

Lochboisdale Community Council

Meeting Monday 30 November 2015

In attendance: Angus, Andy, Roddy, Paul, Donnie, Ronnie, John Archie

Apologies: Peter

1. Apologies from Peter
2. No matters arising
3. Boundary Commission - Feedback from letter to Boundary Commission was just thanking us for getting in touch. Andy to phone them.
4. Calmac - Ferry service to Mallaig is currently on amber. Running service at 100% - Failure. The run hasn't been completed once yet. Roddy asked is the Isle of Arran an option instead of the LOTI which seems to have issues berthing, Donnie informed us that Calmac say "it's too small" but it is better at berthing in Lochboisdale. Ferry also made it to Barra but not Lochboisdale, the group are at a loss to understand how that can happen. Serco will be meeting the public this coming Thursday in the Community Hall, all invited to attend.
5. Surgery Car Park – Dr Bird was approached by Andy and is willing to meet the LCC to discuss car park expansion. Ronnie suggested writing to Mr Galbraith at the Health Board to help. Storax have funding but it would only cover a percentage of the costs. It was highlighted that money had been spent on the car park at the Griminish Surgery but now there's a proposal to close it. Andy proposed inviting Dr Bird and Mr Galbraith to our next meeting and he will write a letter
6. Ambulance Service – Nothing of note except a case recently in Pollochar where it took 35 minutes to get there from Lochboisdale, the next ambulance from Benbecula arrived 8 minutes later. Not acceptable service in times of emergency.
7. Scottish Water – Work continuing around Daliburgh, flooding between Borrodale and Co-op needs to be addressed.
8. School Pitch – Andy mentioned contact with SFA and FIFA, both could help situation. John Archie explained that DSL run the pitch maintenance for FES and if there are issues then we should go through them. We were told the council promised to hand over the pitch in perfect condition but that did not happen. The work wasn't completed but the pitch was signed over anyway. The pitch was priced for top dressing but the work never happened. Andy to contact Anton Gray at FES. Ronnie to speak to council colleagues about it.
9. Correspondence – Bellann asked for contact details, Angus replied. Fuel meeting this Thursday at 5 in An Caladh, Serco meeting this Thursday at 1 in Community Hall
10. AOCB – Street Lighting, council talking about getting rid of street lighting all together in budget cuts. The council need the lights on at Daliburgh school because of the CCTV.

Next meeting – Monday 25th January 2016