones.

Action required **–** Action: Cllr. Carol Hamilton agreed to raise this to see if roads maintenance could visit to check and maintain signage

**Playing field** –

Trustees met last week and there has had to be a change due to needing 4 for trustees to form a Quorum

Trustees are now:

Tom Trotter (taking over from late father)

Harry Frew

Brenda Deans replacing Fraser McGregor

Gregory Lauder Frost

There is an aim is to improve signage for the playing fields – this is to outline existence of the facilities and also to maybe attract more interest & use.

AM reported that the football gaols need replacing – Maybe SBC neighbourhood grant would cover this - needs investigating – question as to replace full sized posts or go for 2 sets of 5 a side.

However, it still remains that the most important activity for playing field is attract and secure matched funding for tennis courts renovation.

Final point – the 2024 car boot sale – Date 1st September – the next CC meeting will outline plans and responsibilities leading up to and for the day itself. Action **AM** to plan.

Car boot sale - Marketing and signage – Action **AM** producing flyers to be delivered from beginning of August.

Fortes Ice Cream have confirmed they can make the date.

Preparation of playing field – SBC mowing team to be contacted to remove long grass strip around edge **TT** to contact- **HF and TT** to take care of grass around tennis courts.

Parking hopefully on wheat field – weather and crop dependant.

**AOB -**

NW mentioned a situation with long grass in neighbours garden – causing distress to neighbours – **TT** to send polite Email.

NA mentioned burning of plastics in the village and surrounding farms – acrid smell carried on wind which is both unpleasant and a possible health hazard. NA to investigate further and CC to draft Email to residents.

No other AOB.