

CARLOWAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minute of Meeting held in the
Carloway Care Unit on Monday,
22 February 2016

- PRESENT**
- Alex Macdonald (vice-Chair)
Duncan Macleod (Treasurer)
Christina Hart (Secretary)
Iain D Macleod
Chris Lee
Cllr Donald Neil Macleod
Calum M Maciver
Calum Macarthur
Christine Forbes
Kayella Craigie
- In Attendance**
- David Macleay, Regeneration Officer, CneS
- 1. APOLOGIES**
- Angus Macleod
Cllr Angus Morrison
Geraldine Cowan, Police Scotland
- 2. Minutes of Meeting of 14 December 2015**
- The Minutes were approved by Chris Lee and seconded by Iain D Macleod
- 3. Matters arising**
- Alex Macdonald referred to Items 10 and 12 of the Minutes, pointing out that his name should be substituted for Angus Macleod's as he himself had left the meeting before these items were discussed.
- Alex also welcomed Christine Forbes and Kayella Craigie as co-opted members of the Council and Derek Mackay, CneS would be notified of this change.
- 4. Community Developed Management**
- David Macleay outlined his remit within the Economic Development Service and advised that it is up to the Council to put forward a viable project which must be able to 'wash its face'. The minimum application for grant funding is £20,000 which has to be match funded and up to £250,000 could be available for larger projects. Once a particular project has been decided on, he suggested going online to the Grantvisor page within the Comhairle's website, expressing an interest and stated that there would be support available to take the Council through the various steps involved in this process.

- 5. Broadband services** Chris Lee gave an update on progress which should see Carloway connected within 2-3 months. Angus Macleod will report to the next meeting on whether there is a plan to provide fibre cabinets to cover the Tolsta Caolais area.
- 6. Health and Social Care Partnership Strategic Plan** A series of public consultation events were held throughout the Western Isles in Jan/Feb, giving an opportunity for the public to ask questions about the draft Strategic Plan. Cllr Angus Morrison, who attended the above, will bring a report to the next meeting.
- 7. Ward Initiative Funding** The Council was advised that funding has been cut to £2,500 for projects, leaving finances a bit limited. It was agreed to give the Carloway Sunshiners a donation of £250 after an enquiry from a member of the Club as to why they had not been given any money so far. The further allocation of funds will be a topic for discussion at the next meeting.
- 8. Community buyout** A favourable response was received from the Factor of Lewis Islands Crofters Estate advising that the owners were willing to sell. Alex Macdonald will get in touch with David Wright and Roddy Morrison, Shawbost Community Council to gauge their reaction to a possible buyout.
- 9. Tolsta Chaolais water supply** A reply was received to our letter to Diane Burgess, Scottish Water, stating:
 “In the specific section at Tolsta Chaolais, there does not appear to be a project to promote the networks for replacement. However, that is not to say we are unable to do anything to improve the current situation”.
- 10. Village/Kirvick sign** The ‘Carloway’ sign which is at the moment positioned in Kirvick is to be removed by Calum Macarthur and erected at the Breasclate/Carloway crossroads on the Pentland Road as the previous sign had been stolen.
- 11. Community Resilience Plan** Cllr Macleod is to invite Andy Macdonald, CneS to the next meeting to discuss the plan.
- 12. Medical Practice** The Practice Manager is to be invited to the next meeting to address concerns about the possible closure of the medical Centre in Carloway.
- 13. AOCB** It was agreed that Minutes of meetings are to be sent out to members a week prior to the meeting.
 Flora Macleod will be given a list of meetings for the remainder of the year to secure a room booking.
- 14. Date of next meeting** Monday, 25 April, 2016