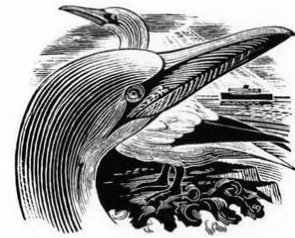


Ness Community Council



Minute of the meeting held on 23 May 2019 At 7.00pm in Sgoil Lionail

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

Welcome

The Chair welcomed all present to the meeting.

Minute of the meeting 25 March 2019

The minute of the meeting 25 March 2019 was approved:

Proposed by Helen Mackenzie

Seconded by Donnie Macleod

Matters arising

Health and Social Care

Donnie Macleod reported that a response was submitted to the consultation on the care units. He advised that he had not been notified of the date of the next meeting of the Locality Planning Group.

Ness Sign

Donnie Macleod advised that, following the notice in Fios, the Community Council has had a fantastic response from people in the community prepared to donate stone. The next step in the project is to get quotations for the works. The timing of the works will be determined but could be in the autumn.

Tourism

Jean Hackett produced a report that was circulated at the meeting in her absence. In her report Jean highlighted changes in proprietors at cafés and restaurants. The Community Council was pleased to note that the toilet at the Eorpie Dunes Playpark is nearly complete. They noted that changes to the bus service due to the Comhairle's attempts to reduce costs may impact on the ability of tourists and people in the community to get to and from Ness.

Roads

Helen Mackenzie advised that she had reminded Cllr Macleod that he had agreed to raise the junction with the department. Cllr Mackay advised that the Community Council should contact Calum Mackenzie, Head of Assets and Infrastructure to see if a site visit had taken place.

The Community Council asked Cllr Mackay if he was aware of the start date for the works on the Dell Moor. Cllr Macleod advised that it is on the capital programme for 2019 but was not aware of the date. Calum Mackenzie would be able to provide this information.

It was agreed that Donnie Macleod will contact Calum Mackenzie for the updates.

Community Conversations

No updates to report as no meetings have taken place.

Calmac Community Board

Donnie Macleod advised that he had been in touch with Eddie Mackenzie from the Calmac Community Board. The Community Board is keen to hold a meeting to explain its work and remit. The Community Council agreed that a joint meeting with Airidhantium CC should take place.

Donnie Macleod to follow up with Eddie Mackenzie.

Telephone Kiosk

Katie Mackenzie reported that the telephone kiosk on the Cross Skigersta Road now belongs to the Community Council. It was proposed that the kiosk is auctioned off to raise money for Community Council projects. A process of sealed bids could be used for this purpose and perhaps the result could be announced at the Ness Gala Day.

It was agreed that Donnie will progress the process.

Power Cuts

Carry forward to the next meeting.

Stone Bench

No progress to report at this meeting.

Nicolson Institute

Helen Mackenzie to ask Cllr Kenny John Macleod what the response was when the issue was raised at committee (copy request to Cllr Angus McCormack, Chair of Education)

AGM

The Community Council noted that next meeting will need to be the AGM and there is a requirement to give 21-days' notice.

Cars

Donnie Macleod reported that the second phase of the project is about to start. The Community Council thanked the Councillors for approving the contribution from the Ward fund and also Urras Oighreachd Ghabhsainn for their phase 1 grant.

Police Matters

Donnie Macleod advised that he had been in contact with Police Scotland and had invited them to attend a meeting. No response has been received to date. There have been some concerns raised about speeding and anti-social driving in the district. It would be useful if Police Scotland could attend a meeting so that these issues could be raised. A subsequent article in Fios from Police Scotland could be issued.

Donnie Macleod to follow up with Police Scotland

Correspondence

No items were tabled.

Any other competent business

SCDC Report

Helen Mackenzie updated the Community Council on a report undertaken by the Scottish Community Development Centre on community councils in Scotland #. She suggested that the Community Council consider the recommendations as part of their forward plan in the autumn.

Challenge Fund

The Ness Community Council challenge funding is now open for application and the deadline is 30 July 2019. Donnie Macleod has put a notice in Fios.

VE Day Celebrations

Donnie Macleod reported that an email has been sent round about the proposed celebrations. He advised that the War Memorial and Comunn Eachdraidh would be the best organisations to lead on the arrangements.

Bus Service

The Community Council considered the possible changes to the bus service to Ness/town. It was agreed that the Community Council would raise any concerns that people in the community raised once the Comhairle's changes were known.

Fly tipping

In her report, Jean Hackett had raised a concern that there had been fly-tipping over the cliffs at the Butt. Donnie Macleod agreed to investigate.

Changes to ward boundaries

Cllr Mackay advised that the geographic boundary for the ward will not be changing but the number of councillors is reducing to three.

Energy in Transition

The Community Council noted the information that had been emailed about the project.

Donnie Macleod to contact Tighean Innse Gall to see when a presentation could take place.

Food Sharing

Helen Mackenzie updated the Community Council on the OLIO app that is used for food sharing. She is investigating whether this could be used in Ness.

Skigersta Peat Road

Cllr Macleod had asked that the Community Council consider taking the lead on a project to repair the Skigersta Peat road. The Community Council noted that Katie Mackenzie had provided £17k funding for the road during her time as a Comhairle Councillor. Donnie Macleod advised that the Community Council would not be able to lead on the application for funding due to other bids that had been approved. He agreed to advise to Cllr Macleod.

Parking concerns

Peter Inger advised that he was concerned about parking at a local retail outlet. It was agreed that this would be raised with Police Scotland when they attend the meeting.

Date of the next meeting

Tuesday 11 July 2018 at t 7pm to hold the AGM and consider Challenge Fund applications.