

## **NORTH TOLSTA COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Note of meeting of the **North Tolsta Community Council** held at the Tigh Ceilidh, North Tolsta, on **Tuesday, 16 May 2017, at 7.00pm.**

**PRESENT:** Anna Mackenzie (AMK); Angus Murray (AM); Stuart Thomson (ST); Fiona MacLeod (FM); Cllr D Crichton; Cllr John A MacIver; Cllr Calum MacLean.

**APOLOGIES:** John MacIver (JM); Norma Macritchie (NM).

**CHAIR:** Stuart Thomson

### **1. Note of the Last Meeting**

Note of the last meeting was approved.

#### **Matters arising**

Community Dinner - a card had been received thanking the Community Council for arranging the visit and dinner in Harris on 1 May 2017. It had been a very successful and enjoyable day out.

PACT- AM and JM would meet with Anne Ramsey and NM to discuss how best to progress work to date.

Invoices from Lochs Motor Transport, Machair Kitchen and Harris Distillery would be sent to AM.

### **2. Community Hall**

AM had asked CM at the Comhairle for an update on the heaters. Medlocks stated that they would replace the heaters, but that they wouldn't have them in stock until the end of April. Once in stock, ACE would carry out the job.

The faulty heaters would be sent to the manufacturers to determine what the problem was. There was some suggestion that the Community Council should buy grills to protect the heaters. This would be considered after the heaters were replaced.

Rats – Hebridean Pest Control had set ten traps and three rats had been found. Technical Services had identified and closed the holes where rats were getting into the building.

There would need to be a deep clean after the all clear was given. AM would contact specialist cleaners to get a couple of quotations.

### **3. Bank Balance**

The bank balance recorded on the night was £8,149.22, as at 20 April 2017.

### **4. Community Jobs**

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

AM and AMK would organise the materials for the painting jobs for the students. This could start in late June 2017.

Following previous discussions about how to progress the bedding plants, ST would get a price from Maybury's for ten pots and then advertise 'adopt a pot' locally to establish the level of interest. If successful, that would take care of the ongoing maintenance.

### **5. New Build**

There had been a meeting of the group on 9 May 2017. The consultation outcome was now known: For – 104; Against 24; and 5 void. A meeting of TCDL would be held in the following week at which they would consider whether to be the 'front' or 'lead' body for the project. Letters would go out to all participant groups including the Historical Society; TCDL; Tolsta Power; North and New Tolsta Grazing Committees; and the Community Council.

### **6. War Memorial**

No update on the night as JM was not present. However, there was likely to be some slippage to previous timelines as our contractors were experiencing some delays on a current job, due to adverse weather.

### **7. AOCB**

AM would respond to the notification from BT which indicated that they intended to remove the telephone kiosk and line beside the Tolsta PO. The response would be sent to the Comhairle's Planning Department in the first instance.

Locality Planning Lewis Residential Care Review – a Project Board and Projects Teams were now in place with responsibility for delivering various work streams.

### **8. Date of next meeting**

The next meeting would be on Tuesday, 20 June May 2017, at 7pm, in the Tigh Ceilidh, Tolsta (**changed subsequently to 27 June 2017 at 7pm, venue to be confirmed**).