

Pairc Community Council Meeting

Thursday 28th January 2021 Virtually via MS Teams

Present: Morris Black (Chair)
Karis Beattie (Secretary)
Louise Nicolson (Treasurer)
Raymond Hughes
David Skene
Councillor John Mitchell
Councillor Grant Fulton
Angus McDowall (joined at item 2)

Apologies: Doro Reider, Anna Macleod, Councillor Paul Finnegan

Attending: Fiona Stokes

1. Confirm Minutes of previous meeting

Two sets of minutes were available for approval. The minutes from 26th November were proposed as accurate by Karis and seconded by Raymond. The minutes from 2nd December were proposed by Karis and seconded by Morris.

2. Crown Estates Update

Amount awarded: Karis outlined the situation with the funding received in round 2. Due to the clawback of funding by CNES of every area's allocation, the PCC application was only awarded £7,640. The councillors were asked to comment on how groups could deal with this effect to their funding. John suggested some areas had used the reduced funding as match funding and were applying elsewhere for the remainder, or just carrying out part of a project with what was awarded. He also suggested putting the case in writing to CNES Finance Manager Robert Emmott.

Next steps: The working group will meet to discuss community consultation on the project and an approach. The date for Round 3 is not yet known. John & Grant reminded the group of the Economic Recovery Fund - £810,000 being ring-fenced for Islands Deal projects, but with some money also available to community groups.

3. MCWFT small grant

Review applications: Only 1 application had been received from Orinsay Village Association, but was withdrawn during the meeting as funding had been awarded by Western Isles Development Trust.

Re-advertise – The full allocation of £5,000 must be spent by the end of March, or further allocations will be reduced.

It was agreed that: PCC is to chase receipts from all who contributed to the Xmas Santa on Tour, as it was agreed the MCWFT funding be used for this community event. Karis to approach community groups directly to prompt further applications.

4. Community Council Association

Karis attended a meeting about setting up a constituted Community Council Association for Lewis. 8 CCs are interested in joining so far, to benefit from a larger voice and the chance to network.

It was agreed that: Pairc Community Council is to join the Association. 2 committee members will attend on a rolling basis, to spread the duty.

5. Resource Centre PCC representative

Fiona outlined the position with the building. Pairc Trust has now taken ownership and the arrangement between the 3 groups who regularly use the building will need to be formalised. The running costs were borne by the Council until now, but will need to be shared by all Building users going forward.

It was agreed that: Ray will attend the Building User Group meetings on behalf of PCC.

6. Keyholders - Taigh Ceilidh & Skip

Confirmed from this evening to be: Skip - Iain Nicolson & Raymond Hughes. Taigh Ceilidh – Raymond Hughes and Mags Macintosh.

It was agreed that: A notice will be put out that the skip can be opened outside of the Saturday opening hours in a special circumstance or other emergency.

7. Habost Postbox

Karis has been in contact with the Collections Planning Manager in Stornoway who will visit the post-box to see if it can be relocated.

8. Gravir Toum Road Grit concerns

Residents have become increasingly concerned about the dangerous conditions they face in icy weather. Karis has spoken to the CNES roads department who will be doing a revue of gritting schedules for next winter. In the meantime Karis will send an email to Grant who agrees to bring up the issue in his planned meeting with CNES. Karis is keeping in contact with the residents to let them know any outcomes that can be addressed this season.

9. AOCB

Louise asked whether the minutes were being published publicly. They are sent to CNES as a statutory obligation but at present that is all.

It was agreed that: The minutes will be put on Facebook and a paper copy the Ravenspoint noticeboard to ensure transparency.

10. **Date of next meeting:** Thursday 25th February 2021 at 7pm. Meetings will be held on the last Thursday of every month