

**CARLOWAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Minute of AGM held in the  
Carloway Care Unit on Monday,  
25 April 2016**

<b>PRESENT</b>	Angus Macleod (Chair)
	Alex Macdonald (vice Chair)
	Duncan Macleod (Treasurer)
	Christina Hart (Secretary)
	Iain D Macleod
	Chris Lee
	Cllr Donald Neil Macleod
	Cllr Angus Morrison
	Murdo N Maciver
	Christine Forbes
	Kayella Craigie
<b>In Attendance</b>	Geraldine Cowan, Police Scotland
	Chrisanna Macaulay, Langabhat Medical Practice
	The Chairman opened the meeting by expressing the condolences of the Council to Duncan Macleod on the recent loss of his wife Norma. He also wished a speedy recovery to Christine Forbes who had recently attended hospital.
<b>2. Minutes of Meeting of 22 February 2015</b>	The Minutes were approved by Iain D Macleod and seconded by Alex Macdonald.
<b>3. Matters arising</b>	<p>a) Murdo N Maciver's name was incorrectly stated in those present at the meeting as Calum N Maciver.</p> <p>b) Item 3 states that "Alex also welcomed Christine Forbes and Kayella Craigie as co-opted members". This is incorrect as Mrs Forbes is an actual committee member.</p> <p>c) A letter is to be sent to Andy Macdonald, CnES to discuss the Community Resilience Plan as Cllr Macleod did not get the opportunity to speak to him.</p>
<b>4. Chairman's Report</b>	<p>The Chairman outlined several issues and projects which have been discussed at previous meetings and are still ongoing, including: Broadband; Community Land Purchase; Community Development Management; Roads Maintenance and Tolsta Chaolais mains water supply and hoped that some progress would be made in the coming year to bring these to a fruitful conclusion.</p> <p>He also thanked the members of the Community Council for their help and co-operation since October 2015 since he took over Chairmanship.</p>

	<p>The Chairman advised the Council that Cllr Morrison and himself have been working with Donnie Morrison, WIE and Stuart Robertson on the Broadband issue, especially in the Tolsta Chaolais area and that Donnie Morrison is to be invited to the next meeting to give an update on the current situation.</p>
	<p>Angus Macleod expressed concern about the state of the road and car park at the Tolsta Chaolais cemetery as a result of fouling by sheep and cattle. It was felt that this was a matter to be raised with the Grazing Committee if any further action was to be taken.</p> <p>Of further concern was the number of sheep with lambs roaming on the public highway, causing a hazard for motorists and cyclists. Mr Macleod gave Geraldine Cowan an extract from the Roads Scotland Act as he felt that this was a criminal matter. Geraldine said that this would be investigated and would report back to the Council.</p>
<b>5. Treasurer's Report</b>	This Report will be available at the next meeting.
<b>6. Election of Office Bearers</b>	It was agreed that the current Office Bearers would carry on until completion of their term of office in October. They are Angus Macleod, Chairman; Duncan Macleod, Treasurer and Christina Hart as Secretary.
<b>7. Carloway Surgery hours</b>	<p>Chrisanna Macaulay, Practice Manager at the Langabhat Medical Practice was invited to the meeting after concerns were raised that the Surgery would close after a reduction in opening hours.</p> <p>Chrisanna stated that an audit is done regularly to see how appointments are utilized and although there had been a slight decrease in appointments, there were no plans to close the Surgery. She will write a note to this effect for inclusion in the Community Newsletter.</p>
<b>8 Carloway and Breascleate Gardeners Club</b>	Following a letter received from the Gardening Club requesting a donation towards bedding plants, compost, etc. It was decided to Donald £50 this year, to be re-evaluated next year.
<b>9. Crofting/Forestry</b>	It was noted that there are schemes available for townships or individuals who wish to plant trees under the Forestry Grant Scheme. Sally, the Development Office for the Carloway Estate Trust has details of this scheme and will assist those who show an interest. A notice to this effect will be included in the forthcoming Newsletter.
<b>10. Projects that would attract match funding</b>	Members of the Council expressed a desire to see the Garenin road widened to make allowance for the volume of traffic to the Black houses and to create a footpath for pedestrians. As parts of Garynahine, Callanish and Breascleate have already benefited from this, it was agreed to invite John Smith, Garynahine along to the next meeting to put forward available options.

<p><b>11. Progress on the Community buyout of Lewis Island Crofters Estate</b></p>	<p>A reply had been received from Anderson MacArthur on 11 February 2016 confirming that they had approached the owners of Dalmore Estate in relation to a possible buyout and they will contact the Council once a response from the buyers has been received. Thereafter, the Grazings Clerks for each district should be contacted to discuss this proposal and how best to move matters forward, depending on the outcome of the reply from the owners of the Estate.</p>
<p><b>12. Carloway bus to Tolsta Chaolais Post Office</b></p>	<p>Concerns by a Member were raised due to the sometimes erratic service of the bus to the Post Office. Whilst it was acknowledged that there may have been occasions when the bus did not run due to the Post Office being closed, it was felt that on the whole, the service was more than satisfactory.</p>
<p><b>13. AOCB</b></p>	<p>a) The Sports Centre in Stornoway is in the process of buying new equipment and the old equipment will be offered to interested parties. A letter is to be sent to Tony Wade, Manager of the Sports Centre, expressing the Council's interest in procuring some of the available equipment for use within the community.</p> <p>b) For persons using the Day Centre, it was noted that an 'orthopaedic' chair would be of benefit. The OT department at the hospital will be approached to see whether a second hand chair could be offered to the Centre.</p> <p>c) The Council were presented with a coin to mark the Queen's birthday. It was decided to donate this to Comann Eachdraidh Charlabhaigh for display.</p>
<p><b>14. Date of next meeting</b></p>	<p>Monday, 27 June, 2016 at 8.00pm.</p>