

North Lochs Community Council

Minutes of Meeting

Wednesday 7th April 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

Agenda

1. Chairperson's welcome.

- Robbie Mackenzie (Chairperson) welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Minutes of the last meeting.

- Iain Macaskill proposed minutes from last meeting. Maggie Smith seconded.

3. Matters from previous meeting.

Give way/slow signs in Leurbost progress (two areas)

- Signs will be going up – Angus Morrison brought this forward to CNES and go ahead was given. Possibility of proposing road widening in future to CNES.

4. Update from Angus Morrison – CNES

Three weekly bin collections going ahead

- Starting soon. To be communicated to community later on this month. Identified as a saving to CNES.

Winter Maintenance

- agreed to extend by another 2 years by current provider and going to be reviewed again in future.

Opening up the island

- debate regarding travel restrictions island/to mainland – under review.

New Speed Limit

- Parts of Stornoway town area. Ruled out later on this year.
- *Island Deal* – Angus Morrison to email Coleen Macleod information regarding Island Deal to forward to all members of NLCC.
- *Funds Announced from Westminster* – Keep a look out for projects through development etc.

5. NLCA Business

Old Folks Dinner Delivery

- This Saturday. Around 160 meals pre-ordered to be delivered in community.

Eater Raffle – run online for funds.

NLCA Hall Renovations

- Lewis Builders put scaffolding up for fixing the roof in conservatory. Progress to me made within the next week. Cleaning to be done to get ready to open up, hopefully over summer. Changes to be made as an association soon.

Swing Park Funding

- Iain Macaskill in discussion with Janet Macleod and Angus Morrison. CNES will insure it. Money is capital so does not need to be spent this financial year.

6. AOB and Correspondence.

Crossbost Free Church Planning Application - Fronted by NLCC.

- *(Costal protection work – they need to tip rock against the shoreside boundary wall to prevent further erosion. One of the elders contacted the Council Planning Department. Planning application required). £4.5k funded by Crown Estate Fund.*

Crown Estate Fund

- Meeting to be held with all community groups. Iain Macaskill to organise. Plans to be put in place for where money to be allocated (£21-22k left for North Lochs area for year 2, unsure of year 3 at the moment).

Lewis Association of Community Councils

- Next meeting to be held Tuesday 13th April 2021.

New Third Sector Officer

- *Laura Macleod.*

Development Worker for area update

- Difficultly arising in who is going to employ the individual. CNES cannot fund it. Money will go back to projects (£30k) (split between North Lochs and Kinloch) if cannot be spent on development worker. Angus Morrison in discussion with CNES to see if there is a way, they can do it through them.

Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks (SSEN) Resilient Communities Fund

- Would be good terms of power cuts – Emergency lighting for the elderly in their homes, plug in phones etc. Isla Macarthur from Grimishader offered help for completing application. Third Sector Hebrides is leading on this fund.

Highlands and Islands Transport Partnership (Hi-Trans), Transport Fund

- Sarah McIver is going to forward on the link to all community members. May be for bigger projects but worth investigating.

Landfill Fund

- Has been looked into by NLCC but at funding maximum the moment.

Minibus

- Invoice for minibus tyres and service paid.

Minibus Funding

- In progress.

NLCC Insurance

- Coleen Macleod to email Zurich regarding insurance documents to be sent to Belle Anne. Attachments needed. Sarah McIver to email Angus Morrison regarding insurance.

Outer Hebrides Tourism

- Looking to make links with community councils. Email circulated to all community members.

Next meeting to be held on the 19th May 2021.

Chairperson Signature: _____ Date: _____