

NORTH TOLSTA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Note of meeting of the **North Tolsta Community Council** held at the Community Hall meeting room, North Tolsta, on **Tuesday, 28 March 2017, at 7.00pm.**

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

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

CHAIR: Stuart Thomson

1. Note of the Last Meeting

Matters arising

Cllr JA MacIver had attended the 'Resilience' meeting.

It was agreed to invite Scottish Fire and Rescue to the next meeting.

Note of the last meeting was approved.

2. Community Dinner

After some discussion about the venue, travel, etc. for the community dinner, it was agreed that it should involve a bus trip to Harris on Monday, 1 May 2017, with lunch at the Machair Kitchen in Harris. The trip would also incorporate a visit to the Harris Distillery, if possible, and the Harris Tweed shop. JM would draft and circulate a flyer to publicise the dinner locally and anyone interested could also put down their name and address on the form at the PO, or telephone members of the Committee. It was anticipated that the bus would leave at 10.30am, with a view to being back in Tolsta by about 6pm.

As mentioned at the previous meeting, the Comhairle's Social Fund (£500 per year) could offset some of the costs but this required the submission of our most recent audited accounts.

3. Bank Balance

The bank balance recorded up to 23 January 2017 was £13,317.07, although there were a couple of invoices still outstanding.

4. Community Hall

The external door now had a pin which gave access to the key to the community centre/hall and this would need to be communicated to those needing access at any time – youth club, bookings, etc.

The hatch had been fixed. There was now one key for the kitchen.

There were problems with a number of heaters within the hall. AM would follow up with CM from the Comhairle's Technical Services Department.

5. Community Jobs

No written expressions of interest had been received, although there were some informal approaches.

AM would follow up on the likelihood of the TCDL employee getting more hours to enable her to do the gardening jobs.

AM would obtain a quote from Maybury's for 10 concrete pots; compost and bedding plants.

The prices requested were for one-off works and not ongoing maintenance.

The jobs were as follows:

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

Given the lack of response overall, it was suggested that NTCC should approach some of the local students who could do the work in the summer. AM would follow up.

6. North Tolsta Breakfast and After-School Club Questionnaire

There was some discussion about the questionnaire which had a slight glitch at the beginning but was fine otherwise for circulation. Needed to think about next steps and the funding of any proposals. JM to follow up.

7. New Build

The deadline for consultation responses was 4 April 2017 and these should be sent to TCDL in the first instance, as the coordinating body, in the pre-paid envelope.

8. War Memorial

We now had a start date which would be at the beginning of July 2017. Needed to source some information on nearby guest houses B&Bs for the workers (if that is what they wanted).

9. Date of next meeting

The next meeting would be on Tuesday, 18 April 2017, at 7pm in the Tolsta Community Hall meeting room (subsequently changed to 25 April 2017).