

MEETING OF KINLOCH COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, 12 DECEMBER 2017 AT 8.00PM IN BALALLAN OLD SCHOOL.

PRESENT: Ken Roddy Mackay Donald Maclennan
 Sandra Macdonald Cllr Angus Morrison

Members of public in attendance.

Meeting was chaired by Ken Roddy Mackay.

The Chair wished to record condolences to the Maciver family on the passing of Finlay Maciver who was instrumental in the development of many areas of community and crofting life.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
Apologies received from Iain Maciver, Peter Maclennan and Colin Brand.
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
The Minute of 10 October 2017 was approved, proposed by Donald, seconded by Ken Roddy.
3. **MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES**
 - (a) **Laxay Old Cemetery - Grass cutting**
Payment to be made to Lochs Show for grass cutting.
 - (b) **Fly tipping** - No update at present.
 - (c) **Road Safety-** Angus reported that he had had a meeting with North Lochs Community Council, Gordon Jamieson, Chair or NHS Western Isles and police representative. All acknowledge that there are problems with parking at the Langabhat Medical Practice, Luerbost. Plans are in place for a 12 – 15 car parking spaces but at present no funds available in capital programme. Regarding slippery road conditions reported on road between Keose road end, heading to Stornoway, the results of the road surface samples are not available to date.
4. **CORRESPONDENCE**
 - (a) **HHP** - Email received from John Maciver, HHP seeking views from the Community Council on potential new housing in the Kinloch area, primarily social rented housing. After discussion agreed that it is likely that the criteria almost rule out all the villages in Kinloch but that it may be beneficial to contact the local Grazing's Committees regarding this.
 - (b) **Rural Lewis Locality Planning Group** – Newsletter circulated.
 - (c) **Lochs Christmas Party** – Media message received from Mairi Mackenzie, Soval, requesting funding for Christmas party to be held on 22 December. Agreed to contribute £200.
5. **A.O.C.B.**
 - (a) **Laxay New Cemetery** – Angus informed the meeting that the new cemetery has received go ahead, 100 lairs initially, to be phased to accommodate approximately 570 lairs, with a five-year settlement period.

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- (b) **First Responders** – Rhona Johnstone, Balallan, wished to bring up the matter of recruiting volunteers from the Kinloch area to enable a First Responders group to be set up locally. After discussion it was agreed that the Community Council would be willing to convene an initial meeting to gauge interest. Rhona told the meeting that the ambulance service would provide the training, which would be undertaken over four days, thereafter an evening a month. It was agreed that it may be useful to liaise with Kinloch Historical Society, Lochs Show Committee and Sgoil Nan Loch. Agreed to discuss this again at the next meeting.
- (b) **CNES Budgets** – Angus informed meeting that CNES draft corporate strategy is now out to public consultation for a five-week period. Views and comments are sought from the public with a deadline of 15 November.

6. **Date of Next Meeting**

Date of next meeting will be on Tuesday 13 February 2018 at 8pm in Balallan Old school.