



NORTH LOCHS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting 18 April 2018

7pm Sgoil nan Loch

Present: Robbie Mackenzie Chairman
Jo Mitchell Vice Chair
Donald Mackenzie Treasurer
Iain Macleod
Sarah McIver Clerk
Marion Wilson
Bruce Mackenzie
Alex Mackintosh

Apologies: Angus Morrison Councillor

1. WELCOME:

Robbie welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Angus Macleod attended the meeting to describe a community project he wants to undertake. His idea is to create a walkway on the moor to link areas of forestry. He is getting together a plan for the project and has help from Michael Macrae of Achmore who will apply for funding for the project. Angus has been in touch with the RSPB about funding too and they want to see his plan

Robbie will get in touch with the people who have developed the walkways in Laxay to see how they went about it and where they applied for funding

Angus will come back when his plans are drawn up and he is ready to apply for funding. We may consider using the Amenity Group bank accounts and the charity status to support his funding application. We discussed the fact that there is no one in the Amenity Group or the Community Council who can drive the project, but we are willing to support with use of the constituted Amenity group to enhance the funding applications

2. Minutes of the last meeting: proposed by Iain Macleod and seconded by Alex Mackintosh

3. **MATTERS ARISING from previous meeting**

Telephone Boxes

We agreed that each village can take forward the ideas about how the phone boxes can be used

Crossbost – Marion

Grimshader – Bruce and Jo

Achmore – Robbie will assess whether this one could be used as a village noticeboard as it is next to the letterbox as well

Road Surface

Carry over for when Angus is back

Crossbost Post Office

We had reply from PO about options for providing a service for North Lochs. There is no firm plan yet but it is likely we will either be served by the Harris Mobile PO, or we will have a core Post Master who will use the Community Hall to offer PO service. Wait to hear more

Community Council Forum Meeting

Alec attended on 28 March. There were only 3 people in attendance at the meeting, and there will be a constitution provided in the coming weeks. This information was a repeat of the meeting which Robbie and Sarah attended at the end of February. One additional point which Alec noted that the costs for running the Forum will come out of the Community Councils Budget

At 7.30 on the same evening there was a meeting about the Transport Forum for Lewis and Harris. This Forum will consider all forms of transport (roads, ferries, planes, buses)

Finlay Macrae from Calmac was in attendance. In 2019 all the transport contract for Lewis and Harris are up for review. The council has made clear there need to be cuts of 25% in the budget to support these services

Logan Air Fare Structure

Carry over for when Angus is back – he has information to share following a meeting with Loganair at the end of February

Salt bins

Need to check if they have been refilled (Churches, Grimshader Brae, and the Hall was asking for a slat bin)

4. **AOCB**

Correspondence:

- Life Boats letter about local Area Water Safety groups – forward to the Pier Committee (Sarah)
- SSE Resilient Communities Fund – we passed this to Community Association and Bruce to remind them the deadline is approaching if they want to apply
- Zurich, Calmac Community Board and letter about Stornoway Deep Water Port shared and noted

Donald raised the issue of the speed of cars passing the new housing development on the Achmore Road near Cameron Terrace. It is expected that a change in the speed limit here will be part of the planning permission and will be take care of by the council

Money given:

- Sgoil nan Loch Inverness Trip - £200
- Community Association Fireworks from last year - £150
- Clerk payment £250

Next Meeting:

Proposed: Weds 30 May 2018, 7pm, Sgoil nan Loch

CHAIRMAN:..... DATE: