

Pairc Community Council Meeting

Thursday 29th April 2021, 7pm - Virtually via MS Teams

Present: Morris Black (Chair)
Lyndsay Montgomery (Vice Chair)
Karis Beattie (Secretary)
Louise Nicolson (Treasurer)
Anna Macleod
David Skene
Doro Reider,
Margaret Mackin
Councillor John Mitchell

Apologies: Councillor Paul Finnegan
Attending: Fiona Stokes

1. Welcome & Apologies

This meeting followed on from the 2020-21 AGM, where Morris had welcomed everyone as chair. See separate minutes for details.

2. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes from the committee meeting on 25th March were proposed as accurate by Lyndsay and seconded by Karis.

3. Matters

a. Sgoil na Pairc letter

A draft letter to William Macdonald, Director of Education, Skills and Children's Services had been circulated the group. It expressed concern over plans by the previous director to consider closure of the school should pupil numbers continue to decline. Karis took advice from the group on the content.

It was agreed that: The letter should be sent to the Director and councillors should be cc'd in.

b. MCWFT 2020/21 cheques and next tranche process

Recipients of the 2020/21 grant have been issued cheques and details of projects will be returned to MCWFT, to trigger release of the next years funding.

It was agreed that: The allocation process for the 21/22 round will be decided at the next meeting.

c. Annual Grant CnES accounts audit

The accounts are ready to go to CNES for auditing and once agreed, will trigger payment of the next year's admin grant.

d. Taigh Ceilidh draft community consultation

Karis will circulate a draft of the consultation over use of the Taigh Celidh to the committee, for discussion at the next meeting.

e. Pursuit Hebrides Roadshow

No further information has been received from the organiser, but Lyndsay has agreed use of the resource centre facilities with Pairc Trust and the nearby field with its tenant, in preparation.

f. LACC housing meeting

Karis had emailed the group prior to the meeting, with information on the Lewis Association of Community Councils meeting on 13th April, which focused on housing in rural areas, in particular Bernera and Pairc. She reported that it was a positive meeting, with some strong views on the matter presented to Hebridean Housing Partnership and Tighean Innse Gall, though no rep from the Comhairle was available. PCC is able to feed into the Housing Planning process through 3 steps - 1. Engage with villages and Grazings Committees to identify potential sites for housing 2. Arrange a meeting with HHP/Comhairle reps to put across PCCs vision for housing in the district 3. Site visits/district walk-around with relevant persons (HHP, CNES) to look at feasibility of identified sites

4. AOCB

There was no other business put forward for discussion.

5. Date of next meeting: Thursday 27th May 2021 at 7pm, via MS Teams, though Morris commented that he hoped the committee would be able to meet in person soon with appropriate social distancing.