

Pairc Community Council Meeting

Thursday 26th August 2021, 7pm – Orinsay Village Hall

Present: Morris Black (Chair)
Karis Beattie (Secretary)
Louise Nicolson (Treasurer)

Apologies: Lyndsay Montgomery (Vice Chair)
Anna Macleod
Doro Reider
David Skene
Margaret Mackin
Councillor Grant Fulton
Councillor Paul Finnegan
Councillor John Mitchell

Attending: Fiona Stokes
Iain Nicolson
John Maywaters
Julie Nicolson
Donald Nicolson

1. Welcome & Apologies

Morris welcomed everyone as chair and thanked Iain and Louise for setting out the hall to enable members of the public to attend. The apologies were noted.

2. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes from the 24th June 2021 were proposed as accurate by Louise and seconded by Karis.

3. Matters Arising

Defibrillator upkeep - Louise gave an update on the position with the defibrillators. Julie Nicolson reported that the Lemreway machine is beeping. Louise confirmed Angus Morrison of Lucky2BeHere advises that the machines will still work ok, even with this low battery warning. (Julie is in the process of moving it to the phone-box in the village for better access.) New batteries are required for: Lemreway, Cromore and Ravenspoint as the batteries are just out of date (Orinsay battery was replaced, under warranty, 6 months ago). New pads are required for Lemreway, Orinsay, Cromore and Ravenspoint. (Agreement to replace these from funds held by PCC was made after the meeting by email.)

AOCB – Iain confirmed that he would step onto the committee and joined this evening as a co-opted member. Proposed by Karis, seconded by Morris.

4. WIDT Funding – Pairc Community Event

£800 has been received from the WIDT Summer Activities Fund, but the event has had to be postponed due to a rising number of Covid cases in the area. When safe, it will be jointly hosted by PCC and Pairc Free Church.

5. Sgoil na Pairc update

PCC had received a call from MSP Angus MacNeil asking how the issue was progressing. Karis had relayed that no response had been received from the Education department. A few days later the Education department rang to arrange a meeting for 21st September at 7.30pm.

It was agreed that: Karis will propose the meeting is held in the school, as it would be useful for William Macdonald to see the site. 2 reps from PCC and the Parent Council will attend. Karis and Iain will attend for PCC and Karis will contact Lyndsay to arrange the Parent Council reps.

6. Pairc Christmas Fayre

David Simpson is organising the Christmas Fayre at Ravenspoint on 26th and 27th November from 11-4pm. He has asked whether PCC would like to have a table to let people know what the community council has been doing in the last year. Louise will make sure the school knows the dates to organise a table for the children's crafts.

It was agreed that: Karis will post information to publicise the event on the PCC Facebook page.

7. Pairc Assets Handyperson

Neil is available for any jobs that need doing on PCC's assets. He has already been fixing guttering and doing general tasks at other community properties.

It was agreed that: The group will contact him in the next few weeks about what tools he has and what is possible.

8. Skip Concerns

Iain outlined the background to provision of skips for the Pairc area, meaning that a skip is now open every Saturday from 10.30 – 3pm. The limited opening hours have been publicised previously, but people are still leaving waste outside of these hours when the skip is closed up, which is essentially fly-tipping. The group discussed whether it should be moved to a more visible location, such as below the church car park, as a deterrent to fly tipping.

It was agreed that: A sign should be put on the skip itself that advertises the opening hours and rules for use. It will highlight that the service is run by volunteers who give their own time to operate it between these hours and waste must not be left at other times. A notice will also be added to the PCC Facebook page.

9. 4G Coverage Orinsay

Following installation of the new 4G mast in Lemreway coverage has improved but Orinsay has no signal from the cattle grid down through the village to no. 10. i.e 11, 11A, 12, 13 and 14 have no signal.

10. Playpark update

Morris gave an update on the renovations required at the Gravir playpark, which will take place in October. Ward funding has been secured to conduct repairs and the necessary inspection. Insurance is covered under a Council policy but an annual inspection is required to satisfy the insurance.

11. Crown Estates

The Area Forum will meet on Tuesday 31st August to discuss allocations for the next round of Crown Estate funding. The group discussed ongoing plans for use of the Taigh Celidh, Gravir.

It was agreed that: PCC will carry out community consultation on future use of the building, which will include a question on whether to sell the building.

12. MCWFT 2021/22

The group discussed the mechanism for smaller groups in Pairc to access MCWFT funding, via the PCC.

It was agreed that: The issue will be raised at the next PCC meeting.

13. Future Meeting Arrangements

The group discussed how PCC meetings should take place moving forward.

It was agreed that: The time for meetings will be changed to 7.30pm. When venues allow, a mix of face-to-face and online attendance will be available.

14. AOCB

There was no other business.

15. Date of next meeting - Thursday 30th September 7.30pm. Resource Centre, Kershader and via MS Teams