



North Uist Community Council

Comhairle Coimhearsnachd Uibhist a Tuath

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NORTH UIST COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD IN TAIGH SGIRE SHOLAIS ON MONDAY 20 AUGUST AT 7.30PM

Present: Flora MacDonald – Vice Chair
Cllr Uisdean Robertson – Secretary
John MacDonald – Treasurer
Donald A MacLennan
Terry Wakeling
Joan Ferguson
Jessie Morrison
Donald E Morrison
Ragnall Maclain
Sarah MacDonald
Cllr Iain M MacLeod

Public: Cllr Iain A MacNeil

Apologies: Sheena Stewart, Chair
Cllr Roddy MacKay
Effie Rodger

1.0 **Adoption of Minute:**

Proposed: John MacDonald
Seconded: Donald A MacLennan

2.0 **Statement of Account:**

The audited accounts have just come back from the Finance Department, Stornoway. Account sits at £9200 and War Memorial account is at £2000. Treasurer will order wreath for the war memorial service and get quotes to get the grass cut. A decision needs to be taken as to how the £1000 fund from the Comhairle will be spent. Benches have now been delivered.

3.0 **Matters Arising from the Minute:**

3.1 **Disability Access Panel:**

The parking at Creagorry Co-op remains a concern. A majority of users do not park appropriately and the disabled parking areas are not respected as they should. Cllr MacLeod will check out the legislation and see if we can bring some pressure to bear on

those acting without due consideration. It was felt that an article in Am Paipear would be useful. "Name and shame" maybe useful.

3.2 Communities Board:

Gail Robertson, Chair of Benbecula Community Council has been appointed Uist representative on the board.

3.3 Langass Wood:

The Chair will discuss with Andrew Ross.

3.4 Deer:

A meeting was to be held in Lochmaddy but there was uncertainty as to what was going to be discussed. It was agreed to invite Christine, Factor of North Uist Estate to the next meeting of the Community Council. It was also agreed to invite David Muir who chairs the Tick and Lyme group.

3.5 Ahmore:

The Secretary has spoken to the Comhairle about the green plastic on site and asked for it to be removed.

3.6 Kilmuir Cemetery:

It appears the signs have been removed. There needs to be more robust signage put in place. Comhairle to be made aware of the problem.

3.7 Comann na Mara:

The AGM is to be held next Monday at 7.30 in Lochmaddy Hall.

3.8 Lochmaddy Market Stance:

It is still the intention to surface this area towards the end of August.

3.9 Kersavagh:

Flooding in this area remains a concern. Cllr MacKay is on the Board of HHP and we will ask him to raise the issue at the next meeting.

3.10 Lochmaddy Harbour:

Harbourmaster to be contacted reference grass cutting at the public seating area.

- 3.11 Kallin:**
- Further information needed on the dismantling and removal of ice plant.
- 3.12 Bins:**
- It was noted that there were public bins at the Calmac area in Lochmaddy and that signage needed to be put in place. It was noted that public convenience funding would probably come under pressure in the Comhairle service redesign process. However, the Comhairle had made an application to the new tourism fund which included provision for bins and disposal of camper van waste etc. In relation to camper vans it was pointed out that there was an outside tap at Sollas Co-op.
- 3.13 Meetings:**
- Joan Ferguson has said she is happy to publish information about our meetings.
- 3.14 Fibre:**
- Donnie Morrison is due to give a presentation at the Uist Economic Task Force in September. This should give us an up to date picture of where plans are currently.
- 3.15 Sgoil Uibhist a Tuath:**
- Sarah to check if the goal posts have been renewed.
- 4.0 Police Report:**
- No police present.
- 5.0 Councillors Report:**
- As the Comhairle had been on a break there was no update apart from what is included in the matters arising.
- 6.0 Matters Raised by Members of the Public:**
- 6.1 Road Surfacing:**
- A request was made as to what tonnage was being done this calendar year in North Uist.
- 6.2 Dunrossil Place:**
- We had received a complaint from a tenant that they had been

told to cut back bushes in the garden. This was going to cost the tenant £100. Cllr MacKay to check with HHP.

6.3 Kilmuir Old Cemetery:

There appears to be a significant rabbit problem in this cemetery. There is also a need to do some work on the wall.

6.4 Tick Twisters:

There was a discussion as to how effective some of them were. Concern was expressed as they were not as easily available as they should have been bearing in mind some ward funding had been used to support purchase.

6.5 Dunsellar Cemetery:

A request had come in from a member of the public asking if something could be done to improve the current grass cutting regime. This is not a Comhairle owned cemetery and Raghnaill will check with the current committee to find out what their plans are in relation to looking after the cemetery.

6.6 Community Council Constitution:

A request was made by one of the members to circulate a copy of the constitution.

7.0 Correspondence Received:

7.1 Ward Funding:

It was agreed to award £600 to Sgoil Uibhist a Tuath after school gardening club. It was also agreed to award Lochmaddy Village hall £600 toward bonfire night.

8.0 Date of next meeting: The next meeting will be on Monday 1 October in Hosta Hall at 7.30pm.