

HOUSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Title: Houston Community Council Ordinary Meeting

Ref: HCC/18/10/2023

Location: Carrick Centre, Houston

Date: 18th October 2023

Time: 7:30pm

Sheet: 1 of 19

Present

Ian Andrew (IA)

Kathy McFall (KM)

Janet Mason (JM)

William Haddow (WH)

May Patrick (MP)

Graham Donald (GD)

David Dunlop (DD)

Gillian White (GW)

David O'Neill (DO)

Cllr Robert Innes (RI)

Cllr David McGonigle (DM)

Cllr Audrey Doig (AD)

Jake Fulton (JF)

Apologies

Trevor Hillman (TH)

Duncan Greenhorn (DG)

Alison Calderwood (AC)

Marie White (MW)

Barry Wallker (BW)

Richard McKay (RM)

June McRae (JMc)

Kevin Christie (KC)

Chaired By

Ian Andrew

Minutes taken by

Finlay Macdonald (FM)

Representing

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Gryffe High School (GHS)

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Item	Description	Action By	Due Date
1.0	Welcome IA welcomed all attendees, particularly the new members and residents. Apologies noted.	Note	
2.0	Approval of Minutes of Meeting from 20th Sept 2023		
2.1	The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a true record of that meeting.		
2.2	Approved: Janet Mason, Seconded: Kathy McFall.	Note	
3.0	Matters Arising not otherwise listed in agenda.		
3.1	No matters arising.		
4.0	Police Report		
4.1	Police not at meeting, written report submitted (Appendix A) and reviewed by IA.	Note	
4.2	IA confirmed that he had queried the matter of a sexual offence on the report. The nature of the offence does not cause risk to residents.	Note	
5.0	Gryffe High School Report		
5.1	No representative present, no report.	Note	
6.0	Councillor's Reports		
	<u>Cllr David McGonigle</u>		
6.1	It's been reasonably quiet however, fly tipping and street litter have been an issue.	Note	
6.2	Access issues at Brierie Hills, path down to the river has been blocked by pipe work an investigation is underway.	Note	
6.3	Number of issues with speeding in the village.	Note	
	<u>Cllr Audrey Doig</u>		
6.4	Residents at new Cala homes are seeking permission to change access by closing path onto the B790 Houston Road. This has been denied, the houses were bought with planning permission in place for the path. People living near the pathway have put up fencing, which is within their rights, however they have no right to block the access.	Note	

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6.5	Received phone calls with flooding reaching the back of Ardgriffe Crescent with worry of sewage being mixed into it, which has been reported for attention. For clarification, if there are any sewage problems contact Scottish water, if it's a drain or gulley problem contact Renfrewshire Council. <u>Cllr Robert Innes</u>	Note	
6.6	Reports of fly tipping and reported cracked pavements in Houston field quadrant whilst doing street surgeries.	Note	
6.7	The park at South Street will be upgraded in November.	Note	
6.8	The YouDecide programme has dealt with accessibility issues, Magnus Road lights have been implemented and accessibility to the South Street Park have been funded and will be finished in November at the time of the upgrades, meaning more people can use the park.	Note	
7.0	Treasurer's report		
7.1	KM provided overview of accounts (Appendix B) As part of the Christmas light switch on many invoices have been issued for sponsorship which is bringing in money for the HCC. No questions.	Note	
8.0	Residents Issues No issues raised.		
9.0	Action Log		
9.1	IA provided an overview of live Action Log (Appendix C) <u>McGill's buses.</u>	Note	
9.2	After the May public meeting, the HCC Chair was to write to Renfrewshire Council, Strathclyde Partnership for Transport and the Scottish Government but that did not go ahead. IA will complete this action in consultation with JM.	IA/JM	ASAP
9.3	HCC discussed the issues with the bus service. There is no direct route to the Hospital or the Airport and existing timetables into Glasgow and Johnstone are not fit for purpose. Comments will be picked up by IA and JM to try to introduce more appropriate bus routes.	Note	

Item	Description	Action By	Due Date
9.4	<u>Stewart Milne Development.</u> Still waiting on this going before a planning board. RCC/AD stated that it keeps being pulled by Stewart Milne.	Note	
9.5	<u>Solar Farm</u> The developer submitted a screening letter to the Energy Consents Unit of the Scottish government and has now sent their planning application. Hard copy will be placed in the Carrick Centre and IA has asked for soft copy for wider circulation. This will be available on 1 st November.	IA	ASAP
9.6	<u>Bridge of Weir Road speeding issues</u> The Renfrewshire council roads officers haven't included Bridge of Weir Road in their gateway scheme however, IA suggested HCC continue to push to make the road safer especially at Gryffe High School. This was agreed.	Note	
9.7	<u>Bee Happy Donation</u> BH/JF confirmed that a donation is no longer sought.	Note	
10.0	Further Roles		
10.1	Agreed that DD lead on all matters relating to planning for HCC.	Note	
10.2	Agreed that DG lead on communications for HCC with a view to increasing awareness in the community.	Note	
10.3	Agreed the Vice Chairman role can be filled after new members have time to "bed in".	Note	
11.0	Connecting Houston Update		
11.1	DD gave an overview of the Connecting Houston Project and the plan to create a cycle path from Houston to Bridge of Weir, making it safer and more environmentally friendly. Bridge of Weir Community Council have agreed to work with HCC on this and now awaiting further meetings with landowners, Renfrewshire council and Sustrans.	Note	
11.2	The cycle path could be delivered within the next year with the entire project delivered within a 4 year plan.	Note	
12.0	Renfrewshire Community Council Forum Update		
12.1	No update as last meeting was cancelled.	Note	

Item	Description	Action By	Due Date
12.2	WH agreed to be the second representative of HCC on the forum.		
13.0	Carrick Centre - HCC representation on board		
13.1	WH will be the HCC representative.	WH	
14.0	Christmas Lights Display and Switch On		
14.1	TH has submitted a written report and a quote from Class 1 Traffic Management for road closures (Appendix D). IA reviewed the report.	Note	
14.2	Date will be 1 st December, road closure 4pm and start at 5pm with lights going on and fireworks at 7pm.	Note	
14.3	£2260 in sponsorship so far this year which is more than the £1080 raised last year.	Note	
14.4	Entrance £1 for adult, free for children. After discussion it was agreed this could be reviewed if not required.	Note	
14.5	Agreed Class 1 Traffic management will do traffic management this year and cost approved.	TH	
14.6	Still need to source 2 generators, LED lights, PA system and lighting around stage.	TH	
14.7	Update next month.	TH	
15.0	Local place plan.		
15.1	DD gave an overview of the concept of a Local Place Plan which would allow HCC and the local community to set a vision for how Houston will develop in the future. This can include future development, business, sustainability, and many other factors. It would allow HCC to be more positive in future planning discussion with a plan lodged with local planners, rather than purely reactive as at present.	Note	
15.2	Discussion ensued over the need to provide suitable accommodation for younger people to stay in the area and older generations to downsize to appropriate housing in Houston rather than both groups having to leave the area for affordable options. It was also agreed that planners and developers had to consider conservation and the natural beauty of the village.	Note	
15.3	DD and IA have taken initial steps and had discussion with an expert in the field who suggested options for involving Gryffe High School as part of their curriculum.	Note	

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15.4	Agreed that members should consider the idea further and decide in November.	Members	15/11/23
16.0	Scotland's Towns Partnership – Funding Finder		
16.1	IA gave an overview of the previously circulated fund finder pointing out how many varied sources are available through HCCs membership of Scotland's Towns Partnership.	Note	
16.2	Agreed that one person should be delegated for any future project to look purely at funding sources, so all options are progressed.	Note	
17.0	Future Projects		
17.3	IA raised the matter of identifying projects for HCC to take forward over the next four-year term. The Connecting Houston project will continue but it was agreed that a consultation process should be carried out to identify community priorities.	Members	
18.0	Emails/Communications		
18.1	Trevor Hillman was approached by local artist Steve Blackmore, who wants to do a rolling canvas at the underpass at the Houston Co-op. This will be dependent on permission from Renfrewshire Council on the understanding that any artwork will be appropriate to the area and all groups using it. There were no objections from HCC but it was suggested he should also engage with local schools as potential art projects.	TH	ASAP
18.2	HCC was contacted by Mark Crichton Maitland from Houston Farms, regarding tree management at Kirk Road due to unsafe trees at the roadside causing danger, three instances of damage and one injury. IA and BW attended an onsite meeting, and it is apparent that urgent remedial work is required but they conveyed the HCC position that this should be restricted to required management. Houston Farms wish to engage further with HCC regarding potential use of the land after work is completed.	Note	
18.3	HCC was approached regarding a scoping exercise for forest management across Elderslie Estates. DD had prepared a possible response prior to the meeting, which was read out and approved (Appendix E). This will be forwarded to Elderslie Estates.	DD	ASAP

Item	Description	Action By	Due Date
18.4	Communication received from Renfrewshire Council regarding planning applications for short term lets licences. No objections were raised.	Note	
19.0	AOB No matters raised.		
20.0	Date and time of next meeting 15 th of November 19:30 IA closed the meeting at 2110hrs.	Note	

Appendix A



HOUSTON & CROSSLEE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING OCTOBER2023

Update from Previous Meeting

Crime Summary

Between 20th September and 13th October there have been a total of seven recorded crimes, two have so far been detected.

CRIME/OFFENCES OF NOTE	NUMBER	DETECTED	CONTEXT
Theft by Housebreaking/Attempt	0	0	
Theft	1	0	1 x mobile phone
Robbery	0	0	
Serious Assault	0	0	
Common Assault	0	0	
Drug Offences	1	1	1 x possession with intent to supply & air weapon offences
Anti-Social (breach of the peace/vandalism/street drinking)	2	1	1 x stone moving bus, 1 x threats/cause disturbance/assault
Road Traffic Offences	0	0	
Other	3	0	1 x sexual offence, 1 x communications offence & fraud, 1 x extortion

Crime Trends and Policing Priorities

Community Police Report

(Include focus of activity, any initiatives, partnership working)

HCC Note: Re sexual offence, parties known to each other no wider community risk.

Appendix B

Houston Community Council

Treasurer's Report

1st to 30th September 2023

Opening Balance	£9574.00
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Income

Total

£0

Expenditure HKK

Man Shed

60.00

HOST rent (August)

27.00

Insurance (Keegan & Pennykid)

34.70

HOST rent (September)

27.00

Total

£148.70

Closing Balance	£9425.30
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As per electronic statement to 30/09/2023

Appendix C

Houston Community Council Action Log Live Items

Raised Date Minute/ID No.	Description	Owner	Date Due	Status
18/05/22 5.0	<p>McGills Buses Houston & Crosslee</p> <p>Timetable – Councillor Doig confirmed if re-elected she would like to revisit a motion passed, but put on hold due to Covid, that the Council would look into public versus private sector bus routes similar to Edinburgh Council which run the buses in the capital / city. Agreed to add to May's HCC agenda.</p> <p>(Update 15/06/22 – Unfortunately RC/ad could not attend tonight's meeting so agreed to retain on action log to be discussed at August's HCC Meeting)</p> <p>(Update 17/08/22 – Agreed HCC/ma shall write to McGills complaining about bus service. HCC/jm to forward details)</p> <p>(Update 19/10/22 – WIP)</p> <p>(Update 16/11/22 – email from Johnstone CC seeking liaison as they also have numerous complaints about the bus service – JM will contact)</p> <p>(Update 12/01/23 From MA no progress on letter)</p> <p>(Update 18/01/23 From JM WIP)</p> <p>(Update 15/02/23 – Cllrs to contact McGills)</p> <p>(Update 15/02/23 – McGills responded to letter, meeting at RDC on 05/04/23 JM attending)</p> <p>(Update 05/04/23 – meeting postponed, public meeting to be arranged)</p> <p>(Update 19/04/23 – public meeting to be arranged and held at start of next HCC meeting)</p> <p>(Update 17/05/23 public meeting held, 3 members of public attended. MA writing to Renfrewshire Council about services, cc Strathclyde Partnership for Transport and Scottish Government)</p> <p>(Update 16/08/23 – Last action not complete WIP)</p> <p>(Update 20/09/23 – No update)</p> <p>(Update 30/09/23 – Last action not completed)</p>	<p>MA</p> <p>MA – RC/AD JM – MA</p> <p>JM</p> <p>MA/JM</p> <p>JM</p> <p>JM</p> <p>IA WH RC/DM</p> <p>MA</p> <p>MA</p>	<p>May</p> <p>17/08/22</p> <p>ASAP</p> <p>ASAP</p> <p>ASAP</p> <p>ASAP</p> <p>19/04/23</p> <p>ASAP</p> <p>ASAP</p> <p>ASAP</p> <p>ASAP</p>	

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	(Update 18/10/23 – last action to be completed)	IA/JM	ASAP	
15/06/22 2.0	Website/Social Media - It was suggested previously that someone from Gryffe High School could help with this. Agreed to liaise with Kevin Christie HT to see if this would be possible. (Update 17/08/22 – GHS have now confirmed they can help. HCC/km and HCC/ia to take lead with GHS to progress) (Update 19/10/22 – WIP) (Update 16-11-22 – WIP) (Update 12-1-23 – WIP) (Update 18/01/23 – IA discussed with KC will be put in touch with computing teacher) (Update 5/2/23 – IA and KM in touch with computing teacher, progressing) (Update 5/3/23 WIP) (Update 14/04/23 WIP) (Update 15/05/23 Carry over to next school year) (Update 16/08/23 - Discussed with Mr Christie contact computing Dept after IA returns from holiday) (Update 20/09/23 – Murdo MacKinnon at GHS has been emailed. GW offered her assistance with web page)	IA KM – IA KM - IA KM - IA KM – IA KM – IA KM/IA KM/IA KM/IA KM/IA KM/IA KM/IA KM/IA/GW	ASAP ASAP ASAP ASAP ASAP ASAP ASAP ASAP ASAP ASAP ASAP ASAP ASAP	
21/09/22 3.0	Barochan Road Stewart Milne Development RC/aad also confirmed we may wish to liaise with Marjorie Love of Brookfield who has experience of writing to the Scottish Government’s Reporter regarding a similar development outside the village of Brookfield. (Update 19/10/22 – WIP) (Update 16/11/22 – WIP) No update ... (Update 12/01/23 - No progress made over the period.) Open until we hear feedback from RC re – Application (Update 19/04/23 application apparently now scheduled for 23/5 meeting; Cllr DM will check)	HCC MA MA MA RC/DM	ASAP ASAP ASAP ASAP ASAP	

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	(Update 17/05/23 – from RC/AD still with RC officers, not yet referred to planning board – Action to remain open) (Update 21/06/23 – all community consultation information now posted on RC site. Majority oppose the development) (Update 16/08/23 – From MA RC report still under consideration awaiting input from other bodies) (Update 20/09/23 – no update still awaiting planning board)	Note Note Note Note		
19/10/22 5.0	Houston solar farm and BESS PAC (raised by HCC/jmc) – Agreed to invite the energy company (Elgin Energy) to November’s HCC meeting to give us a presentation on the proposed development and we should in the interim monitor residents’ views both positive and negative before taking a Community Council view and stance on the project once we establish a clear mandate from the community. (16/11/22 – Elgin attended meeting as per minutes. No clear mandate from community, keep action open and assess any further feedback) (17/1/23 Action Remains Open) (Update 16/07/25 Scottish Government have submitted planning application to RC for impact assessment 23/0363/EA) (Update 20/09/23 – Remain Open for updates) (Update 25/09/23 – Elgin have submitted screening letter to Energy Consents Unit (ECU) and just received response. Planning application now to be submitted) (Update 13/10/23 – application to ECU submitted, consultation notifications to be produced)	JMc JMc – IA JMc – IA Note Note Note	Nov 22	
18/01/23 10.0	Connecting Houston HCC are not well sighted on how this important project is progressing. IA to contact David Dunlop to have either a member from the project team attend HCC meetings or have a member of HCC attend the project meetings. (Update 19/01/23 – Email to David Dunlop) (Update 23/01/23 – IA contacted both David	IA	15/03/23	

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	<p>Dunlop and Peter Leslie. Project is now at implementation stage; IA will liaise further with Peter Leslie and report to March meeting)</p> <p>(Update 15/02/23 – Update from IA. Agreed project to be progressed to next phase)</p> <p>(Update 19/04/23 – from IA attempting to arrange meeting with all stakeholders)</p> <p>(Update 17/05/23 – RC/AAD speaking to RC Officers will liaise with IA. IA to contact David Dunlop to see if he will come back on project)</p> <p>(Update 23/05/23 – IA met with DD to chart way ahead)</p> <p>(Update 30/05/23 – IA met with DD and PL, issues raised relate to lack of response from RC. IA will progress with councillors and Gavin Hutton, PL to try one final email)</p> <p>(Update 17/06/23 – work underway to arrange stakeholder meeting during summer)</p> <p>(Update 16/08/23 – Meeting has been held with B of W CC, they are onside to progress development)</p> <p>(Update 20/09/23 – RC have returned Sweco report adopting HCC suggestions from Connecting Houston)</p> <p>(Update 21/09/23 – David Dunlop agrees to manage project going ahead)</p>	<p>IA</p> <p>IA</p> <p>IA</p> <p>RC/AAD – IA</p> <p>RC/AAD – IA</p> <p>RC/AAD – IA</p> <p>IA</p> <p>Note</p> <p>DD</p>	<p>15/03/23</p> <p>ASAP</p> <p>ASAP</p> <p>ASAP</p> <p>ASAP</p> <p>ASAP</p> <p>ASAP</p> <p>ASAP</p>	
<p>15/02/23 8.1</p>	<p>Speed of traffic on Bridge of Weir Road</p> <p>After some discussion, the following was concluded.</p> <p>RC/RI to ask the road department what they have planned regarding the control of speeding at the four entrance points to the village.</p> <p>(Update 19/04/23 from RC/DM. Police requested to carry out speed checks. Near miss involving cyclist at River Inn HCC/KM to post on Facebook about cycle awareness)</p> <p>(Update 17/05/23 – RC/AAD working with RC Officers and parents in area to come up with traffic calming in Main Street, will liaise with IA and link to Connecting Houston)</p> <p>(Update 21/07/23 – HCC response to SWECO report on traffic calming measures</p>	<p>RC/RI</p> <p>KM</p> <p>RC/AAD IA</p>	<p>ASAP</p> <p>ASAP</p> <p>ASAP</p>	

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	at gateways to Houston including Main Street) (Update 16/08/23 – RC Officers attended meeting and took away comments and proposals) (Update 15/09/23 – B of W Road not included in RC proposals)	IA IA	Note	
15/02/23 9.3	Crosslee Phone Box Defibrillator DG to look at ongoing maintenance (14/04/23 from DG installation appears in order, will watch for issues) (Update 19/04/23 – From KM, Sharon Chambers wishes to pass responsibility back to HCC, to be approached) (Update 21/06/23 WIP) (Update 16/08/23 – WIP) (Update 20/09/23 – carry to next meeting)	DG DG DG	ASAP ASAP ASAP	
15/03/23 8.2	Christmas Lights It was confirmed that this deadline for this is 10 th April. It was agreed to proceed with LAP funding for the Christmas lights only. HCC/ma to progress the application. (19/04/23 – MA will update later) (Update 15/05/23 – from MA – deadline for LAP funding missed) (Update 17/05/23 – MA to seek events grant) (Update 21/06/23 – from KM, MA has applied for events grant. From RC/AD, there may be LAP funding left over and worth trying for late application. MA has all the details, IA to alert him to possibility) (Update 22/06/23 – email to MA) (Update 16/08/23 – both identified funding streams now unavailable. MA has set in motion the school competition. New organiser needs to be identified) (Update 17/09/23 – TH organising event – all matters in progress – sub committee to be formed at next meeting) (Update 20/09/23 – planning already well advanced as minuted) (Update 18/10/23 – full update minuted)	MA MA MA IA MA/IA TH TH	10/04/23 Closing date ASAP ASAP	
21/06/23 9.12	Speeding and Parking Whirlees Road Resident raised issue of irresponsible drivers speeding and parking without			

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	consideration for pedestrians and other road users. RC/ DM and RC/AD will discuss with Renfrewshire Officers to seek a solution (Update 21/07/23 included in HCC response to SWECO report on traffic calming measures) (Update 16/08/23 – brought to attention of RC Roads Officers attending meeting) (Update 20/09/23 – this matter will remain an action for HCC in liaison with RC and police)	RC/DM &AD IA IA Note	ASAP	

Appendix D

Christmas Lights Switch On

Update for HCC Meeting on 18th October 2023

Position as at 12/10/23

Project Plan built covering:

- Contact info for all stakeholders
- Contact info for all sub-committee
- Finance and Promotions
- Road Closure
- Entertainment, inc. entertainment licence
- Christmas Lights

Date agreed as 01 December 2023 – Road Closure 4pm, Start 5pm, Lights on and Fireworks at 7pm

Sub-committee formed and doing fantastic

- Alison Calderwood – on point for schools
- Barry Walker – on point for all Christmas lights
- Janet Mason
- Gillian White
- Cllr David McGonigle

Finance & Promotions

- Team have approached various businesses and., so far, have secured £2,260 compared to £1,080 last year.
- Some potential sponsors still to respond and money will be raised on the night
 - Entry Fee £1 per person
 - Raffles to be sold separately
- Details sent to Gryffe Advertiser ready for Nov edition
- Posters, fliers and Facebook will be progressed when sponsors are finalised
- Local newspapers will be contacted nearer the date.

Road Closure

- All necessary arrangements in place with RCC
- Need Community Council to approve cost of Class One at £526 plus VAT to finalise
- Note we did not have this charge last year as Balfour's did it as a favour

Entertainment

- Entertainment Licence applied for and some minor queries raised by RCC
- Malcolm's trailer booked
- MC and Disco agreed – same terms as last year £250 plus £250
- Santa booked
- Schools (Primary's & Secondary) looking at joint input re Carol's and small band
- Fireworks booked – same terms as last year - £1,500
- Fox & Hounds laying on stalls for sale of food and soft drink inc. barbecue

- Salvation Army under consideration at present
- Exploring sale of novelty merchandise to raise funds – e.g. hats and light spinners
- Sale of Raffle tickets during event – prizes soft toys and meal vouchers
- Need to source 2 generators and led lights to power PA system etc and light area around stage. Barry and David exploring

Christmas Lights

- Barry doing great job in terms of understanding the various lights involved and who does what
- Street lights already in place and arrangements agreed with RCC
- Church lights and War Memorial illumination all in scope and progressing
- Not progressing upper floor in Carrick Centre this year due to condition of acetates
- School competition winners selected by sub-committee and sent to Blachere's for quote and production
- Projection of School competition winners will continue at Village Hall.

Overall – one or two areas to finalise, especially PEL , but no show stoppers.

I am really pleased with the progress that Sub-committee have made. Real team spirit and looking to involve as much of the Community as possible.



Class One House, Seabegs Road
 Bonnybridge, Stirlingshire, FK4 2AQ
 Tel: 01324810222
 Fax: 01324810444

Date: 9th October 2023
Expires In: 30 Days
Quote Ref: TM-Q56721//0
For the attention of: Trevor Hillman Houston Community Council

Dear Trevor,

RE: Main Street, Houston, Renfrewshire - Traffic Management Services

Further to your request regarding the work at the above location, please find our costs to undertake the traffic management.

Please be advised: This is your quotation only.

Should the quote meet your requirements, **we will require a valid purchase order number prior to commencement of works.**

I hope that this is acceptable and look forward to your further instruction, which will receive our prompt and careful attention.

Our standard terms & conditions apply, which can be downloaded from www.classone.org.

Should you require any further information, or have any queries regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

For CLASS ONE TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT LTD

EUAN BUCHANAN

CONTRACTS TECHNICIAN

ID	Item	UoM	Price Per Unit	No. of Units	Hire Qty	Total
TTRO to be provided by Council FOC						
DN-96A	Fabricate Advance Warning Sign (High Fixed)	Each	£12.50	2	1.00	£25.00
DN-93AI	Install Advance Warning Signs, Monday to Friday	Occasion	£120.00	1	1.00	£120.00
DN-97A	Hire of Advance Warning Sign (per sign, per day)	Day	£1.00	8	2.00	£16.00
DN-71I	Install Hire & Remove Road Closure/ Diversion, Saturday 1600-2000 hours	Occasion	£365.00	1	1.00	£365.00

PROVISIONAL TOTAL (Subject to Change) Excl. VAT £526.00

I confirm acceptance of this quote:
Name:
Signature:
Date:

Appendix D

On behalf of Houston Community Council I have been asked to prepare a formal response to the proposed Forest Scoping Plan submitted by Elderslie Estates. I have a number of general comments which I trust you and the company are able to consider.

Forest Management is recognised as a vitally important aspect of sustainable communities and the Houston community fully supports Elderslie Estates in helping delivering this.

From an HCC perspective the community has a number of important priorities in line with the Connecting Houston project. Your client will be aware of this and we are grateful for their support thus far. We encourage Elderslie Estates to continue to support these aspirations if possible.

Our 4 year aspirations include:-

- 1) Supporting Active travel
- 2) Supporting Development of pathways and recreational opportunities
- 3) Supporting local connectivity

More generally during the next 4 year session HCC is also keen to support a range of measures which contribute positively towards climate change mitigation.

This includes, supporting local biodiversity, growing local and Scottish native species, maintaining and growing our green network as part of the Central Scotland Green Network and also extending connections between our local natural habitats to help support and species diversity.

HCC is also keen to take a more holistic approach to long term planning and development of our community.

Your client will be aware the community has been disappointed at the erosion of some important local habitats due to the encroachment of what many believe to be inappropriate housing development.

HCC welcomes opportunities to work constructively with Elderslie Estates to help support further suitable tree planting in the area. It is eager to help tackle climate change and in also to grow links to the between our natural spaces and the proposed Clyde Climate Forest.

HCC recognises climate change as a significant threat to our community and the Elderslie Estates portfolio in the medium and long term particularly in terms of flood risk, extreme weather events, heating, crop and livestock health.

HCC recommends Scottish Woodlands consider the policies set out in the adopted National Planning Framework 4 and in particular parts 2 Sustainable Places theme parts 1-8. It also recommends consideration be given to the Liveable Places theme parts 19-22 and Productive Places theme parts 29 and 32.

HCC encourages the applicant to consider and apply these to the current proposals if possible.

Kind Regards

David Dunlop MRTPI BA(Hons) PG Dip (Econ Dev).

Planning & Development Adviser for Houston Community Council