

## Lochboisdale Community Council - 30 May 2016

Present: Ronnie MacKinnon, Angus MacDonald, Paul Steele, Roddy Steele

Apologies: Andy Biddle, Peter Steele, John Archie MacIntyre

3 - Boundary Commission – The number of councilors has been cut to 3, the LCC feels that the guidelines in dividing up council wards would lead to Barra and Vatersay being separate from South Uist and Eriskay as there is a natural division between the island in the shape of the Sound of Barra. No other ward requires a minimum of a 1 hour ferry journey and 1 hour drive to get from one end to the other.

4 – CalMac Tender – The details for the awarding of the tendering process will be announced soon. Complaints about ferry leaving from Armadale not Mallaig on occasion and poor communication and updates to passengers.

5 – Ambulance – Ambulance driver currently on call in the Southend from house in Torlum. Andy Fuller will meet with LCC in next few months to discuss changes in provision of service.

6 – Tourist Office – It is not reopening, Visit Scotland have refused an offer to come and explain their decision to the community.

7 – Locality Committee – Next meeting is in June, the first meeting was about setting the terms of the group. They are trying to move the dentist surgery from Lochboisdale to Benbecula, we feel the service works at the moment and doesn't need to change.

8 – Bus Service – There will be a meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm about changing the service. The LCC feels that, in regards to the school runs, although the drivers have their Disclosure certificate the other adult passengers on the transport don't. It's not right that anyone can get on the bus with the children. There are also issues with having to book certain bus runs a day or week in advance so that they go to their destinations, some people have to phone up every day as they can't book for the coming week. Angus to attend the meeting.

9 – SSE Meeting – There will be a Emergency Planning meeting (in case of severe storms etc) on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June from 5-9pm in the Dark Island Hotel. Angus and Ronnie to attend.

10 – AOB – HHP tenant having to move out of house into homeless unit before being allowed to move back in.

Water on the road and in field by the new Coop to be pumped by Scottish Water in the near future.

Daliburgh football pitch, Ronnie told us that the Convener of the Council says that the pitch needs to be sorted, Dan MacPhail still looking into it. Dan MacPhail to be asked again for a progress update

Car Park at Surgery still to be resolved, Ronnie to talk to Galbraith at the Council