

**Back Community Council**

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January**

**Back Community Hut**

**Minutes of Meeting**

**Present:** Cllr John A Maciver (Cllr JAM), Laura Graham (LG), Cathy Macinnes (CM), Margaret-Ann Maciver (M.A), Sara Maciver (SM), Andrew Morrison (AM)

**Apologies:** Cllr Donald Crichton, Cllr Catriona Stewart, PC David Fraser, Carolyn Hudson

**Chair:** Cathy Macinnes

CM opened the meeting and thanked everybody for attending.

**Minutes of the previous meeting:**

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 10th January were proposed by M.A Maciver and seconded by Cathy Macinnes

**Matters Arising:**

*Steps/Lighting*

The works at the steps of The Community Hut have been started. CM suggested going to see Gordon MacLennan to get a rail done for the side of the steps.

*Defibrillator*

The cabinets for all the defibrillators have now been fitted & installed other than the one in Gress which is due to be switched on very shortly. The training at the Coll Centre on 20<sup>th</sup> January went well. There is catch-up training offered if there is a demand, otherwise, the refresher course will be in 1 year.

M.A and the others in The Hut committee, will check the Defibrillator outside The Hut and Terri Davies will check the one at the Coll Centre, regularly. AM gave them a checklist for doing this.

*Police Issues*

PC David Fraser unable to attend this evening but did let us know that the containers where the responsibility of the Roads Department and that he had met with John Maciver, the cost of moving them and who is responsible for moving them, seems to be an issue. Cllr CS has also spoken to the Technical Services Department, who assured her it would be dealt with. PC DF also mentioned an issue with windows being smashed at the Golden Sands caravan park.

*Community Resilience*

Rebekah Smith – UHI- will be in Tong Hall on 7<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30 and has advised that anyone who has question regarding the Community Empowerment Act, should let her know in advance.

**Finances**

The current Balance stands at £4052.35 after paying for the Senior Citizen's Dinner, Defibrillators and paying Rose for cleaning the toilets at Brevig Pier.

**AOCB**

M.A Maciver has been formerly co-opted on to the Community Council.

Sara Maciver will attend some meetings before she decides whether to take on the post of Secretary.

LG will send a diary of meetings for 2017 to the Fire Service as they would like to arrange a visit to allocate a staff liaison to our Community subject to our agreement.

Members agreed to hire a skip to be in The Hut carpark on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April and to have a soup/pudding. CH will arrange the skip hire.

CM spoke about the ideas which were given the Community last June when suggestion boxes were in the area.

Some ideas with the most votes were picked out, those were Defibrillators which we have now done, 'no dumping signs' in Vatisker which were done last year. Skips were suggested by many, however, members agreed that since we weren't too far from Marybank dump and if we continued to bring a skip to the area twice a year, this wasn't necessary.

Community Gardens/poly tunnels were suggested. J.A Maciver said the issue could be getting land however, worth progressing and possibly including schools within the area.

A café/laundrette was also another suggestion, members spoke about using The Hut as a café on occasions over the Summer, this is an ideal location and would be convenient for bus tours if there were people within the community willing to help. Members agreed we write to groups in the area to let them know we are considering opening 3 afternoons and possibly offering 3 or 4 tables to locals who could sell crafts etc. J.A says places need to be self-sustaining nowadays.

There were many other suggestions such as dog fouling bins, a playpark, wind turbines etc some of which may be considered at a later date.

M.A said the Hut committee were more than happy for a port for an emergency generator to be installed for the emergency plan.

**Date and time of next meeting**

The next meeting is to be held on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm.

CM thanked everybody for attending and closed the meeting.