

# **North Lochs Community Council**

## Minutes of Meeting

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2021 @ 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 Mackay  
Bruce Mackenzie  
Janet Macleod – Community Development Officer

### **Apologies**

N/A

#### 1. Chairperson's Welcome

- Robbie Mackenzie (chairperson) welcomes everyone to the meeting. Robbie Mackenzie also welcomed and introduced Janet Macleod Community Development Officer.

#### 2. Minutes of the last meeting.

- The minutes from the previous two meetings were approved by Bruce Mackenzie and seconded by Sarah McIver. Robbie Mackenzie to sign the minutes.

#### 3. Matters arose from previous meeting.

- Update on Achmore Stone Circle Bench – Annabel Mackay phoned and spoke to Kenny and he is still to build a bench. (Original idea was to purchase and donate the bench for them to fit in place, may need to be done if wait is too long). However, Maggie Smith is going to get in touch with Kenny to move things forward for one to be built. NLCC will pay for it once it is made (£350 fenced off for this).

#### 4. Janet Macleod – Community Development Officer

- Janet Macleod – Community Development Officer for North Lochs and Kinloch for community learning and development and is based in Sgoil Nan Loch. Janet's role is to support schools and community groups in the area. Willing to help with funding

applications and pass on any training opportunities to community groups. Janet attends community conversation/consultation meetings with Angus Morrison.

- Comunn na Gaidhlig (CnaG) – Looking for a gaelic development worker in the Lochs area to benefit the area. Hoping for uptake to work alongside the community groups, schools, community development officer and help with those in isolation. Deadline for applications is 22<sup>nd</sup> of January 2021.

5. Angus Morrison – Comhairle Nan Eilean Siar Update

- Budgets/Cuts - A lot going on with budgets at the moment with the challenge of cuts to be made in the next two years. This may impact the community councils in relation to the challenge fund. Could be reduced or be taken away.
- Crown Estate Fund – NLCC did not apply in 2020, therefore money kept for next year's round.
- Association of Community Councils Meeting – Robbie Mackenzie and Iain Macaskil will be attending this meeting. Date is still to be decided by CNES.

6. NLCA Business

- Community Recovery Fund – Iain Macaskill made an application to this in December 2020 and NLCA have been awarded £4,000 as an association for getting the hall back up and running.
- North Lochs Community Association Zoom Account to be used for the next NLCC meeting. Link to be sent to the secretary (Coleen Macleod) before the next meeting.
- North Lochs Food Bank – still up and running. You can call in at North Lochs Community Centre from 15<sup>th</sup> January at the following times: Tuesdays 11am – 12 noon and Fridays 1pm – 2pm. There are currently plenty of volunteers for this.

7. AOB

- NLCC Email Account – Coleen Macleod is going to set up an email account before the next meeting.
- Speed of vehicles in North Lochs area – numerous complaints, mostly between 4-8pm. Angus Morrison is going to bring this forward to CNES/police. Possibility of awareness leaflet/write up to go into the Lochs News regarding this.

Next meeting to be held on the 24<sup>th</sup> February 2021.

Chairperson Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_