

## Pairc Community Council Meeting

Thursday 24th June 2021, 7pm - Virtually via MS Teams

**Present:** Karis Beattie (Secretary)  
Louise Nicolson (Treasurer)  
Anna Macleod  
Margaret Mackin  
David Skene  
Doro Reider  
Anna Macleod  
Councillor John Mitchell

**Apologies:** Morris Black (Chair)  
Lyndsay Montgomery (Vice Chair)  
Councillor Grant Fulton

**Attending:** Fiona Stokes  
Iain Nicolson (joined at item 7)

### 1. Welcome & Apologies

Karis welcomed everyone and adopted the chair role in Morris and Lyndsay's absence. The apologies were noted.

### 2. Minutes of previous meeting

An amendment was made to 9. Defibrillator upkeep - Louise had not agreed to check each machine, but had asked where each machine was located. This sentence was removed from the draft and the minutes from the meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> May were then proposed as accurate by Louise and seconded by Anna.

#### 3. a. Sgoil na Pairc meeting

The group discussed whether it would be possible to meet with the new Director of Education in person and decided to hold off arranging anything until after the schools return in August.

#### 3. b. MCWFT 2021/22 funds

The details of how previous funding had been spent, was returned to MCWFT some months ago and had been chased this week.

**It was agreed that: The process for allocating future funds will be decided once the full committee is present to decide.**

#### 3. c. Pursuit Hebrides Roadshow

Pursuit Hebrides have reported they will not be able to offer an activity day in South Lochs as one is being held in North Lochs. It is not easy for South Lochs children to travel to Leurbost, but Lyndsay is investigating whether transport can be laid on, or a separate day could be arranged by PCC. John reported on a brand new Summer Activities fund announced by the Western Isles Development Trust which could fund a Pairc based event.

**It was agreed that: PCC will look into running its own event and make an application to WIDT.**

#### 3. d. Playpark

Work is required to bring the playpark up to a safe standard. The group discussed whether the WIDT fund would also be suitable for the required works.

**It was agreed that: An application will be made to the WIDT Summer Activities fund.**

#### 3. e. Resource Centre

Morris & Lyndsay met with the Pairc Trust on 17<sup>th</sup> June to discuss the community gym, which is located in the Resource Centre. As the building is now community owned, PT are looking for all regular users to contribute to the running costs. A grant from Crown Estates money has been used to cover all bills for the first year. PCC said at the meeting that they would like to see a further collaborative grant made to MCWFT, submitted by PT on behalf of all 3 groups using the building.

#### **4. Pairc Trust Youth Enablement fund - spread awareness**

Pairc Trust have launched an annual grant for £500 for anyone aged 16-30 with an idea they would like to develop. The deadline to apply is Friday July 30<sup>th</sup>.

#### **5. Crown Estates Handyperson role filled**

The Community Assets Handyperson has been appointed with funding from the Crown Estates for the next year. Neil Oldridge from Lemreway will carry out routine jobs on any community building/facility.

**It was agreed that: PCC will compile a list of jobs at the Playpark or Taigh Celidh that need doing.**

#### **6. Annual grant from CNES**

The annual grant has not been received yet.

**It was agreed that: Louise should check with Ravenspoint that they payment hasn't gone into their bank account again – PCC had been using it temporarily while PCCs own account was set up.**

#### **7. Rural Lewis Locality Planning Group**

David reported on feedback received from Pairc Trust, who attended the meeting. The current strategic plan was discussed which aims to focus on the principle of 'Home is Best'. It recognises that having strong communities is key to helping people to lead independent, healthy and fulfilling lives. The LPG will engage with community councils and community groups via this forum so any important health & social care issues in Pairc should be forwarded to them.

#### **10. AOCB**

Raymond Hughes would like to resign from his position on the committee. He has returned the keys for the Taigh Celidh and Skip.

**It was agreed that: Margaret will now be a second key holder for the Taigh Celidh and Skip.**

Raymond's resignation has freed up a space on the committee if Iain Nicolson would like to attend in a more formal capacity. This will be raised at the next meeting.

John reported that the next round of Crown Estates funding is due to be announced mid July, but may be delayed until a new finance director is in place. He advised PCC to get applications ready in advance.

Ward funding is also available by emailing any of the councillors - Gravr cemetery committee have just benefited from funding, as Gravr cemetery is owned and managed by the community, not CNES.

**It was agreed that: An application would be made to ward funds for the playpark work. David is to send round a list of available funding pots.**

The councillors have been lobbying MSP Alasdair Allan about the ferries crisis.

There has been no action on the Habost post box issue. Royal mail have been chased about moving it to the side of Habost Hall to avoid the water logged ground. While they confirm the enquiry has been received they advise if PCC hear nothing back, it will have been decided that it cannot be moved. This was felt to be an uncertain position, but it was the only response they could offer Karis.

It was reported that other community councils are meeting in person, though socially distanced. It will be raised at the next meeting whether to meet alternatively in person/online.

#### **11. Date of next meeting - Thursday 26th August 7pm. (Traditionally no meetings are held in July.)**