

Back Community Council
Tuesday 28th June 2016 at 7.00pm
Back Community Hut
Minutes of Meeting

Present: Cllr John A Maciver (Cllr JAM), Cathy Macinnes (CM) Vice-Chairperson,
Calum I Graham, DR R. Collacott

Apologies: Cllr Catriona Stewart, Carolyn Hudson, Laura Graham, Andrew Morrison,

Minutes of the previous meeting:

The minutes of the previous meeting on 26th April were approved; proposed by Callum Iain Graham and seconded by Cllr John A Maciver.

Matters Arising:

Community Resilience

Carried forward to next meeting

Fly-tipping/ dog Fouling

Tom Danks from the Environmental Department of CnES unable to attend this meeting.

Challenge Fund

CM reported on meeting of sub Group. (CM, CH, LG)

The group had placed suggestion boxes in Shop, Pharmacy & Coll Centre. 30 responses received covering a range of issues. These had been broadly divided into 5 areas

1. Bins in popular dog walking areas & signage to discourage dumping at beaches.
Laura contacted Environmental Health and no money available for signs or bins. Bins cost between £100-£200 and might be a suitable project for Challenge Fund.
Discussion on this area suggested this area suggested this would be a suitable area for challenge fund application and Tom Danks to be contacted for advice re suitable sites. Cllr JAM stated that Councillors used ward funds to cover cost of emptying bins in other parts of ward.
2. Several people suggested community café/laundrette run by and for community possibly using former Taigh Ceilidh – John A has checked ownership of this and currently not declared as surplus to requirements though should this happen would be offered for community ownership.
Cllr JAM wondered if hairdressers was still in use as Hairdresser and if not would this be a possibility.
3. Community Gardens for sitting in/ Flower pots around village /allotments and community allotments were also suggested. (Visit to Horshader tunnels might be useful)
This would require land – possible to use site of former skips or gain land from common grazings? Tolsta have poly tunnels and have done work on best types for our climate.
4. Play parks though agreed this would be bigger and longer term project
5. Defibrillator – apparently one recently purchased for church and Laura to investigate this. Carolyn will also look into possibility of providing Basic First Aid training locally.

3 Defibrillators in Tolsta and suggestion that similar number would be sensible for Back with one at shop and one at Centre.'Lucky to be here' group help to install machines and offer training in their use.

Finances

In the absence of Andrew Morrison and Carolyn Hudson no update available.

AOCB

1. Alcohol and Drugs development Officer.

RC asked the meeting to consider a request from the above for help in raising awareness of problems in community and for ideas on how to do this. He suggested holding a Public Meeting and inviting the Author of a paper entitled 'Western Isles a drinker's paradise' which looks at the truth or otherwise of the title to attend. He has already spoken to Anne Macinnes the A&D development Officer about this and asked that BCC add their support to this suggestion. Meeting agreed to this. CM to contact DA&D Dev Off to this effect.

2. Cllr JAM suggested reviving the idea of joint meetings with Tong CC & Tolsta CC to discuss areas of mutual interest such as resilience fund and emergency planning. Meeting to be arranged for September. Cllr JAM will speak with other CC's

3. CH had asked for information on who was responsible for reappearing broken lock at Brevig pier toilet. Members felt that because we paid for cleaning of this facility we should bear cost of lock repair.

Date and time of next meeting

Although not normally a meeting during summer it was agreed that a meeting to be held on Tuesday 26th July 2016 at 7pm in the Back Community Hut to enable submission of funding applications in early August.

Cathy closed the meeting at 7.45pm and thanked everybody for attending.