



**North Uist Community Council**  
**Comhairle Coimhearsnachd Uibhist a Tuath**

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**NORTH UIST COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD IN TAIGH SGIRE SHOLAIS  
ON MONDAY 29 AUGUST 2016 AT 7.30PM**

**Present:** Sheena Stewart - Chair  
John MacDonald – Treasurer  
Cllr Uisdean Robertson – Secretary  
Effie Rodger  
D A MacLennan  
Joan Ferguson  
Cllr Andrew Walker  
Ken MacDonald  
Donald E Morrison  
Ragnall Maclain

**Apologies:** Flora MacDonald – Vice Chair  
Cllr Neil Beaton (attending Berneray Community Council)

**Public:** Katie Hebditch – Police Scotland  
Cathina MacCorquodale  
Joan MacDonald

**1.0 Adoption of Minute: Proposed:** John MacDonald  
**Seconded:** Effie Rodger

**2.0 Statement of Account:**

The Treasurer circulated a copy of the accounts.

In relation to the planters it was suggested that there may be an opportunity for the Horticultural Project at East Camp to get involved.

In relation to the benches it was suggested that Angus MacDonald, Daliburgh should be contacted as he makes benches and is making the one for the Eagle Viewpoint.

**3.0 Matters Arising:**

**3.1 Defibrillators** – Three sessions of training had taken place which were exceptionally well attended. As well as the defibrillators at Clachan Church and Kallin Harbour one had been purchased for Carinish Hall. It was decided that the defibrillator for Hosta would be better at the caravan site in Goular as it was more central. The operators were donating £250 towards the purchase. Domhnall Angie had spoken to Marine Harvest but it was agreed that the secretary would write the office in Fort William requesting financial support to base on in Lochportain. CnES were installing one at the new school in Paible. Reference any further installations it was decided to form a sub-group consisting of Sheena, Terry and Effie. It was also agreed that signage was required.

**3.2 Integrated Joint Board:** A meeting had taken place on the 23<sup>rd</sup> August in Benbecula. A report on dental services had been expected but that has now been moved to the 13<sup>th</sup> October when a special meeting will take place to discuss the options that will be presented.

**3.3 Deer Management Group:**

An extension for a final submission of the plan has been agreed. The plan will now have to be ready by the 31<sup>st</sup> October and there will be further public consultation between the 26<sup>th</sup> September and the 10<sup>th</sup> October.

**3.4 Bus Timetables:**

There will be two consultation events held to discuss the winter bus timetables. One will be in Liniclate School and one in Lochmaddy Hall.

**3.5 Benbecula/Stornoway Flights:**

The turnout at the public consultation event in Benbecula had been particularly poor. Main issue of discussion was about patient travel. A report is expected at Transportation Committee on the 28<sup>th</sup> September.

**3.6 D R MacLeod Yard:**

The Comhairle have agreed to erect a sign as per our discussion.

**4.0 Police Report:**

Paul Fletcher has now received official retirement. Katie is to get back to us with information regarding sheep on the road and particularly in areas where the road is fenced on both sides. A new P C has started in Lochboisdale which leaves the area up to full strength. There are six PC's and a Sergeant who is based in Lochmaddy. There was only six incidents reported in North Uist in the last session. There was a wide ranging discussion on the number of cyclists that are travelling through Uist. Katie said that they do not have to pull into passing places and can cycle more than one abreast. Cllr Walker mentioned

that Frank Creighton of the Comhairle had leaflets available and these were to be got on ferries and ports.

**5.0 Councillors Report:**

The Minister for Transport Humza Yousaf was due to pay a visit to Uist. In relation to roads of the £800k that was provided for surfacing over £700k had been spent in Lewis and Harris. The latest Socio Economic update had painted a grim picture of falling population for Uist over the next ten years. Concern was expressed although six students had enrolled for a Health and Social Care career there was no-one currently in Uist able to provide the necessary tuition.

**6.0 Matters Raised by Members of the Public:**

**6.1 Berneray Slipway** – There appears to be a significant problem with rat infestation. The problem has increased since the new tender award which meant that a new contractor was doing the work. Unfortunately the work is not of the same standard as done previously. It was decided to raise the issue with the Comhairle

**6.2 Sgoil Lionacleit Pipe Band** –Congratulations was due to Sgoil Lionacleit Pipe Band for their success at the recent schools pipe band championship.

**6.3 Flooding** – Water pooling on the road near Cate Sheppard's house had proved to be quite a problem in the heavy rain. It seems the problem has been sorted for the present but concern was expressed that the culvert was not adequate in heavy downpours.

**6.4 Lochmaddy Bank of Scotland** – A complaint was received that the gas was very high and impeding visibility, the ditch was blocked and there was a bad smell from the manhole in that area. The secretary will discuss with Technical Services.

**6.5 Street Lighting** – The issue of lights at the weekend in Lochmaddy is still a problem with lights going off at 11pm on Friday and Saturday nights and not at 1am as agreed. There also appears to have been a problem at the EDF Festival on Benbecula as well. It was felt that control of lights all over Uist would be best done by an officer based in Balivanich. Secretary to discuss with Comhairle.

**6.6 Eagle Site Memorial** - Land has now been identified and secured at Balelone. The committee responsible were requesting that the Community Council apply for planning permission on their behalf. This was agreed.

**7.0 Correspondence Received:**

**Ward Funding** – It was agreed to give Lochmaddy £600 towards the annual fireworks display which was the only one being held in Uist.

**8.0 Date of next meeting:** The next meeting will be on Monday 3 October in Hosta Hall at 7.30pm.