

North Lochs Community Council

Minutes of Meeting

2nd December 2020 @ 7.30pm, Virtually over Zoom

Present

Angus Morrison – Councillor
Robbie Mackenzie – Chairperson
Maggie Smith – Vice Chairperson
Sarah McIver – Treasurer
Coleen Macleod – Secretary
Iain Macaskill
Sarah Macdonald
Annabel Maclean
Bruce Mackenzie

Apologies

N/A

1. Chairperson's Opening

Robbie Mackenzie (Chairperson) welcomed everyone to the meeting. Robbie Mackenzie also welcomed and introduced Coleen Macleod as the new secretary.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

To be agreed at next meeting.

3. Achmore Stone Circle Bench

Donna still to get back to Robbie Mackenzie and Annabel Mackay about Achmore Stone Circle Bench. £350 estimated to go towards the bench.

4. Angus Morrison - Comhairle Nan Eilean Siar Update

Crown Estate Fund –

- Ongoing fund for development of areas and a strict criterion is in place to apply for this fund. There is £23,333 allocation for North Lochs area to be applied for. Deadline was on Monday 30th November 2020 (for larger projects) but no applications were put through from North Lochs. Consequently, all money due to North Lochs will not be banked until next year.
- Looking into a whole Lochs Community Partnership but at the moment NLCC to act as a Community Hub.

- Angus Morrison to provide secretary with Janet Macleod (CID) email address to invite to next meeting. Janet Macleod will be able to help with funding application forms.
- Outer Hebrides Economy Fund – Help to build and grow Outer Hebrides economy. Partnership board to be set up for the whole Lochs area with money that came out of Crown Estate Fund in year one, money towards development officer post to serve Kinloch and North Lochs initially.

Transformational Changes –

- Bernard Chisolm retired of the Director of Education. Robert Emmott Director of Finance and Assets leaving Mid-February for new job at Dundee Council.
- Challenges of funding cuts in CNES to find £6.8 million of saving in next two years.
- Executive Head Teachers in schools – upcoming changes.

5. NLCA Business

- Belle Anne Scott to send relevant emails to Coleen Macleod, secretary. Angus Morrison to check if new secretary has been added to the system to be sent emails.

6. Iain Macaskill - North Lochs Community Centre/Hall

- Crown Estate Money for café area - going ahead over the next few months.
- Conservatory to be refurbished through insurance, Lewis Builders waiting for materials before they start – may start in the New Year.
- *Covid-19 Projects* – prescriptions, foodbank, shopping deliveries etc. It is only the Food Bank that is still available now and ongoing at the and is still well used (advertisement continues).
- Halloween competition was organised for children in the area.
- *Give a Gift Project* - 60 households/individuals nominated to receive gift over Christmas. Something similar to be organised for school pupils too.

7. Zoom Account Discussion

- Community Association have a zoom account available to all in the area. Iain Macaskill to send secretary link for this.

8. Co-opt Member

- Sarah McIver announced that Coleen Macleod, new secretary is a co-opted member. Proposed by Robbie Mackenzie and seconded by Sarah Macdonald. Secretary to be paid by cheque. (£250 a year). To be organised by Robbie Mackenzie and Sarah MacIver.

9. AOB

- NLCC have been chosen to benefit as a Co-op Local Community Fund. NLCC are raising funds to provide a warm, welcoming café and meeting area for all in the community. £80.57 raised so far. Runs from £6,000 to £7,000 a year. Sarah McIver will work on putting a piece together about it for the Lochs News.

Next meeting to be held on the 13th January 2020.

Chairperson Signature: _____ **Date:** _____