

Back Community Council
Tuesday 31st May 2016 at 7.30pm
Back Community Hut
Minutes of Meeting

Present: Cllr John A Maciver (Cllr JAM), Cathy Macinnes (CM) Vice-Chairperson,
Laura Graham (LG) Secretary, Carolyn Hudson (Treasurer), Calum I Graham

Apologies: Cllr Catriona Stewart, Cllr Donald Crichton, Andrew Morrison, PC David Fraser

Richard Collicott called in to the meeting briefly however, he gave his apologies and left to attend another meeting.

Minutes of the previous meeting:

The minutes of the previous meeting on 26th April were read and approved; proposed by Carolyn Hudson and seconded by Cllr John A Maciver.

Matters Arising:

Community Resilience

CM gave her apologies as she was unable to attend the Community Resilience Roadshow in the Caberfeidh on 2nd May. CH attended the SSEPD Community Resilience Show on 30th May and briefed members on the information she received there - They advised to involve the Community as much as possible – to begin approaching members of the community to start a resilience group and organise an event. She spoke of the Community Emergency Plan which the SSEPD Resilience group would assist with/help preparing the document. There was an idea to get display boards which the resilience group would laminate for the elderly/vulnerable within the community to inform the community of their welfare by displaying them in windows. The group spoke of rest bite units in different communities with the best facilities, Cllr JAM agreed 'The Hut' had already been identified. Members agreed that in the event of requiring a generator, we have one delivered as it's an expense and there is no guarantee it would be used frequently.

Members agreed that we endeavour to create an emergency committee and Cllr JAM advised we head – hunt members of the community to do so.

Fly-tipping

Cllr JAM informed people in the community must ensure they are vigilant and that they report the issues of fly-tipping at the old skip site in Back, Vatisker and Gress.

Tom Danks from the Environmental Department of CnES is to be invited to our June meeting.

Police Issues

PC DF forwarded information for members; he informed members that he has spoken with the gentleman regarding the abandoned vehicle at Coll beach. He has assured that the vehicle will be removed as it is a safety issue regarding children.

Challenge Fund

CH has received the application form for the Challenge Fund which opens in June and is to be applied for by the end of August. Members agreed we must have a project and an estimate cost in place before applying. Cllr JAM informs that there is no budget for bus shelters anymore as the community have a hail and stop service.

Members discussed many ideas for the Challenge Fund project e.g. erosion at Gress & Vatisker. The worker at Coll centre was also mentioned however, which Cllr JAM said may not be allowed.

CM suggested that the Challenge Fund help with a needs assessment in the community.

CIG informs members a good case could be made up regarding pathways e.g. Gearraidh Ghuirm – Brevig and Tong-Tolsta if photos were taken of views etc. Members agreed if this was to be considered, that pathways should not be wide enough for cars/quads, more for the safety of those walking within our Community.

Finances

The balance at the end of April was £6393.03 and after deducting the expenses for the flowers to Anne Macarthur and Joan Maclean and paying the entertainment for the Over 60's Dinner, the balance at the end of May was £6282.69.

AOCB

Cllr JAM will endeavour to find results of community group meeting with Ken R Mackay.

Members agreed we would put an advert if the Loch a Tuath news in July requesting ideas from the community and if there was no interest, to put an advert in August with a rough outline plan for a bigger idea which CM suggested, asking for opinions from members of the Community. CH suggested a tear-off slip so that people could send forward their ideas.

Playpark Idea

CM met with Gayle Vann re Ness Play Park – she advised the first step would be to find out what the community/children want. Members agreed the idea was to be more an adventure park using with tunnels, tyres etc. rather than equipment which would require upkeep. The Ness community have a 'Green Activity day' which gets the community out together to maintain the area. Cllr JAM advised that a playpark may be a difficult idea, taking into account different families circumstances.

Cllr JAM informed members he has been advised wind turbines would be the way forward rather than solar panels.

CM checked e-mails and there have been no queries.

Grass cutting at Gress has been done again by the community service team.

CH, CM and LG to meet 21st June 7pm to discuss further community do not come forward

Date and time of next meeting

The next meeting is to be held on Tuesday 28th June 2016 at 7pm in the Back Community Hut. Cathy closed the meeting at 8.30pm and thanked everybody for attending.