

NORTH TOLSTA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Note of meeting of the **North Tolsta Community Council** held at the Community Hall meeting room, North Tolsta, on **Wednesday, 25 January 2017, at 7.00pm.**

PRESENT: Anna Mackenzie (AMcK); Angus Murray (AM); Erica MacLeod (EM); Cllr John A MacIver; John MacIver (JM); Stuart Thomson (ST)

APOLOGIES: Effie MacMillan (EM); Cllr D Crichton; Fiona MacLeod (FM); Cllr Catriona Stewart

CHAIR: Anna MacKenzie

1. Note of the Last Meeting

Amendments to the Note:

Andrew Harris and Alice MacIntosh laid a wreath on behalf of the school.

Murdo Morrison "Anchorage" laid a wreath on behalf of the community.

The Note was approved.

Matters arising

Pairc Playgroup

Information regarding a playgroup project had been received from Pairc Playgroup, a voluntary organisation. Their project was being treated by HIE as a pilot so there would be no roll-out until the outcomes of the project were known. It was agreed to keep in touch with the group with a view to replicating something similar in our own area, if successful.

New Build

New build plans could be viewed at the PO. There was also a suggestion box at the PO for public comments and the views would be assimilated before the next meeting.

Meeting with TCDL

A meeting between the local bodies and TCDL was due to take place on Wednesday, 1 February 2017 at the Ceilidh House at 8pm to discuss how to address declining school rolls, among other matters.

Invoicing

The mobile speakers had arrived at Christmas time although no invoice had been received. AM to follow up.

No invoice had been received for the garden at the War Memorial. Cllr John A to follow up.

No invoice had been received for the toilets or the painting in the hall. ST and AM to follow up respectively.

Community Hall

One of the new heaters in the hall had broken and had been 'made safe'. It was noted that the protocol was to contact Chris Martin in the Technical Services Department of the Comhairle who would contact the contractor, in this case, ACE.

There had been issues of unauthorised access and petty theft in the hall. It was agreed to change the locks at the gable ends of the hall, the main entrance to the adjoining facility and the kitchen within.

Appointment of Treasurer/Chair

Given the delays in appointing a Treasurer it had been discussed previously that AMcK would step down as Chair and take on that role with ST, currently Vice Chair, moving to Chair. Both parties had informally agreed to this.

These new arrangements were formally proposed and seconded at the meeting:

AMcK appointed as Treasurer and ST appointed as Chair.

Proposed: Cllr J A Maciver

Seconded: John MacIver.

2. Community Dinner

There was a discussion about the annual 'Community Dinner' and how best to approach this. It was decided to restrict attendance to those people drawing the old age pension and to take them to 'Eleven' and back. AM to follow up on precise arrangements with Cala Hotels – capacity, requirements, entertainment, etc., and the best time for holding such a dinner. The Community Council would then draft an invitation flyer and circulate accordingly throughout the village. AM and JM to follow up.

The Comhairle's Social Fund (£500 per year) could offset some of the costs. AM to follow up. A set of the most recent audited accounts would be required.

3. Bank Balance

The bank balance as at 23 November 2017 was £9,747.45. There were some financial commitments not included: toilets, garden, shop and wreaths and the painting of the hall.

4. Community Jobs

AM had drafted a letter inviting expressions of interest and a price for the various community jobs that had been identified (for advertising in the PO):

Painting

- Chain anchor posts at the entrance to the village.
- Picnic tables at the Cladach.
- Picnic tables at Tràigh Mhòr.
- Bridge at Gary and tables.

Gardening

- Beds at the entrance to the village.
- Bed at the car park.
- Pots around the village.
- Beds at the Community Hall.
- Garden at the War Memorial.
- Cleaning of the community hall

5. War Memorial

The lowest quotation was from a Gordon Newton in Kent. JM would send the grant contract to the War Memorial Trust (it required a signed commitment from the contractor). Thereafter, the job was ready to commence.

Cllr John A had made Ward Initiative funding of £2,200 available for the war memorial and immediate surrounds.

6. Date of next meeting

Meetings would now take place on the third Tuesday of every month. The next meeting would be on Tuesday, 21 February 2017, at 7pm in the Tolsta Community Hall meeting room.