

Minute of Meeting: Point Community Council
In: Café Roo, Old Knock Schoolhouse, Isle of Lewis.
On: Monday 13th June 2016
At: 7.30 pm

PRESENT	Matt Bruce (Chair) Donald MacRitchie (Vice-Chair) Edmund McGregor (Treasurer) Cllr Zena Stewart Agnes Munro	Norman MacLeod Alec John Murray at 8.00 pm Angus Lamont Lewis Shand (Minute Secretary)
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APOLOGIES	Cllr Norman MacLeod Cllr Alasdair MacLeod	Chris Mackenzie Norman Macdonald
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ATTENDING	Malcolm Dalzel-Job
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Minutes of previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of Monday 9th May were approved, with the following amendments.

The bill for the “Eilean na Mairbh” survey had been paid.
Alex John will speak with Carol Knott to get an idea of the findings in “layman’s language” as the report is full of technical data and not readily understood.

Minutes: Proposed by Angus; Seconded by Norman

Police Scotland issues

There were no police personnel able to attend the meeting.

Speeding: The Point area was the subject of ongoing speed checks, as was the whole of the island. It was noted that these were more prevalent in the recent times.
There was a discussion as regards speeding in Point, and several suggestions discussed including an extension to the speed limit boundaries, although this met with resistance.

Police Scotland were keen to have views on their service from the public, and the survey could be completed via the web at :

“scotland.police.uk/yourviewcounts”

Matters arising from the minutes

Bus shelters

Angus had been in contact with CNES and has advised all the PCC members of planned actions that would be carried out in the near future by email.

The shelters will be painted this year.

The Lower Bayble shelter will require repairs following damage. The PCC agreed the purchase of necessary materials for this. We have an account with the Lewis Crofters, and another will be raised with “Buildbase” for any necessary materials

Angus will coordinate the work.

The shelter near the Church of Scotland in Garrabost requires grass clearance.

Lewis and Norman will see to it as a “one off project”.

Roads

The situation regarding the state of roads within Point continued to give concern. Some patching work had been done, and further actions are expected in the coming 2 weeks.

CNES finances.

There was a heated discussion on the critical financial situation facing CNES, on numerous fronts, and it was agreed the PCC should draft a strongly worded letter to Derek Mackay, the new Finance minister. This will be prepared by Matt, now that the Scottish elections have been completed.

SSE resilience plans.

There was discussion on this item following the previous meeting in May.

As a result Agnes and Matt will carry out a more detailed examination of the locations and areas that the PCC would prefer to see covered.

Christmas lunch funding

ASK had still to submit a funding request for their 2105 lunch event.

Co-option of additional PCC members

The council were delighted that Norman Macdonald had joined the team. Malcolm Dalzel-Job was present at the meeting and indicated his willingness to join the PCC. This was readily accepted by all those present.

Treasurers report

Eddie had issued an update of our financial status. There was nothing to report. The issue of our “free” use of Café Roo for meetings (and hospitality) was discussed and Norman indicated that he was willing to continue the current arrangement. He would however approach Point Power to see if we could use their (quiet) room, due to the excessive noise from the shop refrigeration equipment which was preventing clear dialogue at our meetings.

Councillors report

Roads are getting repairs, generally “top dressing”.

There was a discussion on the insulation of properties in the area under the “Warm Works” initiative. This is separate from other projects controlled by TIG/ Tighean Innse Gall.

It was thought that many people are unaware of the functions of this project.

An item will be inserted in the forthcoming issue of the Rhabach.

Discussion on playpark equipment repairs, safety checks and liability insurance.

Community Challenge Fund

Up to £50K available in parts. The fund would consider projects with an emphasis on youth developments in particular. For discussion at the next meeting.

Future plans and actions for PCC

There was discussion on areas of activity that the PCC could instigate on behalf of our community. One of the areas for discussion was the emergency relief road on the north side of the Braighe. There were several linked aspects to this including acceptance of such a scheme by the relevant communities and grazing committees, the Eye Church situation regarding

site proximity and the coastal erosion threat, the utility aspects for power and water, amongst others, and of course....cost.

This item will be discussed at future meetings.

Members were also invited to submit any other ideas.

Planning applications

Eddie not getting weekly reports.

Nothing of note at present

Training issues

Nothing to report. No further offers of training had been received.

Utilities

Broadband service.

This project is being managed by HIE and the local contact is Donnie Morrison.

Matt will contact him to see if we can get updates on progress on a regular basis, preferably every 2 months

SSE community resilience plan

Covered in "Matters arising"

Correspondence

Matt had a letter regarding the Western Isles Health & Social Care Partnership. A meeting would be taking place to which interested parties were invited.

Agnes will attend on our behalf, and report back.

A.O.C.B

Braighe cemetery headstones.

Alisdair was not at the meeting so there was nothing to report.

The item would await an update from him at a later date.

Next Meetings

- Monday 22nd August 2016 (Point Power office, Buth an Rubha)
- Monday 3rd October 2016 (TBC)

These meetings will take place at 7.30 pm

Meeting closed at 8.50pm

Lewis Shand