

Minute/Note of Meeting	TITLE	NHCC		
	DATE	9th December 2021	TIME	7.30pm
	VENUE	NH TRUST OFFICES		
	DISTRIBUTION	COMMITTEE MEMBERS, COUNCILLORS, CNES		

Present:	JOHN MACLEOD (JM), AGNES MORRISON(AM) ROBERT MACKINNON (RM) KAREN MACDONALD (KM) CATHERINE MACDONALD (CM), MARGO MACLEOD, (MM) CLLR GRANT FULTON (GF) PC DAVID FRASER (DF)
Apologies:	CLLR FINNEGAN, DIANA MACLENNAN, CLLR MITCHELL, MAIRI MACIVER, JOHN M MORRISON

Item	Summary and Action	Who?	When?
1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES	The minutes of the last meeting were PROPOSED – Robert MacKinnon SECONDED – Margo MacLeod		
2 MATTERS ARISING	The Helipad access road has been completed and paid for		
3 CAL MAC TIMETABLE PROPOSALS	The latest letter regarding this from Alasdair Allan was distributed and discussed. There has really been no change to the suggestions put forward by the company. It was agreed to ask the Harris Transport Forum what they were doing regarding this matter as so far there does not seem to be any public statements from them. AM will contact the chairperson. It was also thought that there should be a public meeting or at least a meeting with the various groups and Cal Mac regarding this. There is to be a consultation regarding the period when the pier will be out of action at the end of the summer , this is on the 16 th December in the CC	AM	

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4 HOUSING	<p>There have been some complaints in the community regarding the allocation of houses recently. AM had already spoken to GF regarding these complaints and he had spoken to John MacIver from HHP. He received a reply saying that the people allocated housing were on the list and they were not prepared to discuss individual cases. It was felt that as the new two bedroom properties were given to people who would normally not have been eligible for more than one bedroom they should have perhaps built larger houses as there seems to be a shortage of them. It was agreed to ask Mr MacIver to attend a meeting with the CC in the New Year.</p> <p>Cllr GF said that it was perhaps time to look at community housing developments instead</p>	AM	
5 HARRIS FORUM	<p>The Harris Forum held their AGM on Monday 8th December by zoom. The Chairperson resigned at this meeting and did not stand for re-election, the vice chair also indicated she would not be looking to stand again. The secretary was not present and therefore they were unsure whether he would be willing to stand again. Unfortunately there was no one present at the meeting who was willing to take on the vacant positions and therefore the members were asked to go back to their groups to seek nominations to take to the next meeting on 10th January, which Margaret MacKenzie had agreed to chair. After a discussion about the running of the forum there was no one on the NHCC who was willing to stand for chair or vice chair and it was suggested that perhaps Calum MacKay (NHT Director) would be a suitable candidate if he were willing.</p>		
6 COUNCILLOR UPDATE	<p>As the only Councillor present GF gave an update.</p> <p>After our last meeting he had contacted M McCritchie (Technical Services) regarding the 'crumbling wall' in Tarbert. The Comhairle are unsure of ownership of that area as there are some areas belonging to CalMac, the Comhairle and a private landowner. AM agreed to contact Michael Hunter at the NHT to see if he could clarify this , and she will report back to GF</p> <p>The water running down from the back of AD Munro's shop was also spoken about again and the Comhairle are now looking for clarification as to where the water actually comes from. It was thought that John M Morrison knew about this and AM will contact him and again get back to GF</p> <p>Regarding housing there is a consultant looking at identifying areas in the Bays for social housing. GF will update the CC at the next meeting.</p> <p>The position of Head Teacher for SES has now been advertised twice and may go out for a third and final time. The present acting head will finish shortly and has not applied for the position as he will be returning to Uist. Unfortunately so far the Comhairle have said that no one who has applied has been suitable. However it seemed that the job specification and the process for creating a short list did not tally.</p>	<p>AM</p> <p>AM</p> <p>AM</p>	

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	<p>Unfortunately if no suitable candidate is found the only solution may be to have an executive head, which the community & councillors fought extremely hard against. After a discussion it was agreed that AM will contact the council stating our concerns.</p> <p>.</p>		
7	<p>POLICE UPDATE</p> <p>Pc Fraser had spoken to Valarie at AD Munros regarding the concerns about the entrance leading out onto the main road. She is aware of the concerns and does her best to warn children to be careful when leaving the shop. The pavement is extremely narrow and if a barrier was put opposite the door it would make it difficult for people with wheelchairs or prams to get past or in and out of the shop.</p> <p>The roundabout is still causing problems. The local paramedics have raised concerns regarding the ferry traffic queuing across it and blocking the road. DF has spoken to technical services about this and Cal Mac has put up signage asking people not to proceed across until asked to do so. There are also problems with people coming from the Hotel Hebrides direction and turning left into the ferry lanes as they are also blocking the oncoming traffic it may be necessary to have a no left turn sign there. However one of the major issues is that locals are not using the roundabout correctly and are cutting across it instead of going round it. It is extremely important that it is used properly so there are no accidents.</p> <p>Ardhasaig filling station – DF has spoken to Donalda MacLean regarding this and she is aware of the problems. They are now the only filling station in N Harris and therefore extremely busy. DF has discussed this with Dondy and will look at some recommendations to try and ease the situation.</p> <p>DF is still working in Stornoway most of the time and he has spoken to his boss to ask for more time in Harris. Our Cllrs are also in touch with the police asking for more presence in Harris.</p>		

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8 FUNDING APPLICATION	Harris Football Club has sent a letter asking if there is any help available for them. They are still not able to use the school sports hall for training and are having to pay for the local community centre. It was agreed to give the £1000 to help with their costs	AM	
9 AOCB	As there was no other business it was decided to have the next meeting on MONDAY 17TH JANUARY 2022 @ 7PM		