

Minute/Note of Meeting	TITLE	SCALPAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING		
	DATE	14 February 2020	TIME	7.30PM
	VENUE	Scalpay Community Centre		
	DISTRIBUTION	SCALPAY CC, CNES, CLLR FINNEGAN CLLR MITCHELL, CLLR FULTON		

Present:	MARGARET MORRISON (MM), DAVID MORRISON (DM), KENNY MACLEOD (KM), CATRIONA MARSHALL (CM), MARY MACKAY (MMK),
Apologies:	CLLR GRANT FULTON, CLLR PAUL FINNEGAN, CLLR JOHN MITCHELL (JM), PC DAVID FRASER (DF)

Item		Summary and Action	Who?	When?
1	Minutes of Previous Meeting	Proposed: DM Seconded: MMK		
2	Matters Arising	Eilean Glas Parking – KM to contact Michael Hunter re tyres etc on roadside. Playpark – DM confirmed that they are looking for some additional funding of around £5K to help finish off the playpark. If this is done soon it could be open in time for Easter. Roads – The situation with the fish farm traffic seems to have eased following PC DF meeting with the site manager. Bridge lights are still out. KM to chase up. Caw Ruadh – KM to contact Michael Hunter re a joint effort to get some chips etc for the new parking area which has become very boggy. Patient Transport – MM had spoken to NHSWI but due to Covid and lack of staff not a lot can be done.		
3	Harris Forum	MM explained that there is a meeting tomorrow, 15.02.2022, to appoint a new chair. Vice-chair and secretary. Discussion on how Scalpay CC would vote on this. KM explained that, based on his experience, it would be best if the person appointed as chair was an elected representative rather than an employee of one of the member organisations as this would be important in ongoing discussions, especially around funding etc. MM felt it better to have an effective chair. CM will attend along with MM to represent Scalpay CC.		
4	Ferries	MM explained that Uisdean Robertson had asked for a meeting with the new Transport Minister. She also intimated that Harris Transport Forum were also looking to have a meeting with the MSP. KM advised that HDL had been writing to the various bodies seeking a resolution of the problems being faced by the island communities in relation to the proposed cuts and restrictions for the coming year. HDL will also be writing to the Transport Minister, seeking an urgent meeting.		
5	HVS Membership	Following a debate on the merits of renewing or not it was finally decided to renew this year but to review next time as it was felt we did not really benefit from our membership fee.		

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6	AOCB	<p>KM advised of the Community Shout out initiative to engage with others in the community. Following a discussion, it was agreed to hold an event on Wed 9th March. It would consist of a take-away lunch delivered by volunteers to those wishing to participate. KM will draw up leaflets to go out explaining about the initiative and getting people's choices. It was agreed to focus on those aged 70 and over and that it would consist of soup, roast beef, potatoes, veg and a pudding if this could be achieved within the funding available. KM to contact George at the North Harbour Bistro to get his help. It was agreed to meet again on 22.02.22 to agree arrangements etc.</p> <p>With the resignation of Donnie MacLeod and also Billy MacKay it was agreed to consider options for co-opting onto the CC. Members to give some thought and revisit at our meeting on 22nd.</p> <p>KM raised the proposal from NHT to use up to 20% of the common grazing to enable them to plant trees as part of a re-wilding initiative. KM expressed serious misgivings with the whole initiative and also that it had only been put to crofters for a decision when this was a community owned island. Agreed that the chair wrote to the chair of North Harris trust to express our concerns and seek a wider community consultation.</p>		
7	DATE OF NEXT MEETING	22.02.2022 at 1930.		