

Minute/Note of Meeting	TITLE	NORTH HARRIS COMMUNITY COUNCIL		
	DATE	26TH JUNE 2017	TIME	7.30
	VENUE	COUNCIL OFFICES,TARBERT		
	DISTRIBUTION			

Present:	MAIRI MACIVER, KAREN MACDONALD, CATHERINE MACDONALD, PHIL BERTIN, JOHN MACLEOD(CHAIR) CLLR JG MITCHELL, AGNES MORRISON ALSO PRESENT – JOHN MURDO MORRISON, J MACIVER (HHP)
Apologies:	MARGO MACLEOD, CLLR P FINNEGAN, CLLR F CUNNINGHAM

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1	<p>HHP-MR J MACIVER</p> <p>MR MACIVER WAS ATTENDING AS AN INVITED GUEST TO GIVE US SOME INFORMATION REGARDING THE HOUSING SITUATION IN TARBERT. PLANNING PERMISSION HAD BEEN SUBMITTED FOR THE SITE BESIDE THE N.H.T. OFFICE IN TARBERT BUT HAD BEEN REFUSED. THERE MAY BE A POSSIBILITY OF THIS BEING APPEALED . CONCERNS WERE RAISED THAT THE COMMUNITY WERE NOT AWARE OF THIS BEFORE THE PLANNING PERMISSION WAS ASKED FOR EVEN THOUGH THE CC HAD SPOKEN WITH HHP AND THEY HAD SAID THEY HOPED USE THIS AREA FOR HOUSING.</p> <p>CATHERINE MACDONALD SAID SHE WAS A CLLR AT THE TIME OF THE MEETING BETWEEN HHP AND THE CC AND AFTER THAT MEETING SHE HAD WRITTEN AN UPDATE FOR THE DE THA DOL AND IN IT HAD SAID THAT THESE WERE THE PLANS THAT HHP HAD. SHE HAD A COPY OF THE ARTICLE AND IT WAS AGREED BY THOSE PRESENT THAT THE COMMUNITY HAD BEEN MADE AWARE OF THIS.</p> <p>HHP HAVE NOW PURCHASED THE SITE OF THE OLD POLICE STATION IN TARBERT AND ARE IN THE PROCESS OF SUBMITTING A REQUEST FOR PLANNING PERMISSION FOR THIS SITE IN THE NEXT WEEK OR SO. MR MACIVER SHARED WITH US THE PROPOSED PLANS FOR THIS SITE. THE SITE WOULD HAVE 8 FLATS AND WOULD HAVE PARKING TO THE REAR OF THE BUILDING. MR MACIVER WAS ASKED WHY THEY DID NOT BUILD HOUSES ELSE WHERE AND HE EXPLAINED THAT THERE WAS A HIGH DEMAND FOR HOUSES IN TARBERT. THEY HAD SPOKEN TO NHT TO SEE IF THERE WERE ANY SITES THAT THEY COULD MAKE AVAILABLE BUT SO FAR THEY HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO HELP. THEY ARE HAPPY TO HEAR FROM ANYONE WHO HAS SUGGESTIONS OF AVAILABLE LAND. SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT FUNDING MEANS THERE IS MORE MONEY AVAILABLE TO THE ISLAND FOR HOUSING.</p> <p>IT WAS NOTED THAT THE NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AT NISEABOST HAD BEEN FILLED RELATIVELY QUICKLY BUT IT WAS ACKNOWLEDGE THAT ACCOMMODATION IN THE TARBERT AREA WAS IN HIGH DEMAND.</p> <p>MR MACIVER WAS ASKED ABOUT THEIR POLICY ON SUBLETTING AS THIS SEEMS TO BE</p>		

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	<p>COMMON PRACTICE IN THE AREA. HE SAID THAT YES ON OCCASION SUBLETTING WAS ALLOWED WHEN A TENANT PERHAPS HAD TO MOVE FOR A SHORT TIME FOR WORK OR OTHER COMMITMENTS . IT WAS THOUGHT THAT SUB LETTING WAS SOMETIMES USED AS A WAY OF GETTING UP THE HOUSING LIST – WHEN SOMEONE MOVED ON AND SUBLET THEIR HOUSE FOR THE MAXIMUM TIME ALLOWED (1 YEAR) AT THE END OF THIS TIME THE PERSON SUBLETTING WAS IN EFFECT HOMELESS AND IMMEDIATELY A PRIORITY TO BE HOUSED BY HHP. THE MAJORITY OF PEOPLE SUBLETTING SEEM TO HAVE MOVED AWAY PERMANENTLY AND HOLD ON TO THE HOUSE FOR AN EXTRA YEAR OFTEN TO ACCOMMODATE SOMEONE MOVING TO THE ISLAND . MR MACVER SAID HE WAS UNAWARE OF THIS BUT WOULD LOOK INTO IT AND WOULD KEEP THE CC UPDATED WITH THEIR PLANS REGARDING FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS IN THE AREA.</p> <p>MR JOHN MACLEOD THANKED MR MACIVER FOR GIVING HIS TIME TO COME ALONG TO THE MEETING.</p>		
2	<p>MR JOHN MURDO MORRISON</p> <p>MR MORRISON ASKED TO COME ALONG TO BRING SOME ITEMS OF CONCERN TO THE ATTENTION OF THE CC.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. BEFORE MR MACIVER LEFT JMM ASKED IF THE PICNIC AREA BESIDE NHT COULD BE RESTORED TO THE STATE IT WAS IN PRIOR TO HHP SENDING A DIGGER IN BEFORE PLANNING PERMISSION WAS REFUSED. MR MACIVER SAID HE WILL LOOK INTO THIS. 2. JMM WAS ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT THE ‘GATE’ WHICH IS SITUATED OPPOSITE THE BUNK HOUSE. HE FEELS THIS IS DANGEROUS AND PEOPLE SIT THERE ABOVE THE PIER ROAD AND IT IS AN ACCIDENT WAITING TO HAPPEN. HE SUGGESTED THAT THE GATE SHOULD BE LOCKED TO STOP PEOPLE DOING THIS. IT IS THOUGHT THIS IS PART OF THE COMMON GRAZING AND SHOULD THEREFORE BE REFERRED TO THEM. 3. PARKING IN THE VILLAGE – JMM FELT THAT PARKING IN THE VILLAGE SHOULD BE LIMITED TO 20MINS AS THE PARKING IS SO DIFFICULT AND SOME VEHICLES ARE PARKED THERE ALL DAY . PC BERTIN SAID THAT THE MAIN PROBLEM WAS PEOPLE PARKING WHERE THEY SHOULD NT AND THAT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO ENFORCE A TIME LIMIT ON PEOPLE WHO WERE PARKING PROPERLY WITH NO TRAFFIC WARDEN. 4. JMM ALSO ASKED ABOUT LENGTHENING PASSING PLACES PARTICULARLY ON THE LUSKENTYRE ROAD – IN HIS CAPACITY AS HEARSE DRIVER HE SAYS GOING TO THE GRAVEYARD IS EXTREMELY DIFFICULT WHEN YOU ARE MET BY ONCOMING CARS WITH NO SPACE FOR A NUMBER OF CARS TO PULL IN. IT WAS FELT THAT THE COUNCILL ROADS BUDGET WAS SO TIGHT THAT THIS WAS PROBABLY SOMETHING THAT WOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED,ALTHOUGH THOSE PRESENT ACKNOWLEDGED THIS WAS A VALID POINT. 5. WOULD THE CC AGAIN CONSIDER GIVING TO THE WAR MEMORIAL FUND <p>MR MORRISON THANKED THE CC</p>		
3	<p>APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING</p> <p>APPROVED – MAIRI MACIVER SECONDED – KAREN MACDONALD</p> <p>AS MR MITCHELL HAD RESIGNED AS VICE CHAIR IT WAS NECESSARY TO ELECT A NEW VICE</p>		

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4	<p>MATTERS ARISING</p> <p>ATM – THIS HAS BEEN CAUSING PROBLEMS AND CLLR MITCHELL HAS BEEN APPROACHED TO SEE IF SOMETHING CAN BE DONE ABOUT THIS. LAST YEAR WHEN THIS WAS DISCUSSED ANGUS B MCNEIL WAS ASSURED BY THE BANK THAT THE MAINTENANCE PROBLEMS WERE SORTED AND THIS WOULD NOT OCCUR AGAIN. ASK ABM TO FOLLOW UP ON THIS</p> <p>CHEMICAL DISPOSAL UNIT – SINCE THE UNIT IN LEVERBURGH WAS REMOVED THERE HAVE BEEN LOTS OF COMPLAINTS REGARDING THE LACK OF FACILITIES. VISITORS OFFER TO PAY FOR THE USE OF SMALLER DISPOSAL UNITS ON PRIVATE SITES BUT THIS IS NOT REALLY A SOLUTION . IT WAS AGREED THAT THIS WAS A PROBLEM THAT NEEDED SORTING AND NHT ARE AT PRESENT WORKING ON GETTING UNITS IN TARBERT AND HUSHINISH</p> <p>REV JARDINE – THE CC WERE SORRY TO SEE HIM LEAVE AND IT WAS DECIDED TO WRITE AND ASK HIM TO RECONSIDER. IF HE DOES NOT WISH TO CHANGE HIS MIND IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT THE OTHER TWO MINISTERS IN TARBERT BE APPROACHED TO SEE IF THEY WOULD LIKE TO COME ON THE COMMITTEE</p> <p>BENCHES AND THE PATH AT THE BACK OF THE HALL – IT WAS AGREED TO LOOK INTO THE COST OF BENCHES . IT WAS THOUGHT THAT THE LAND AT THE BACK OF THE HALL BELONGS TO CAL MAC AND IT WAS AGREED TO CHECK THIS.</p> <p>PARKING – MRS MASTERSON, OWNER OF TIGH GORM SELF CATERING HAD ASKED ABOUT HAVING A 20MPH LIMIT IN THE VILLAGE BECAUSE THE HOUSE OPENS ONTO THE MAIN ROAD. IT WAS AGREED THAT THIS WOULD MAKE LITTLE DIFFERENCE IF THE SPEED BUMPS WHICH HAD BEEN THERE PREVIOUSLY WERE NOT PUT BACK. ALTHOUGH THE COUNCIL ASSURED PC BERTIN AND CLLR MACDONALD THAT ALL THE YELLOW LINES THAT HAD BEEN REMOVED WHEN THE ROAD WAS TARRED WOULD BE PUT BACK IN PLACE THIS WAS NOT DONE. THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED UP . EVEN WITH THE LINES IN PLACE IT IS VERY DIFFICULT TO ENFORCE THIS IF THERE IS NO TRAFFIC WARDEN IN THE VILLAGE</p> <p>WE ARE NOW IN RECEIPT OF THE MUITAEBHAL TRUST FUNDING (£5000) A NOTE EXPLAINING THIS AND INVITING APPLICATIONS WILL BE PUT IN DE THA DOL</p> <p>CLLR F CUNNINGHAM HAD WRITTEN ABOUT THE SPELLING ON THE ROAD SIGN AT THE HARRIS/LEWIS BORDER AND THIS IS TO BE SORTED.</p>	AM	
5	<p>AOCB</p> <p>IT WAS AGREED TO HOLD A JOINT CC MEETING WITH SCALPAY AND SH. A DATE OF 21ST AUGUST AT 7.30PM IN THE BAYS WAS SUGGESTED AND AGNES WILL TRY AND BOOK THIS.</p> <p>IT WAS AGREED TO PUT AN UPDATE IN THE DE THA DOL SO THAT THE LOCAL COMMUNITY</p>		

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		WAS AWARE OF WHAT THE CC IS INVOLVED IN. CLLR MITCHELL SAID HIMSELF AND HIS FELLOW COUNCILLORS HOPED TO PUT A REGULAR UPDATE IN THE DE THA DOL ON LOCAL WARD ISSUES.		
6	DATE OF NEXT MEETING	AGNES ASKED IF THE NEXT COUPLE OF MEETING DATES COULD BE AGREED ON IN ADVANCE SO THAT EVERYONE HAD PLENTY NOTICE, SHE ALSO SAID THAT ACCORDING TO THE CONSTITUTION THE AGM SHOULD BE APRIL TIME NOT NOVEMBER AS IN THE LAST FEW YEARS SO THAT WE WOULD EITHER HAVE TO GO BACK TO APRIL FOR AN AGM OR CHANGE THE CONSTITUTION. IT WAS AGREED TO GO BACK TO THE ORIGINAL DATE FOR OUT AGM IT WAS ALSO REQUESTED THAT THE DAY OF OUR MEETINGS BE CHANGED AS SOME PEOPLE WERE FINDING MONDAY DIFFICULT TO MANAGE		
7		JOINT CC MEETING – MONDAY 21 ST AUGUST BAYS CC AT 7.30PM NEXT NHCC MEETING – WEDNESDAY 27 TH SEPTEMBER AT 7.30PM THEN WEDNESDAY 29 TH NOVEMBER AT 7.30PM VENUE TO BE CONFIRMED		
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