

Back Community Council
Tuesday 22nd March 2016 at 7pm
Back Community Hut
Minutes of Meeting

Present: Cllr John A Maciver (Cllr JAM), Cathy Macinnes (CM) Vice-Chairperson,
Andrew Morrison (AM) Chairperson, Laura Graham (LG) Secretary, PC
David Fraser

Apologies: Carolyn Hudson, Cllr Catriona Stewart, Cllr Donald Crichton, Calum I
Graham

Minutes of the previous meeting:

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 23rd February where read and approved by members.

Matters Arising:

SSE Resilience Fund

The SSE Resilience fund will not be opening until June, AM will e-mail those involved to get a better idea of when we can re-apply.

Back Common Grazing's

AM approached Back Common Grazing's and was informed we were too late for funding this year however, they are willing to provide advice in the future.

Pathways Project

Members agreed it would be worth pursuing previous Pathway ideas e.g. Back - Gress, Gress – Back School which are currently not safe. Previously, moneys which were to go towards pathways wasn't used therefore, it was put towards the Resilience Fund.

Fly-tipping – Vatisker Beach

AM will contact Iain Campbell (Technical Services) regarding the rubbish at Vatisker beach.

CM informed members of the wall which is breached at Vatisker beach, members agreed we contact Environmental Health and/or Technical Services.

AM will also speak with Technical Services regarding erosion at Gress beach.

Police Issues

PC David Fraser informed members they were doing all they could to control speeding in the area.

Members agreed Coll caravan site was neglected and that there was no upkeep.

Community Council Seminar

AM and CM attended the Community Council Seminar in the Chamber on Wednesday 16th March:

It was agreed we forward Minutes of Meeting to Belle Ann Scott and she will add to various websites.

There is to be training available for Treasures of Community Councils.

There is a sum of up to £2,000 available to apply for from the Challenge Fund if there is a project in place which the money could go towards

Challenge Fund

Members suggested upgrading bus shelters in the community through the Challenge Fund, a wind turbine or solar panels where suggested for the Community Hut. Cllr JAM suggested a Hydro Scheme; members agreed we could request advice from Community Energy Scotland.

A play park in the area was suggested, possibly in the Gress area, using land as they have done at Ness Play Park. CM will contact somebody from the Ness Community Council for advice

Finances

CH is to be given money for gifts which were bought.

The current balance is £6287.67.

AOCB

AM recently checked e-mails and has e-mailed the username and password to members.

The Loch A Tuath article has been submitted.

CH would like to thank Calum I Graham and Ian Stewart for their help at the skip hire on 2 April 2016.

A big breakfast and soup and pudding were suggested by members as fundraising ideas.

CM suggested having a suggestion box at the Hut on 2 April, CM will do this so we can endeavour to find out what the community wants.

Date and time of next meeting

The next meeting is to be held on 26th April 2016 at 7pm in the Back Community Hut.

Andrew thanked members for attending and the meeting was brought to a close.