

## AIRIDHANTUIM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Minutes of meeting held in Clan MacQuarrie Community Centre Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at 20.00

Present: Mr Murdo Smith                      Ms Donna Doris  
            Cllr Kenneth Macleod              Cllr John Macleod  
            Mr David Macleay                      Mr Donnie Macdonald  
            Cllr John Mackay                      Cllr Alastair MacIennan  
Apologies Ms Mairi Macdonald              Ms Cathy Ann Macleay  
            Mr Murdo Nicholson                  Ms Margaret Matheson  
Clerk: Brian Whittington  
Also attending: Mr William Taylor

#### 1. Minutes of the last meeting

David Macleay moved.

Agreed

#### 2. Matters arising

##### a) Steinecleit access road

David Macleay spoke with Historic Environment Scotland who pointed out that the road belongs to the Urras. He is to set up a meeting with the district manager. Costs for road are not available yet. Position will become clear when costs are available. Any Urras grant is capped at £10,000.

##### b) Upper Shader road junction

Noted, that a CnES roads engineer affirmed that the junction complies with regulations. However, given resident's concerns, it was agreed that Murdo Smith would seek written approval from neighbouring crofters, to write to CnES inviting consideration for the stone walls adjacent to the junction to be realigned when funds become available.

##### c) Ballantrushal road shrubbery

Costs for deer proof fencing are a minimum of £9,000. The Deer Commission are to visit the site with Murdo Smith, to discuss ways of protecting shrubbery from deer. Upper Shader and Ballantrushal Grazing Committee is looking to stock fence the eastern boundary of the main road south from Ballantrushal. However, unless the Deer Commission can suggest a less costly alternative to deer fencing, shrubbery plan is on hold.

##### d) Clearance of scrapped cars

A map showing siting of scrap cars was shown to council. Third Sector Hebrides has made council aware of Scottish Landfill Fund, which may pay for removal, with end June next deadline.

Council discussed whether burying old vehicles an option. Murdo Smith to contact SEPA **ACTION**

Proposal that approval be sought from all grazing committees for removal of all scraped cars etc. This would be followed up with a letter to all crofters and householders, not individuals, highlighting opportunity to remove scrap cars for free.

David Macleay & Murdo Smith to draft letter to grazing clerks to seek approval of proposal **ACTION**

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All members of council to look at their own locality to identify what make and age of cars have been deposited on common grazings. **AGREED**

- e) Use of social media

Suggested a facebook page. Noted, that this would need constant updating. Defer to next meeting. E-Sgire, posts all local information for residents. It was agreed that date of meetings be sent to "Fios" for inclusion in its diary section. Clerk to forward all agreed papers. **ACTION**

- f) Skips for villages

Suggestion that three village skips be applied for:

Clan Macquarrie Community Centre  
Ballantrushal  
Galson

- g) Airidhantuim School

Accepted that likelihood would be demolition if site suitable for community use. Council to nominate a person to serve on locality planning group of Integration Joint Board. Murdo Smith to contact Ron Culley, IJB chief executive. **ACTION**

### 3. Finances

Donnie Macdonald outlined application to set up new account for council. Once completed, signatories to be chair, vice chair and treasurer.

### 4. CnES & correspondence update

- a) Alistair MacLennan gave an update on new CnES committee structure
- b) Crown Estate devolution – residents encouraged to support CnES online survey
- c) Aspiring Communities Fund, no action required
- d) Unconventional Oil & Gas, no action required

### 5. AOCB

- a) Clerk to follow up *Fire and Police* contacts to attend ACC **ACTION**
- b) Donna Doris raised issue of lack of lampposts at key village points.  
Clerk to raise with James Macarthur of Technical Services. **ACTION**
- c) Donnie Macdonald to explore Community Challenge Fund **ACTION**

### Date of next meeting

29<sup>th</sup> May 2017, Clan MacQuarrie Community Centre, 20.00.