

NORTH TOLSTA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Public Meeting held at the Community Hall, North Tolsta, on Tuesday 19 June 2018, at 7pm

1. Druim Leathann

Chairman's Address (circulated separately).

The Chairman read out a letter from the residents at Cragro, North Tolsta.

There followed an open debate/exchange among those present about the proposals at Druim Leathann (recorded separately).

Closed at 8.15 pm.

Note of meeting of the North Tolsta Community Council held at the Community Hall, North Tolsta, on Tuesday 19 June 2018, at 8.15pm.

PRESENT: Anna Mackenzie (AMK); Angus Murray (AM); John A MacIver (JM); Fiona Black (FB); Fiona MacLeod (FM); Norma MacRitchie (NM); Stuart Thomson (ST) (Chair); Cllr John A MacIver (JAM); Cllr Calum Maclean (CM); Cllr Donald Crichton (DC); Erica MacLeod (EM).

APOLOGIES: Cllr Calum Maclean (CM)

2. Note of the Last Meeting

Note of the last meeting of 15 May 2018 was approved.

Matters arising

- Tolsta School – the Community Council wrote to Bernard Chisholm, Director of Education and Children's Services, on 17 May 2018, inviting the Director to a meeting with the Tolsta Parent Council and the wider community to hear his proposals for protecting the school, going forward. The Director confirmed that he would attend a meeting on Tuesday, 26 June 2018, in Tolsta Community Hall at 7pm.
- Druim Leathann - the Community Council had drafted and issued a briefing note to raise awareness of the proposed development among the wider community. This had generated a high level of interest which resulted in the earlier public meeting. Cllr Crichton expressed his disappointment at the briefing note being circulated without prior sight of it, given that the three Ward Councillors were named on the leaflet, albeit as ex-officio members of the Community Council. It was acknowledged that the Councillors had no input into the briefing note and that there was no intention by the Community Council to give that impression. It was reiterated that the Community Council collectively had taken no formal 'position' on the proposed development although individual members of the committee would have their own opinions.

3. Accounts/Bank Balance

The balance was £9,321.16 as at 6 April 2018. The paperwork for the transfer of funds from Tolsta FC to the Community Council was required before submitting the accounts for Audit. Tolsta FC's bank account was now closed.

4. Appointment of Treasurer

AM had drafted some terms and conditions which D MacIver would have to agree to before taking on the role of the NTCC Treasurer (subsequently agreed on 2 July 2018) and be co-opted on to the Committee. The official transfer of duties would take place after the next meeting on 14 August 2018.

5. Community Hall

CM from the Comhairle had confirmed that Medlocks would replace all the heaters, but were concerned about the same issue occurring again. The intention was to set up a site meeting involving ACE, Medlocks and the Community Council, to assess the damage and consider other options (site meeting held on 29 June 2018).

6. Football Pitch/ PACT

JM and AM had met with D. MacLeod (the consultant) and he was to provide more detailed costings and prepare the lead-up work to a planning application.

7. War Memorial

Restoration Ltd had submitted a quote for £4.9k - the WMT grant would meet 75% of that. NTCC would have to fund the shortfall. It was proposed to apply to the Challenge Fund to offset the costs.

8. AOCB

Trip to Harris

It was agreed to organise a trip to Harris on August holiday along similar lines to that of the previous year, with a stop-off for lunch at the Machar Kitchen. Anyone interested in going on the trip should put their name and contact details on the list at the PO.

9. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday, 14 August 2018, at 7pm.

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