

Back Community Council
Tuesday 30th 2017
Back Community Hut
Minutes of Meeting

Present: Cathy Macinnes, Margaret-Ann Maciver, Laura Graham, Sara Maciver, Cllr Donald Crichton, Cllr Calum Maclean, Cllr John A Maciver, Andrew Morrison

Apologies: Carolyn Hudson

Chair: Cathy Macinnes

CM welcomed everybody to the meeting and congratulated our new Councillor, Calum Maclean on being elected and congratulated John A Maciver and Donald Crichton on being re-elected.

Minutes of the previous meeting:

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 25th April were proposed by Cllr Donald Crichton and seconded by Margaret Ann Maciver.

Matters Arising:

The containers in the Community Hut carpark have been moved away from the wall, this is no longer a Health Safety hazard.

M.A Maciver gave the quote for the installed of the new kitchen in the Community Hut, without the cost of an Electrician and a plumber doing the necessary work. Councillors agreed that they would help with the cost with money from the ward fund. CM suggested that we hold a fundraiser to help with the costs of the electrician and the plumber, members agreed.

CM has contacted Angus Morrison regarding a sign at Gress beach to make people aware of the defibrillator, she is awaiting a response.

Back Free Church sent a donation of £300 towards the cost of our Senior Citizen's Dinner which was held in the Caladh Inn on Saturday 14th January. LG will send a thank you letter.

Finances

Carolyn Hudson sent her apologies for the evening however, she sent a note of the finances and they are as follows; The bank balance stands at £9649.80. The last payment was for £200 to the Lewis & Harris Ladies Football team for their trip to the Island Games.

AOCB

CM apologised for being unable to attend the Ferry Services Procurement Stakeholder Engagement meeting on 23rd May.

CM spoke about the e-mail we received regarding the 20mph members bill consultation, requesting a response. Members agreed that since Back, Tong & Tolsta Schools already have 20mph zones, that there are no other areas it would be necessary.

Cllr J.A Maciver suggested that we make a representation against the removal of the phone box in North Tolsta until proper mobile coverage is supplied, members agreed that we should submit a representation.

CM informed members that Euan Macleod had sent an e-mail between meetings requesting a donation for the Women's Football team to go to the Island Games. Some members agreed to give a £200 donation and asked Euan for help with fundraisers in the future.

Cllr CM spoke about problems that Back Football & Recreation Club are experiencing with hiring a minibus when necessary. Members agreed it would be a good idea to have shared ownership of a minibus in the village. LG will contact Back Free Church as they have got one.

M.A is still waiting for Gordon MacLennan to get in touch regarding the railing for the steps at the Community Hut.

Members spoke about polytunnels again and agreed we would investigate getting one in the Community Hut car park. It was agreed that we would ask Common Grazing's and CnES what land we could use in the area. LG will contact Technical Services and the removal of the containers.

Policy Issue – There was no police presence at the meeting however, CM spoke about the polytunnel at Back School which children are unable to use as it has been vandalised, this is said to have happened on numerous occasions. Councillors will mention this issue at the next Parent Council meeting.

Date and time of next meeting

The next meeting is to be held on Tuesday 27th June 2017 at 7pm.

CM thanked everybody for attending and closed the meeting.