

Minutes of Meeting of the Point Community Council at the Point & Sandwich Trust Office, Knock, Isle of Lewis on Monday 12th March 2018 at 7.30 pm.

Present. Matt Bruce (Chair), Agnes Munro, Alec John Murray (Solo), Chris Mackenzie, Edmund McGregor (Treasurer), Donald McRitchie, Malcolm Dalzel-Job.

Apologies. Cllrs Finlay, Norrie and Alasdair, Angus Lamont.

Minutes of previous meeting. The minutes of the meeting of Mon 22 Jan were approved.

Guests attending. Nil.

Co-option of new members. Sonja and Roddy Macleod (approved). MB will approach.

1. Matters arising.

- a. Speeding on the Bayble Pier Road and elsewhere in Point, scaring horses – get the Police involved? MB and MDJ to take forward.
- b. Point coastal path group have been offered funding. Solo will ask the Stornoway Trust for a meeting before the ST elections in two weeks.
- c. Defibrillators. The training for these has been done and the electricians have completed their work. Maintenance is the responsibility of the Community Wardens (Lucky2BHere). There are now 106 in the Western Isles.

2. Treasurers Report. Funds are available from CNES for maintenance of the play parks in Point. MB and EM will meet Erica Clark soon to discuss. NB: are contracted to maintain the School play park. MB will also confirm this.

3. Gunnera eradication. The first Gunnera eradication day is scheduled for Thu 29 Mar. MDJ to lead on this, including Facebook publicity.

4. Coast Path. Progress at Ui Church. Ongoing – awaiting Stornoway Trust action.

5. Community Council Forum meeting in the Comhairle. AM, CM and MDJ attended the inaugural meeting of the Lewis Forum of Community Councils. Full first meeting to follow. The benefits will be shared experiences, more clout with the local authority, audiences with VIPs. Derek Mackay from CNES will email us all with secretariat and communications plan. Meeting frequency and membership TBC.

6. Defibrillator payment and signs. Each machine costs £180 (labour and parts) for installation. Costs of signs to be covered by PCC, but it may be reimbursed. Locations TBC.

7. Publicity. The Rubhach, Facebook – 325 followers. Not sure how many of these are from Point. Summary of playpark issue to appear in next month's Rubhach.

8. Planning applications and Training issues. Nil.

9. AOCB.

- a. The Claypark-Garrabost path: The white lines were painted in the wrong place when the road was re-surfaced causing the gap on the Southern side to be too thin. This is being address with CNES.
- b. The Garrabost-Shader off-road footpath is progressing. CM has looked into this. Sustrans will pay for half of this.
- c. The Integration Joint Board (IJB) – a questionnaire is out on social care. There appears to be slow progress on this.

10. DONM. Monday 14th May 2018 and Monday 25th June 2018, both at 7:30pm in the Point and Sandwich Trust Office.