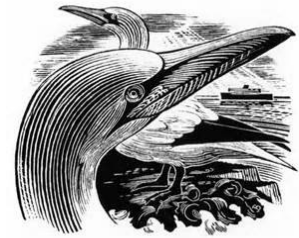


# *Ness Community Council*



## **Minute of the meeting held on 25 March 2019 At 7.30pm in Spòrs Nis**

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<b>Present</b>	Katie M Mackenzie (Chair) Jean Hawkett	Donnie Macleod (Treasurer) Helen Mackenzie	Peter Inger
<b>In Attendance</b>	Cllr J Mackay	Cllr K J Macleod	
<b>Apologies</b>	Cllr K Macleod	Cllr J N Macleod	

### **Welcome**

The Chair welcomed all present to the meeting.

### **Minute of the meeting 25 February 2019**

The minute of the meeting 25 February 2019 was approved:

Proposed by Helen Mackenzie

Seconded by Donnie Macleod

### **Matters arising**

#### Health and Social Care

Donnie Macleod advised that he had not been able to attend the meeting in Carloway. Cllr Macleod advised that he had attended the meeting and gave an update. He reported that the IJB has launched a consultation on the future use of the care units in Garrabost, Crowlista and Carloway. New legal responsibilities relating to how care is provided have meant that the service users who would have used the care units can now be cared for at home. This can be by providing support to carers. All local communities are keen to enable the care units to stay open and the consultation has been extended for another month. There is potential for the units to be used for respite care and the IJB will be interested in the views of the community.

Katie Mackenzie advised that the County was used in Stornoway for respite. She also stated that the care units in Dell have been used for respite in the past. Cllr Macleod provided information that respite will be provided in the new campus in Goathill. The IJB had also considered rural provision for housing with extra care in rural Lewis.

Donnie Macleod asked about the former residents of the care units. Cllr Macleod advised that the care needs of these service users had changed and they had moved. Donnie Macleod asked about the staffing and Cllr Macleod advised that they have been moved to other locations.

Helen Mackenzie asked about the numbers and viability of the unit for respite run by a social enterprise. It appears that the numbers and regulatory requirements might make covering the running costs challenging.

It was agreed that the Community Council would agree the response that would be submitted and Donnie Macleod would facilitate the process.

#### Ness Sign

Donnie Macleod reported that a site visit had taken place. The site needs a bit of infill. The Community Council needs to source some stone and Donnie suggested that a roll of honour recognising any donation of stone received would be included on the sign. It was agreed to put the advertisement in Fios. The design was agreed and Donnie Macleod would take forward the agreed design.

#### Tourism

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

## Roads

It was reported that the road to the Butt of Lewis has been resurfaced and this was an improvement to the condition of the surface. There may be more work to be done to the passing places and it was unclear whether this was part of a tourism initiative.

No update has been received on the junction in Lionel. Helen Mackenzie agreed to contact Cllr J N Macleod to see if he has been able to raise the issue with the Roads Section of the Comhairle.

## Community Conversations

Katie Mackenzie and Donnie Macleod attended a meeting on 13 March where the Comhairle outlined the next steps of the community conversation process.

There was a lengthy discussion about public transport services and the potential reduction in services. It was agreed that there would be a watching brief.

## Calmac Community Board

Donnie Macleod advised that he had left a message for them to make contact with him about the meeting on the West Side.

## Ness Hall

Donnie Macleod advised that there is a group who are keen to take the hall over and this was progressing.

## **Police Matters**

No matters have been raised.

## **Correspondence**

### Calmac Business Breakfast

The Community Council had been invited to a business breakfast for Calmac on 27 March 2019 in Stornoway.

### Telephone boxes

Correspondence had been received about the phone box on the Cross Skigersta Road. Katie Mackenzie advised that she had been in touch and we could adopt it for £1. The Community Council may be liable for the decommissioning costs. It was agreed to see what the objections are (if any). It could be auctioned at the Gala Day. Katie will ensure she keeps up to date with the decommissioning process.

## **Any other competent business**

### Power Cuts

It was agreed that Helen Mackenzie will contact SSE to ask about how power cuts are timed and what consultation with power users about when would be the best time for these works to be done.

### Stone Bench Eoropie

Helen Mackenzie and Jean Hawkett are going to take the project forward to refurbish the stone bench.

### Port of Ness Harbour

The Community Council noted the application.

### Nicolson Institute

The Community Council asked that elected members express their concern over the low league table performance. Elected members agreed to raise the matter at the next series of meetings.

### Consultation on number of councillors

The Community Council noted that the boundary of the current ward will move to Carloway.

## **Date of the next meeting**

Thursday 23 May 2019 at 19.00 in Sgoil Lionail.