

North Uist Community Council

Comharle Coimhearsnachd Uibhist a Tuath



NUCC minutes

Meeting held on Tuesday 6th September 2022 at 8pm in Claddach Kirkibost Centre

Present:

Joan Ferguson (**JF**) - Chair
Conor Lawless (**CL**) - Vice-Chair
Lynda MacLean (**LML**) – Secretary
Donald Ewen Morrison (**DEM**)
Ragnall Maclain (**RMI**)
Peter MacNab (**PMN**)
Rachel MacLean (**RML**)
Angus MacLennan (**AngusML**)
Anne MacLellan (**AnneML**)
Zara Wilkie (**ZW**)
Michelle MacDonald (**MMD**)
David Downham (**DD**)
Cllr Uisdean Robertson (**UR**)
Cllr Mustapha Hocine (**MH**)

Public:

Paul Wilkie

1. Apologies:

Effie Rodgers and John MacDonald.

2. Adoption of minutes from previous meetings:

3rd May 2022 - **JF** approved and **UR** seconded
7th June 2022 - **JF** approved and **UR** seconded
23rd August 2022 - **JF** approved and **UR** seconded
29th August 2022 - **JF** approved and **UR** seconded

3. Matters for discussion:

i. Role of Community Council

JF advised on role of CC of being a voice for the community and brief discussion was had.

Copy of NUCC constitution handed out to all members.

Members agreed to print out their own copy of paperwork in future that they require for meetings to prevent paper wastage.

ii. Clerk

LML standing down as clerk due lack of time, looking for volunteer to take this role on.

No members came forward.

iii. Future meetings

Discussion had, unanimous decision to have meetings every 6 weeks and look at sticking to the one venue to keep things simpler which will hopefully encourage public to attend.

Look at utilising MS Teams especially over the winter months.

iv. Communication

With members – Email main communication stream. Whats app group set up to be used for apologies and for reminders of meeting dates.

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ACTION: **JF** and **CL** to confirm what emails are relevant to be shared with members.

JF to draft a calendar of future meeting dates .

With community – Minutes uploaded onto E-Sgìre website and added to our FB page along with copies in local shops.

v. North Uist War Memorial

Requires upkeep, responsibility of CC to ensure maintained. Set up day to trim bushes back.

PMN and **RMI** offered to assist with this.

Suggestion of sub-group for war memorial maintenance – **JMD**, **JF** and **PMN** volunteered.

It was agreed that **ZW** to lay wreath on behalf of NUCC on Remembrance Sunday.

ACTION: Members to let **LML** know when they are available to help with maintenance.

vi. Ferries

UR advised CalMac are to go with option 2 of the Uig pier closure, information on this previously shared with members. CalMac going to put in writing that they see no issues between the two outages, only impact should be usual weather issues. Transport Minister not willing to provide any compensation during outage. Timetable will be only one daily return sailing to Ullapool. Winter timetable will be published on 13th September which won't be open for bookings until mid-October due to new CalMac booking system.

Members understand closure has to happen though what forward planning has taken place if any?

Suggested to take non-perishable supplies in now and keep in storage, this will be furthered in emergency planning meeting.

ACTION: Set date for beginning of December to hold meeting solely on ferries.

vii. Emergency Planning / Community Resilience public meeting

Mail drop to every household advising of Uig pier closure, consensus of members was this should be CalMac's responsibility, we need to tell them this and give them a deadline.

Emergency planning meeting, members unsure what is already in place via the Western Isles Emergency Planning Group (WIEPG), it was thought we are best to find this out before taking this forward.

Make members of community aware of what registers are out there for example SEPA, SSEN, Scottish Fuels, BT, etc.

Form a subgroup to progress the Community resilience.

ACTION: **UR** to liaise with Finlay MacRae, Head of Operations, CalMac, regarding mail drop.

AngusML will look into what is already in place regarding emergency planning.

Share information on NUCC FB page of registers for vulnerable members of the community.

Any member's interested in being on a resilience subgroup to help progress meeting to contact **JF** directly.

viii. Social Fund / Councillors Ward Funding

NUCC receive £1000 Social Fund for administration of the CC annually, £500 of which is allocated for clerk fees and £500 put aside for Community Fund.

Councillors have ward funding each year of £5000 though due to demand each award is restricted.

Challenge Fund is also available to apply to.

ACTION: **JF** to send out information on the Challenge Fund/Social Fund.

ix. Community Projects

a. Tracks

Working progress.

b. Christmas Trees

Members agreed to pass this over to the community to take forward due to lack of funding.

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c. Community Benches

Maintenance required for the 5 benches which NUCC previously provided, can these be handed to each community to take ownership for maintenance.

d. AEDs

5 purchased through NUCC, all now require maintenance due to age. NUCC expecting funds from the sale of the HIAL boat which was previously agreed to be put towards the maintenance of these though this may not fully cover the costs.

e. What3words

Everyone should be aware of this and suggested that it should be displayed in public places in case of emergency, call handlers will be able to pinpoint location. There is a unique combination of three words for every 3 metre square in the world.

ACTION: CL to check on when funding for tracks requires to be spent by.

Provide community areas who previous had tress with the lights which NUCC have for the Christmas trees.

Look at funds to provide paint for the upkeep of the benches and provide this to community.

Look out for funding for the upkeep/maintenance of AEDs.