

## Lochboisdale Community Council

Meeting Monday 4 April

In attendance: Angus, Andy, Peter, Paul, Donnie, Ronnie

Apologies: Roddy

1. Apologies from Roddy
2. Boundary Commission – No further feedback from Boundary Commission.
3. Calmac – New timetable has started. A freight run has been suggested. Martin Dorchester of Calmac had a private meeting with John MacKay but Mr Dorchester is not replying to Ronnie's emails. Peter asked who makes final decision on timetables etc, Ronnie advised that it is Transport Scotland who has final say. Mallaig bus timetable hasn't been confirmed, awaiting confirmation from the Traffic commissioner from Transport Scotland. LCC feels that the onward transport links are not ideal yet. Do working hours affect the ferry timetables? The first few sailings of the summer service have been busy
4. Surgery Car Park – Ongoing
5. Ambulance Service – OK
6. Scottish Water – Woman coming to look at flooding
7. School Pitch – Ronnie has spoken to council colleagues about it, Dan MacPhail looking into it.
8. Scottish Hydro – Closing all retail outlets meaning loss of jobs and service in Daliburgh. Daliburgh store closing by 16 May. Community Hall site owned by SSE, Ronnie to contact them to see what they are doing with the building once it closes and what will happen to community Hall as the deeds say it would need to be handed back if site was sold. Ronnie to speak to Calum Iain at the Council to see what can be done.
9. Tourist Office – Members had heard it was closing, Andy contacted Visit Scotland office in Edinburgh and was informed they were unaware of the fact that it wasn't open and no staff working there. Recent job applicants were told they were unsuitable for the job so office currently has no staff. Andy to contact Visit Scotland again to discuss situation.
10. Police Scotland – They have asked for details of the Community Council and asked us what we feel the 3 priorities for the area are. We selected; 1 – Traffic Control, 2 – Alcohol/Drugs 3 – Domestic abuse. There were also questions raised about the Police transport policy when taking people up to Stornoway. The police have agreed to come to a Community Council meeting when asked, group would like them to come to next meeting.
11. Planning Permissions – Angus produced most recent planning applications, no issues from members.
12. AOCB – Concern in the community about offenders being relocated to the islands. HHP and the Council deny any knowledge of this happening but locals are aware of a few people who have been placed in the area. Some have been awaiting trial in other parts of the country for a variety of crimes. The LCC would like to know if risk assessments are being done through social services. Have the Police been consulted? Would discussions between Community Councils and other interested bodies be a way of making the community aware of who is being moved into the islands?
13. Next meeting – Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2016