

Minute/Note of Meeting	TITLE	lochdar Community Council Meeting		
	DATE	Tuesday 4 th September 2018	TIME	8.00pm
	VENUE	Talla an lochdair		

Present:	Peter Bird (Chair), Angela Brass, Ronnie Macphee, Morag Ann Steele, Neil Macpherson, Cllr Iain Archie MacNeill, Cllr Paul Steele, Anne Bird (mins)
Apologies:	Cllr Iain Macleod, PC Derek Cowan, Cllr MacMillan, Cllr Manford

	Agenda Item	Summary	Action	Who?	When?
•	Previous Minutes	Previous minutes (5 th June) proposed by NMacP seconded by MAS	approved mins to CnES. X2	AB	asap
•	Matters Arising	Council community bins Letter to PO Head in Stornoway with request for additional post box, no response.	Continue with enquiry Chase up	Cllr IAM AB	On-going For next meeting
•	Treasurer's update & Funding	Accounts returned from SYy, all in order. Challenge Funding, application successful for funds to allow the purchase of children's bikes for the lochdar area.	Issue cheque for bikes	RMacP	When payment comes in from CnES
•	ICC projects and initiatives	lochdar Regeneration Project: CnES Access Officer Peter Coldwell is helping ICC move on with plans for a safe walking/cycling route around the village. Update from PC on 12 th Aug: Looks like funding will be available from Sustrans to cover the cost of the feasibility study. Awaiting news re consultants and costs. Application form is almost ready to go. No word as yet re bridging the roadside gap in the Hebridean Way.	Keep in touch with PC	ICC Members	On-going
•	Consultations + meetings	Thursday 7 th June, Cho Chomunn AGM, attended by MAS, PB Monday 18 th June, meeting with lochdar HT and Parent Council rep, outcomes included Challenge Fund application and meeting planned for every term incl Parent Council, Pupil Council and SAIAC. Tuesday 19 th June, Uist Disability Access Panel, PB attended Wednesday 22 nd Aug OHCPP, AB and PB attended open event Letter from Lord-Lieutenant for the Western Isles offering to visit and explain the role of the Lieutenancy.	Contact Cllr Robertson to ask for a joint event hosted by Uist Community Councils Association	AB	asap

		<p>Marine Scotland consultation on scoping exercise by Marine Biopolymers for Mechanical Seaweed Harvesting: ICC have responded initially to MS to say we have concerns about the timing of this consultation, by the limited period allowed for response and to say there are complex issues associated with these proposals that require further explanation.</p> <p>Questions have been raised in the community about the impact of licenced mechanical seaweed harvesting on marine ecosystems and on local manual seaweed harvesting. There have also been questions raised about how the proposed operations would be monitored.</p> <p>North Harris Trust along with Scottish Natural Heritage are embarking on a project to quantify the extent of Gunnera (Gunnera tinctoria) across the Western Isles.</p> <p>WICCF: ICC have been approached to support this eco initiative by TIG.</p>	<p>Send out the links again with more info to members.</p> <p>Take a pro-active role in the consultation process, eg hosting an information session for all concerned parties.</p> <p>Report any patches of Gunnera that WICC not already aware of.</p> <p>Confirm support etc</p>	<p>AB</p> <p>ICC</p> <p>ICC</p> <p>AB</p>	<p>Asap</p> <p>On-going</p> <p>On-going</p> <p>asap</p>
•	Planning	No issues raised.			
•	Causeway Opening and Flood Management	Work associated with the survey being continued by the Council, still in the modelling stage incorporating the 2009 Hydrodynamic Study by Aberdeen University			
•	Broadband / Coms	Word of possible new boxes at Ardmore, Kilaulay, and Buladubh.			
•	Ferries	<p>Recent disruption again demonstrates the lack of resilience in the fleet.</p> <p>Gail Robertson of Benbecula Community Council is now on the Communities Board of CalMac.</p>			
•	AOCB	<p>Response from the Council re the ICC boundary: there will be some overlaps with Polling Districts throughout the Islands as Community Council boundaries have not changed significantly over the past thirty years unlike the local government boundaries.</p> <p>Scottish Islands Forum sent an invitation to SIF AGM on Tiree</p> <p>ICC members are invited to a Thank You Ceilidh with Sgoil Lionacleit Pipe Band on 21st September</p> <p>Bornish CC, having difficulties attracting members, ICC have offered localsupport to any new members that can be identified.</p>	<p>Circulate SIF info</p>	AB	asap
•	Date of Next Meeting	<p>Proposed date to be confirmed, Tues 2nd or 9th Oct 8pm</p> <p>Meeting closed 9.15pm</p>	<p>Circulate date of next meeting</p>	AB	asap

