

Minute of Meeting: Point Community Council

In: Point & Sandwick Trust office, Knock, Isle of Lewis.

On: Monday 8th May 2107

At: 7.30 pm

PRESENT

Matt Bruce (Chair)
Edmund McGregor (Treasurer)
Angus Lamont
Cllr Finlay Stewart
Chris Mackenzie

Lewis Shand
Cllr Norman Macdonald
Malcolm Dalzel-Job
Alec John Murray

APOLOGIES

Cllr Alasdair MacLeod
Agnes Munro

Norman MacLeod
Donald MacRitchie (Vice-Chair)

ATTENDING

Jane Nicolson, Police Scotland
Daniel Smith, Police Scotland

Minutes of previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of Monday 13th March were approved.

New Point councillors

Matt welcomed Norrie and Finlay as our two newest councillors, and wished them a long successful term of office.

Matters arising from the minutes
Eilean na Marbh
archaeological survey

Carol had supplied a one page summary including a photograph to Matt.

It was decided to leave this item in abeyance until funding could be sourced.

A summary article will be submitted to the Rhubach for inclusion in the autumn edition.

Alex John asked if the CNES archaeological department could get involved. The site is still open to the elements at present.

Matt will investigate this with CNES.

Police Scotland issues

Jane Nicolson and Danny Smith had come along to the meeting as the Police Scotland representatives.

Jane advised that Point was still a relatively crime free area, with only minor incidents reported and nothing major actioned in the period from the last meeting.

She highlighted the 101 service as the communication link for any minor crime issues, and 999 as the emergency number.

Scottish Fire & Rescue Service (SFRS)

Poster awaited for the shop, but otherwise no issues.

Defibrillators.

School: kit in place and operational
Ionad Stoodie: Kit in place and working
Aird community centre: Kit on site awaiting power connection

No road signage at present.

Roads

Nothing to report. Several issues ongoing

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| Co-option of additional PCC members | There was a need to co-opt new members especially women, and members from the Tumpain end of the ward. |
| New councillors | <p>Matt invited the new councillors to speak.</p> <p>At present there was no word on the status of the CNES committees but it was likely that our councillors would be involved. Alisdair was already on some, and would likely continue in these roles.</p> <p>Norrie was keen to increase the visibility and accountability of the team, making our community more aware of what they do. He would promote drop in surgeries throughout Point.</p> <p>Finlay was keen to learn having had no previous experience of local politics, and assured us of his support on any issue affecting the ward and its people.</p> <p>In discussion, the PCC was unsure of all numerous groups active within Point.</p> <p>Malcolm will attempt to identify and get data on the groups and their officials.</p> |
| Treasurers report | Eddie had issued a balance sheets which showed the finances in good health, due to the PCC's sound finance prudence and management. |
| Councillors report | <p>Zena and Norman demitted office at the recent election and were thanked for their efforts on behalf of the PCC and the wider community.</p> <p>Alisdair, Norrie and Finlay were now our CNES councillors.</p> <p>There would be more knowledge of roles and responsibilities at the next meeting</p> |
| Broadbay locality planning group; Health and social partnership | Agnes was unable to be at the meeting, so nothing further to report at this time |
| Community Challenge Fund | Nothing to report |
| Future plans and actions for PCC | Item for discussion at next meeting |
| Planning applications | Nothing to report |
| Training issues | Nothing to report on any further courses, |
| Publicity and tasks for the PCC | Nothing to report |
| Utilities | <p>Broadband service. Nothing to report</p> <p>SSE community resilience plan. Nothing to report</p> <p>Scottish Water. Nothing to report</p> |
| Correspondence | A letter had been received from Kenny Dan Macdonald in Aird regarding pollution from scrap cars near his property. Matt will deal with this letter as it involves numerous agencies. |
| A.O.C.B | Infestation of Gunnera. Start of seed head removal at Shader as a test zone. Possible financial, ownership of infected area and safety issues may need to be resolved. |

The Point Phonebook. Project to be discussed at the next meeting

Braighe gravestones. Nothing to report from AGM as Alisdair absent

Crown Estate consultation. Done

Point and Sandwick Trust (PST) initiative. PST want to explore a potential small business opportunity involving Gyproc (plasterboard) re-cycling involving an initial feasibility study.

PCC agreed to support this endeavour. Funding ongoing with study

Inter-island games funding. A request for financial help had been received from one competitor, and it was agreed that we would donate £100 to help her with her fund raising target.

PCC minute secretary. Lewis would be returning to Glasgow in July and as such would be demitting office as a PCC member and minute secretary. The issue of minute secretary would require attention for the September meeting.

Next Meetings

- Monday 19th June 2017 (Point and Sandwick Trust office)
- Monday 4th September 2017 (Point and Sandwick Trust office)

These meetings will take place at 7.30 pm