

TONG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 19th January 2016 in Tong Hall

Present : **Mairi Murray (Chair); Angela Grant; Donald Martin; Norman Morrison; Catriona Stewart (Councillor); Donald Crichton (Councillor); George and Christine Moody.**

Mairi also welcomed Gordon Macdonald as a new co-opted member.

Apologies: **John A Maciver (Councillor); Craig Allan.**

Mairi welcomed everyone to the meeting and read through the minutes of the previous meeting. There were two alterations noted.

- 1 Norman asked that the minutes should read Pete Middleton spoke to Marten James regarding the generator, not Norman as reported.**
- 2 AOCB – 5(a) – should read Churchill's house and not the crossroads for the reporting of the condition of the road.**

The minutes of the previous meeting were then approved.

AOCB

A Co-opted members – Gordon Macdonald had agreed to become a new co-opted member. Craig Allan, Community Policeman, was also a co-opted member. A request for new members had been put in the Loch a Tuath magazine.

B,C,E – see later.

D Murdo Macritchie, Technical Department, had put the road repairs on the "to do" list and this would be seen to. The lamppost problem that Norman had highlighted would be removed. Discussion on the poor gritting was discussed but Donald and Catriona pointed out that all gritting was done to Council policy. Donald did ask the committee to get in touch if road gritting was required.

F The tree saplings were improving slowly – but some had been eaten by animals (deer/rabbits/sheep). Suggestions were made of watering the saplings. It should be reported to the Stornoway Trust if deer are seen in this area.

- G** The sign to the shore is still lying on the ground. Donald Malcolm and Norman to fix signage. Donald Malcolm asked about steps down to the shore. Suggestions about asking the Grazings Committee for monies towards the cost of the steps, and the Councillors said they would be able to give some money from their Ward allocation to help. Challenge Fund Grant could also be used.

RESILIENCE MATTERS

- B** The generator is still unaccounted for. George had written to the TRA who are not happy to store a generator. Suggestions were made to invite the TRA committee to a TCC meeting or the TCC would attend the next TRA meeting, where the TCC would explain in detail the resilience programme.
- C** George is to speak to George Macdonald (Soda) regarding the Community Emergency Plan. The TCC need a formal C. E. P. in place.
- E** Some of the equipment purchased had arrived. Discussion took place on where it would be kept, etc.

AOCB

It was brought to the attention of the committee about the lack of bus stops in the area, especially with the amount of youngsters waiting for the school bus in the morning. Donald and Catriona would look into this matter.

Mention was made that the TRA committee were hoping to issue a newsletter within the community and it was suggested that the TCC should put in an article about what we have achieved.

The date of the next TCC Committee meeting would be on Tuesday 16th February at 7.30 pm in Tong Community Centre.

The TRA Committee are meeting on Thursday 11th February at 7.30 pm in Tong Community Centre and Mairi, Norman, Angela and George would attend to explain all the Resilience matters.