

AIRIDHANTUIM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held in Clan MacQuarrie Community Centre Monday 30th January 2017 at 20.00

Present: Mr Murdo Smith Mr Murdo Nicholson
 Ms Donna Doris Ms Margaret Matheson
 Cllr Kenneth Macleod Cllr John Macleod
 Ms Cathy Ann Macleay Ms Mairi Macdonald
 Mr David Macleay Mr Donnie Macdonald

Apologies Cllr John Mackay Cllr Alastair MacLennan

Clerk: Brian Whittington

1. Minutes of the last meeting

David Macleay moved. Agreed

2. Matters arising

- a) *Appointment of Brian Whittington as clerk to the committee* Agreed
b) *Remit of Airidhantuim Community Council (ACC)*

Information required from other local committees to ensure no overlap and explore mutual benefits from close working. These could include grazing committees, the Urras and other community councils.

Members, clerk and chair to explore **ACTION**

- c) *Adoption of Constitution* Agreed

Copy to be signed by Chief Executive CnES and returned to ACC **ACTION**

- d) *Finances*

Donnie Macdonald briefed the council on a previous dormant account, with any claim or assets to be transferred to a new account. Officers, Chair, Vice Chair and Treasurer to become signatories of a new account once set up.

Clydesdale and TSB Bank being considered. Agreed

3. Local concerns

- a) *Airidhantuim School*

CnES would likely offer the local community first option to purchase the site before opening to private bidder. Suggestion that the site could be a much needed local care home facility for senior citizens with option for flats.

- b) *Steinecleit access road condition*

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Pedestrian access is difficult and the site is prone to flooding. Costings are currently being sought for a potential application to the Urras and Historic Environment Scotland for remedial works. David Macleay will update at the next meeting.

c) *Upper Shader road junction*

A petition from concerned residents has been received. John Macleod agreed to contact Technical Services at CnES to consider options including rebuilding the wall.

4. Proposed Community Council Projects

a) *Ballantrushal – provision of shrubs on sides of road*

- i) Murdo Smith has 3/400 cuttings ready to plant in 2/3 years time.
- ii) Shrubs would make a positive contribution to the local environment.
- iii) Woodland Trust have offered 300/400 trees to the project, if required.
- iv) Deer fencing would be required.
- v) Suggested contacting Bob Walker, grazings clerk to explore further. **ACTION**

b) *Clearance of scrapped cars and other scrap*

- i) Scrap value is currently very low for cars.
- ii) If hazardous scrap could become an enforcement issue with CnES.
- iii) Common grazings should ensure scrap removal from grazing land.
- iv) Old wire near shore is an issue, however placement and collection of a skip may not be practical, possible burial an option.

Suggested ongoing review of problem and potential solutions. **Agreed**

5. AOCB

- a) Iain Macleod from Fire Service Scotland requested an invitation to attend ACC

Murdo Smith to invite Mr Macleod to attend the next available convenient meeting **ACTION**

- b) Murdo Nicholson suggested the use of social media to promote the work of the council and invite local people to keep in contact and feed into its work.

Council members to consider different examples and suggest discussion at next meeting. **Agreed**

- c) Skip for Borge and other villages. John Macleod suggested further discussion.

Date of next meeting

27th March 2017, Clan MacQuarrie Community Centre, 20.00.