



North Uist Community Council

Comhairle Coimhearsnachd Uibhist a Tuath

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NORTH UIST COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD IN LOCHMADDY HALL ON MONDAY 25 MARCH 2019 AT 7.30PM

Present: Sheena Stewart – Chair
Flora MacDonald – Vice Chair
Cllr Uisdean Robertson – Secretary
John MacDonald – Treasurer
Cllr Iain M MacLeod
Effie Rodger
Donald Angie MacLennan
Joan Ferguson
Terry Wakeling
Donald Ewen Morrison
Sarah MacDonald

Apologies: Jessie Morrison
Ragnall Maclain
Cllr Roddy MacKay – Berneray CC

Public: PC Gavin McDevitt
Donald N MacDonald
Rae Mac Ritchie

1.0 Adoption of Minute:

Proposed: Donald A MacLennan
Seconded: Effie Rodger

2.0 Statement of Account:

No change since last month. End of year accounts currently being readied before getting sent to Stornoway.

3.0 Matters Arising from the Minute:

3.1 Clachan Bottle Bank:

The Bottle Bank has now been moved to area suggested beyond the War Memorial on the Clachan Lochmaddy Road.

3.2 MOWI:

The Vice Chair and Secretary along with residents from Loch Portain had met with MOWI. The meeting had been constructive. The major stumbling block at the moment is ownership of the slip. The Harbourmaster will deal with the Estate to resolve this.

3.3 Registered Social Landlord:

No progress to date. Keep a watching brief.

3.4 Spanish Bridge:

Work ongoing to deal with project.

3.5 Sgoil Uibhist a Tuath:

Lights still on at night. Secretary to speak to Department again to see if this issue can be resolved.

3.6 Deer:

A significant problem still exists in the area running from Tigharry to Clachan.

3.7 Outdoor Adventure Playground:

Funding currently being sought to move this project forward.

3.8 Spaceport:

No further update but a reminder given that a promise had been made to hold a series of Public Meetings.

4.0 Police Report:

8 calls for North Uist Section
3 concern for person
2 road traffic related
1 animal related
1 drug related
1 alarm call.

2 crimes recorded
1 relating to a breach of dog control notice (person charged)
1 relating to drugs in the post (enquiry ongoing)

The new Sergeant has arrived.

Dog Control – If livestock are being bothered please phone police. Useful if posters highlighting issue were placed on the ferry (Check with OHT). People should shut gates behind them if they find them shut. Concern expressed on the need to use passing places appropriately to allow traffic to flow. People not cleaning up dog mess also highlighted as a problem.

5.0 Councillors Report:

5.1 Dentistry: A meeting of the Integrated Joint board was due on Thursday and dentistry on Agenda. Hopefully a decision on what was to happen would be arrived at.

5.2 Community Conversations: Meeting in Carnish School. Feedback on previous discussion between 6 and 7pm. Discussion with Community Groups who may be interested in taking on some services between 7:00pm and 8:30pm.

5.3 HIAL: Strike due on the 26 April. From the 1st April ATC staff would be working to 'work to rule'.

5.4 Broadband: The services was being rolled out gradually. Still certain problem's with addresses and post codes which were causing delays with people getting the service.

5.5 EE: A number of masts still not operational but hopefully would be so by the end of April.

5.6 Library Van: Awaiting tender returns.

6.0 Matters raised by members of the public:

6.1 Defibrillator:

A number of issues to be followed up

- a) Signage indicating where defibrillators are sited
- b) Refresher training
- c) Check shelf life
- d) Checklist

MOWI awaiting contact regarding siting of defibrillator at Loch Portain.

6.2 Creagorry Coop Parking: Cllr Macleod keeps monitoring the site and has spoken to manageress a number of times. Police have said they will keep an eye on parking as well.

6.3 Kilmuir Cemetery: Secretary was shown photos of rabbit damage which will be sent to the relevant officers in Stornoway. Still no progress with signage.

6.4 Flag: The communities of North Uist, Benbecula and Eriskay are proceeding with creating an official Flag for each area. The process is being led by Uist Association of Community Councils who are working with Philip Tibbetts, Community Vexillologist from the Office of the Lord Lyon. All three participating areas have to lodge a Petition to the Court of the Lord Lyon to progress the application for design and decide on a final flag for each community. The petition requires to be submitted by a constitutionally elected body, preferably a Community Council. Members agreed that NUCC will be the applicant for the North Uist Flag. They also agreed to pay the initial lodging fee of £350. The remaining £600 Flag registration cost will be funded by Council Ward Funding.

6.5 Kallin Ice Plant: A broker has engaged with the Comhairle regarding having the Ice Plant purchased and removed. This has not been firmed up yet and the removal will have to conform to CDM regulations.

6.6 Kallin Harbour Bins: A problem has arisen with the Public Bins. They are being used by Private Companies who should have their own bins. The bin provisions should be appropriate for their requirements.

7.0 Correspondence Received:

7.1 Nursery Transport – North Uist: A problem has arisen in regard to a child attending nursery although a placement is available. This has arisen because Tagasa have withdrawn the service they provided. Using a taxi is proving too expensive for the parent. Secretary to discuss with Education Department.

7.2 Ward Funding: It was agreed to award north Uist Amateur Athletics Club £900.00.

7.3 Island Plan: Consultations on the Island Plan are to be held over the June/July period.

8.0 Date of next meeting: The next meeting will be on Monday 22th April 2019 at Taigh Sgìre Sholais.