

Minute of Meeting: Point Community Council

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

On: Monday 19th June 2107

At: 7.30 pm

PRESENT

Matt Bruce (Chair)
Cllr Alasdair MacLeod
Agnes Munro
Norman MacLeod
Alec John Murray

Donald MacRitchie (Vice-Chair)
Lewis Shand
Cllr Norman Macdonald
Malcolm Dalzel-Job

APOLOGIES

Edmund McGregor (Treasurer)
Angus Lamont
Cllr Finlay Stewart

Chris Mackenzie
Daniel Smith, Police Scotland

ATTENDING

Jane Nicolson, Police Scotland

Minutes of previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of Monday 8th May were approved.

Matters arising from the minutes

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Eilean na Marbh archaeological survey

Kevin Murphy the CNES archaeologist now has all the papers.
Alex John asked about whether the site could be made wind and water tight as the excavation area was still open.
The council cannot do much about this site and investigation at the moment.
It was also noted that some of the recovered artefacts are still at Strathclyde university.
Matt will chase this up.

Police Scotland issues

Jane Nicolson had come along to the meeting as the Police Scotland representative.
Danny was unavailable.
Jane advised that Point was still a relatively crime free area, and in the period since the last meeting there had been 7 reported incidents. These included RTA, speeding, animals on road, noise and nuisance and child protection.
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.

Aird community centre: Kit on site awaiting power connection
No road signage at present in any of the defib locations.

Letter from K D Macdonald, Aird

Our councillors were dealing with this issue, and also the police

Roads

Squads working within the district including at the Sheshader road end and the Garrabost Post Office hill. This was major work in small areas, involving a large crew from Breedons.

The issue of the Bayble area roads was raised yet again. Our councillors have this in hand as an active complaint.

It was highlighted that the increased tourist traffic was placing a strain on our infrastructure including roads.

There was a need to co-opt new members especially women, and members from the Tumpain end of the ward.
No volunteers at present.

Our three councillors are now fully involved in CNES work including membership of the various CNES committees
They have set up a Facebook page which they will be using to act as a noticeboard for their ward activities, and also an interactive messaging system.
The Facebook Id is “ Squire An Rubha”

Alisdair brought us up to date with developments in the area.

Iolaire centenary.

The event to remember the Iolaire disaster will take place next year and plans are now in place to ensure that the memorial site and the access roads and paths are upgraded to a suitable standard. It is expected that the event will attract national and even international press coverage, so the memorial requires work done.

Norrie advised that numerous parties are already involved including the Stornoway Trust (as landlord), An Lanntair, Sandwick community council, CNES and others.

Eddie had left notes regarding the following.
The account for the paint for the coastal path markers had been paid (£221.00)

He was delighted to report that our accounts had been submitted to CNES and signed off as correct on 12th May 2017.

Norrie had receipts from the WIIGA which Lewis will pass on to Eddie. They covered the sponsorship from PCC for a total of £300.

In future it was agreed that any WIIGA funding would not be made to individuals, but to the main organising body.

Agnes updated the meeting on the current situation. Since the project had started to focus on the “Greater Stornoway and Broad Bay” areas it had effectively stalled, due to targets that were unachievable. There is a restart proposed.

There was a need to have specific cases that could be used as templates for action. The Western Isles although having difficulties was getting on much better than other parts of Scotland.

Agnes and Norrie will work together on an action plan for Point.

There was up to £2000 available for specified projects under a 50% funding arrangement. The deadline for submission was 8th August.

Item for discussion at next meeting

Nothing to report

Nothing to report on any further courses,

Malcolm raised the issue of the PCC Facebook page. He intentionally had not done any work on the page over the past weeks due to other commitments. He did intend to modify the header logo, and would like to incorporate pictures of all the PCC members so that the Point residents knew who to approach with PCC related issues. The number of followers had risen from 205 to 303 in the past months.

Utilities

Broadband service. Nothing to report

SSE community resilience plan. Nothing to report

Scottish Water. Nothing to report

Correspondence

None

A.O.C.B

Infestation of Gunnera. Quite a lot of interest in this recently. The Stornoway Trust were holding a related event in the castle grounds on Saturday 24th June. There was a wide ranging discussion covering PCC involvement, coordination, finance, public/ private areas of infection, grazing committees. Malcolm agreed that he would organise a public facing table event at the Point show, and gauge to enthusiasm or otherwise to start work on an eradication project.

The Point Phonebook. It was unlikely that any electronic copy of the book exists

Point and Sandwick Trust (PST) initiative. The PST potential small business opportunity involving Gyproc (plasterboard) re-cycling involving an initial feasibility study had failed to get start-up funding.

Knock community shop/ café

The upgrade plans were still active, and the project was ongoing.

PCC minute secretary. The issue of minute secretary would require attention for the September meeting.

Next Meetings

- Monday 4th September 2017 (Point and Sandwick Trust office)
- Monday 30th October 2017 (Point and Sandwick Trust office)

These meetings will take place at 7.30 pm