



NORTH LOCHS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held 29 June 2016

7pm 14a Grimshader

Present:	Robbie Mackenzie	Chairman
	Iain Macleod	Vice Chairman
	Donald Mackenzie	Treasurer
	Angus Morrison	Councillor
	Joanne Mitchell	
	Alex MacKintosh	
	Bruce Mackenzie	
	Sarah McIver	Clerk

Apologies:

Cudig Macleod	Councillor
Pc Donald Maclean	Police Scotland

1 WELCOME:

Robbie welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 MINUTES:

Minutes from the meeting on 11 May 2016 were proposed by Bruce Mackenzie and seconded by Donald Mackenzie.

3 MATTERS ARISING from previous meeting

Defibrillators

Grimshader – Treasurer provided a cheque so Clerk can return contract and Cheque for £1 to BT for adoption of the phone box. We are still waiting for repairs to the box and removal of phone before we can install the defibrillator in the box. Clerk to chase again. Meanwhile the defibrillator will be registered as available from Bruce's shed while we wait for the box to transfer to us. Clerk also to ask for repairs to be effected ASAP to the other boxes in Crossbost and Achmore which are being adopted. Their 42 day notice

period is up on 04 July. We still need village contacts for these 2 machines, Jo is asking some contacts in Achmore and Angus will FU for Crossbost
For Leurbost the defib machine will be housed on the outside of the community centre and Christine Campbell has agreed to be the contact person. Angus plans to hold a large training session for Leurbost, Crossbost, Achmore, Lochganvich and Ranish – hoping to also include football team

Post meeting note – Angus advised total of donations from Grimshader £538.16. Clerk has questioned whether we should put up a notice in the village to advise and say Thank You

Facebook Page

We discussed trying to encourage use of this more and Jo will have a look at this for us. We continue to get new likes most weeks, but if there is no info appearing on the page it will dwindle

Had a question to CC through the Facebook Page regarding the old fish farm slipway in Crossbost. Clerk will respond advising to get in touch with Soval Estate

Community Projects

Angus will contact the Tolsta Community Group and ask if we can go and see what they have done in their community with a wind turbine and the money it has generated

Community Emergency Plan

We were not able to have anyone in attendance at the roadshow and workshop run by SSE in May. Jo will pull together the information we have and try to make first draft of a plan for North Lochs

We also had an email from SSE inviting applications for funding to develop or enhance facilities to support the community during weather or power emergency times. Bruce will pass on to the Community Council so they can possibly apply for money towards the new kitchen, which could be used more by the community at these times if it were bigger and more able to cope with numbers

4 AOCB

Abandoned car – Robby reports there is an abandoned car at Cameron Terrace which is compromising the safety of entrance to the School
Community Council Insurance

Potholes in road in Grimshader – Bruce reported that the pot holes have not been fixed and the paint marks on the road to show where work is needed have washed away

Sheep – there are a lot of sheep gathering at the moment around the cattle grid coming into Grimshader and obstructing the road. They are on Ranish common grazing and not within the village, so there is not anything which can be done.

Community Council Insurance renewal document – we have not had to do this before, but it has come from the council. Clerk will FU

Fencing around Play Park at the hall – Bruce asked who is responsible for repairing the fence. Advised it is the council, tech Services.

Crash barrier at Loch Orisay – Jo reports that some of the posts are rotting, and there is concern that if something hit the barrier it might not hold. Angus to report back to Tech Services

Surgery Parking – Donald reports this has continued to be a big issue at certain time points. There are some plans in motion for new parking arrangements and discussions are underway with the Leurbost Grazings. Alec will speak to the Practice Manager to assess progress

Grimshader Feeder Bus – 2 residents have had a problem with the bus not arriving when it should. Clerk will feed back instances to Council. Post meeting note – Christine in Grimshader explained this has happened twice in the last 12 months (can not remember dates). I will flag to David Smart and residents aware to report to me if the bus fails to arrive so we can escalate

Community Council received a Thank You card from School for the funding provided for the school trip – Jo to put card on Facebook

Government Boundary Commission – letter discussed at the meeting for information. Further details will come to us in due course

Thank you received from Police Scotland for completing the strategic priorities survey. Consultation period underway, email shared with members

Locality Planning Group: Rural Lewis - We were not able to send anyone to the meeting on 25 May in Barvas. Angus suggests it is a good idea for us to have a named contact for this and for that person to attend future meetings so our area is represented. Jo has agreed to be the contact, it seems meetings are expected to be quarterly. Clerk to let Catriona Mackenzie know

Challenge Fund – Applications process is open and due by 29 July. Tarry will apply for money for fendering at the Grimshader slipway, papers passed to Tarry. Clerk will help if needed

5 Next Meeting – Wednesday 24 August 2016, 7pm at Sgoil nan Loch

CHAIRMAN:..... **DATE:**