

NORTH TOLSTA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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

PRESENT: Anna Mackenzie (AMcK); Angus Murray (AM); Erica MacLeod (EM); Cllr John A MacIver; Stuart Thomson (ST); John MacIver (JM); Cllr Catriona Stewart; Angus Murray (AM); Norma Macritchie (NM).

Both Cllrs MacIver and Stewart left the meeting early due to other commitments.

APOLOGIES: Fiona MacLeod (FM); Cllr D Crichton

CHAIR: Stuart Thomson

1. Note of the Last Meeting

Matters arising

It was likely that there could be vermin in the kitchen at the Community Hall and that Hebridean Pest Control would be called down to confirm whether this was the case. If that was the case, the venue for the polling station at the forthcoming local government election would have to be changed.

Cllr Stewart thanked the Community Council for their support during her term of office and that was reciprocated. Cllr Stewart would not be seeking re-election at the forthcoming elections.

The Note of the last meeting was approved.

2. Community Dinner

There was thought to be around 31 names for the bus trip to Harris on Monday, 1 May 2017. Final numbers would need to be forwarded asap to AJ MacLeod at the Hebridean Hotel, in preparation for lunch at the Machair Kitchen in Harris.

The invoice for the Harris Distillery could be sent to AM. There would be two tours of about ten people each.

3. Bank Balance

The bank balance recorded up to 1/3/2017 was £9,039.07.

4. Community Hall

The retailers were awaiting the replacement heaters which were expected to be in stock at the end of April. Once these were available, ACE would carry out the necessary works.

5. Community Jobs

AM had received a response from Maybury Gardens which had suggested a number of permutations and prices for the gardening jobs. ST would discuss the quote further with Maybury's and also look into whether the Hebridean Job Squad could do the gardening jobs, all inclusive.

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

It was agreed to give the painting jobs to a number of local students for a price of £500.

NM had offered to clean the Community Facility (NM also cleaned the Community Hall) and a price was agreed. She could do the cleaning once a week or as necessary and was happy to keep timesheets. The cleaning supplies could be purchased from MacGregors as the Community Council had an account there.

6. New Build

The consultation responses had not been opened as yet.

7. War Memorial

The start date would be at the beginning of July 2017. JM would look into possible accommodation for the workers. £4,000 would be required for the war memorial.

8. AOCB

There had been several resignations from PACT and there was a proposal for the remaining members and/or the considerable work undertaken by PACT to date, to be taken on by the Community Council. This was agreed.

NM indicated that PACT was too much work for one or two people but that her immediate priority was the completion of the improvement/enhancement of the swing park.

9. Date of next meeting

The next meeting would be on Tuesday, 16 May 2017, at 7pm, in the Tigh Ceilidh, Tolsta.