

Minutes taken by: Harry Manley

1) **Previous Minutes** Noted. Approved by Kathy McFall and Ian Anderson

2) **Police Report**

Police reported the following incidents for 17/2/20 to 15/4/20:

- Theft by housebreaking (1 attempt at house)
- Theft (1 item building equipment, 1 at house, 1 cable (recovered))
- Anti-Social Behaviour (5 damaged cars, 1 breach of peace in open space)

3) **School Update**

No representatives from Gryffe High School were present at the meeting

4) **Houston Residents**

No Houston Residents were present at the meeting.

5) **Councillors' Reports**

No councillors were present at the meeting.

6) **Treasurer's Report**

JC tabled an update on income and expenditure for the previous two months. A copy of this is available on request.

7) **Chairman's Report**

The Community Council was made aware that the Houston Kirk Carnival this year had been postponed. However, the Programmes for the Carnival had already been printed and will still be distributed.

8) **Action Log**

NH took the group through the Action Log which will be updated for the next meeting. Due to Covid 19 some actions were now on hold and will not progress within the initially forecasted timescales.

9) **Pico Hydro Scheme**

MA reported the Hydro Scheme still needs the CAR submitted to SEPA

10) **Connecting Houston**

DD will contact Peter Leslie about Connecting Houston. Public Consultation proposed for the 26th April is to be postponed due to Covid 19. Clarification is to be sought over whether the deadline can be extended for the Sustrans public consultation grant monies to be spent.

11) **HCC 4 Year Plan**

The HCC 4 Year Plan will continue to be developed and refined with the target of being completed by the end of 2020. The plan will be continually reviewed to take in to account the effect of Covid 19 on the local community and will be adapted as required. JMC informed those present that seven other community councils in Renfrewshire were in favour of reducing the speed limits in residential streets

to 20 MPH with only one being opposed and one undecided. JMC also proposed that the issue is brought up again at the community council forum.

12) A.O.C.B.

All present agreed that Bee Happy would make a tribute to all key workers somewhere in the village.

JF informed those present that a giant log had lodged against a cast iron pipe which runs through the burn between the Houston Inn car park and the Fox and Hounds car park. JF said that the pressure of the log could break the cast iron pipe or go over the pipe and create a natural dam further down the burn. The council are already performing tree cutting around this area and NH said that he would speak to them and see if they will remove the log.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Date of next meeting: 20th May 2020.