

NORTHBAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minute of Community Council Meeting
held at "Am Bothan" in Northbay on
Monday 25th January 2016 at 7.00pm.

Present: Dolina Manford, Chair
Joan Morrison, Treasurer
Neil MacLennan, Clerk

In Attendance Nil

Apologies Gillian Russell, V/Chair
D.Manford, CNES Councillor

Agenda

- 1 Welcome Chair welcomed all present & proceeded to next Agenda item
 - 2 Minutes Minutes of the meeting held at "Am Bothan" in Northbay on Monday 26th October 2015 were read & agreed to be a true reflection of the said meeting.

Proposed by: Joan Morrison, **Seconded by:** Dolina Manford.
 - 3 Matters Arising Item 9 "Abandoned Cars", this is a Council matter, Police will get involved if obstruction or involved in incident otherwise Council on receipt of a completed "Abandoned Vehicle Form" will arrange removal & will trace registered owner to reclaim all costs (approx £300).
 - 4 Ardmhor Service Slipways The only progress update available since last meeting was a copy of the "Transport & Infrastructure Committee" meeting minute where subject discussed on 25/11/15. Debated were the highlighted restrictions to tourism and heavy goods vehicles traffic access and cost prohibitive options to use alternative routes. Recommendation however appears to have only approved discussing options.

Action: GR to maintain vigilant watch for progress & seek /co-ordinate opportunities to keep high on CNES/Hitrans Agendas.
 - 5 Provision of Social Housing MMcL unfortunately not present but discussed his previously circulated e-conversations. Attended public meeting (Nov) in Castlebay where HHP were questioned on lack of housing provision provided in Barra & Vatersay since they became the recognised body dealing with this. Though record has been dismal they promised to reinvigorate their efforts to acquire land suitable for development but no targets either in numbers or time.

Action: MMcL to continue to monitor & co-ordinate further activity to continue HHP focus for B&V
 - 6 Swingparks Brief discussion, no direct feedback. Though outlook was generally negative it was felt there should be council requirement for such provision within planning for social housing projects as well as transport links, street lighting, etc.

Action: MMcL to contact Iain MacKinnon, Director of CNES Technical Services to establish what the current maintenance regime involves & likelihood of additional facilities provision.
 - 7 Outer Hebrides Fuel Action Group NMcL highlighted the recent meeting report (03/12/15) where comparisons made of fuel costs throughout the Western Isles, identifying Barra having significantly higher road fuel costs amongst the listed outlets all of which are still higher than mainland even after considering the 5p relief operated through the British Government.

Action: NMcL to monitor & report any developments.
 - 8 Public Meeting: St Brendans NMcL introduced this item to highlight need to encourage good attendance at forthcoming meeting to ensure development plans are still in line with community needs and will be fit for purpose.

Action: All NCC members to stimulate community members to attend and be vocal in their opinions.
 - 9 Bank Account JM to complete new signatories paperwork tomorrow with RBS & distribute cheques to:
i) Cobhair Bharraigh £160 Xmas Party Transport, & ii) Am Bothan x2 meeting fees

Action: JM to complete process distribute cheques.
 - 10 Correspondence a) "Consultation on the Outer Hebrides Development Plan" comments to be provided by 26/02/16. Consider formal response from NCC @ next meeting
b) "Community Councils Seminars" happening late Feb., Castlebay. Looking for discussion topics.

Action: NMcL, Clerk, to contact local Police and seek advice on way forward.
- Date of next meetings 1) **Date of next meeting:** Agreed Monday 22nd February 2-16 in Church of Scotland Annex @7pm.
2) **Date of AGM:** provisionally considering Thursday, 31st March 2016 in Northbay Hall @ 7pm
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