

COMHAIRLE CHOIMHEARSNACHD EIRISGEIDH  
ERISKAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

A.G.M.

Minutes of Meeting held on  
Monday 21st November 2016

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APOLOGIES

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CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Neil informed those present of the ongoing role/responsibilities of the Community Council which include:

Administration and responsibility for the community bus, running of the bus would not be possible without various volunteers who were commended for their services.

Administration/payment of Gravediggers.

Administration/payment of Waiting Room Cleaner.

Maintenance of Grit Bins and Public Bins.

Attending various meetings, Budget Consultations etc.

Neil thanked the councillors present for their continued support and attendance at the meetings.

FIANANCIAL REPORT

MaryFlora gave a breakdown of the finances of the Community Council as per Accountant's summary sheet. There was a deficit of £76.28 for the year.

NEW MEMBERS

Danny Daly intimated that he would like to join the committee, this was agreed by current members and he was co-opted on.

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## MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Previous minutes proposed by Donnie and seconded by Iain.

## MATTERS ARISING

Flights - Friday flight has been reinstated between Benbecula and Stornoway, Donnie informed those present that Logair and Flybe will no longer be working in partnership.

Haun Pier – current state discussed, Ronnie will speak to council with regard to obtaining a skip.

Broadband – Unlimited fibre rollout due to take place at beginning of December in Eriskay.

## Correspondence

Weekly Updates – Ron Culley.

28.9.16 - Review of Services & Procurement Option (Air Services)

30.9.16 - Fibre rollout – Western Isles Briefing

4.10.16 - Budget Seminar Presentations

31.10.16 – Press Release Transocean & Community Benefit

1.11.16 – Meeting with A. Allan scheduled for Nov 14th (Uisdean Roberston)

4.11.16 – Calmac Winter Timetables 2017/18 – Comments needed by 28.11.16

11.11.16 – Community Empowerment Act 2015 (U. Robertson)

15.11.16 – Population Migration Seminar (U. Robertson)

## FINANCE UPDATE

All in order.

## COMMUNITY BUS

All in order.

## LOCAL ISSUES

*Xmas lights* – Iain will see to this with help of volunteers.

*Street lights* – request to keep them lit until 4am during the holiday period.

*Calmac Winter Timetable* – this was discussed and comments made regarding the possibility of a linkup with the Barra ferry, this will be noted in the return document.

*Road to Acarsaid* – Fr Ross mentioned that the road is in need of maintenance, this has been discussed previously and it has had some repairs carried out over the years, Donnie will pass on email address to MF who will contact relevant department.

### Locality Group

Andy Biddles, a member of the Locality Planning Group and Lochboisdale Community Council gave information regarding this group and its current efforts to keep the Dentist Surgery in Lochboisdale open.

This was discussed at length and the community council gave their full support to this campaign.

Andy on behalf of Tagsa Uibhist extended an invitation to Eriskay Over 60's to a Burns Supper in January in Benbecula.

## NEXT MEETING

Date of next meeting is 6th February.