

# North Uist Community Council



## Comharle Coimhearsnachd Uibhist a Tuath

### NUCC minutes

Meeting held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2022 at 7.30pm at Hosta Hall

#### Present:

Joan Ferguson (**JF**) – Chair  
Conor Lawless (**CL**) – Vice-Chair  
John MacDonald (**JMD**) - Treasurer  
Lynda MacLean (**LML**) – Secretary  
Michelle MacDonald (**MMD**)  
Cllr Uisdean Robertson (**UR**)  
Cllr Mustapha Hocine (**MH**)  
PC Joanne Kane

#### Public:

Anne MacLellan  
Diane MacPherson  
Jemma MacVicar (**JMV**) (North Uist & Benbecula Locality Planning Partnership)

#### **1. Apologies:**

Ragnall Maclain, Effie Rodgers, Donald Angie MacLennan, Kenneth MacDonald, Donald Ewen Morrison.

#### **2. Adoption of minutes**

Minutes could not be adopted due to meeting not being quorate. Members acknowledged that no decisions could be made due to this.

#### **3. Matters arising:**

##### *Recycling Bins*

JF spoke with Iain Campbell, he will look at getting extra bins but not promising they will be in place for the Summer period.

Issue with provision of additional bins in general due to them being used for silage wrap. It was brought up that no waste aware officer based in Uist, it was agreed that it would be beneficial to have this post reinstated.

**ACTION:** Contact Iain Campbell at Comhairle and ask for post to be reinstated.

##### *Provision of 'just-in-case bags'*

Survey to be progressed once **ER** returns.

##### *Outer Hebrides Flood Risk Management Plan*

Date needs agreed for meeting to take place in October, Murdo MacKay and Donald John MacDonald along with Police and Coastguard agencies.

**ACTION:** Schedule meeting for October.

##### *National Care Service Consultation*

Letter to be sent to Comhairle to ask for new care home for North Uist be included in the Capital Programme which opens in 2023.

**ACTION:** **UR** and **MH** will advise when appropriate chair and vice chair are in post, letter will then be drafted and sent.

##### *Metering Issues*

Still on-going issue for the Islands.

**ACTION:** **LML** to add post to NUCC Facebook page.

##### *Lochmaddy Pier*

**UR** spoke to Iain Campbell long stay carpark signage. There are still some abandoned cars at the pier.

**ACTION: JMD** to get registration of vehicles and pass to **UR**.

#### **4. Co-option of Members**

Will be taken forward at our next meeting due to meeting not being quorate.

#### **5. Police Report**

PC Joanne Kane attended the meeting and gave stats of North Uist for the last month - 13 Calls have been made to the police including neighbour dispute, assault, concern for missing person, fraud, dog worrying, fire arm surrender and sudden death.

It's noted that some fraud calls are logged as NU even though the fraud was admitted in another area.

**JK** provided print out of Highway Code in regards to overtaking of cyclists on the roads. A dash cam is recommended to have.

**ACTION: JK** to email copy to **LML** who will upload onto NUCC Facebook page.

#### **6. Councillors Report**

Welcome to our new Councillors who have only had induction. **UR** provided copy of *Committee Memberships and appointment to external organisations* document which was distributed to all members via email prior to meeting.

#### **7. North Uist Flag**

Discussion was to take place though we are not quorate, the winning flag has not yet been announced.

**ACTION: Add** to agenda for next meeting

#### **8. Playpark Funding**

**NUCC** have £10,900 in funding aside for maintenance of playparks. This is to be split in three and equal shares provided to Taigh Sgìre Community, Lochmaddy Play Park and Balivanich Play Park.

**ACTION: JMD** to arrange cheque payments to all three groups.

#### **9. Ferries**

Thanks to **UR** for all his hard work, knowledge and commitment over the years and great to see him back as chair of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.

Two ferry option needs progressed, public open meeting to be arranged with local councillors, MP, MSP and transport minister in attendance. Carinish hall has been suggested as a central location.

**ACTIONS:** Arrange public two ferry option meeting for September and send invite out to local community groups including commercials and businesses.

**UR** will draw up paper prior to meeting.

#### **10. Tracks update**

No update yet, we have £2000 of funding.

**ACTION: CL** to draft letter to townships offering them to apply for the funding.

#### **11. Correspondence received**

*Flights connecting to Inverness – patient travel*

Concern over connecting flights to Inverness for appointments at Raigmore Hospital. Can Health Board have dedicated days/times for those coming from the Islands to suit in with the flights.

**ACTION:** Johnathan Hinkles (CEO of Loganair) is speaking with Comhairle on 13<sup>th</sup> June, this will be taken forward then by **UR**.

**MMD** to bring up at next NUMP staff meeting.

#### **12. AOCB**

*Roads*

There is a large pothole/crater at Clachan Sands, it has been reported to the Comhairle. It is hoped this will be included in the levelling up fund, decisions will be announced in September.  
Road at Huna is becoming very bad with pot holes.  
Road issues due to budget cuts, small amount of funding is ring fenced for capital road maintenance.

**ACTION: UR** will speak to Angus MacDonald regarding the Huna road.

*Youth representative on NUCC*

*CL spoke to Fiona Campbell at Sgoil Lionacleit, agreed pupils would write a short statement, would have to be a North Uist resident, not Berneray.*

**ACTION:** Look at adding 2 representatives from Lionacleit into our constitution at a later date.

*Volunteers week*

Thank you to all volunteers who give their time freely for the benefit of the community.

*Lochmaddy football pitch*

The grass has not yet been cut at the pitch as previously agreed by the Comhairle.

**ACTION: UR** will chase this up.

### **13. Date of next meeting**

Next meeting is proposed to take place at Claddach Kirkibost Centre in September. A Break was agreed due to other commitments during the Summer.