

Minutes of Meeting of Point Community Council at PST offices, Knock, Isle of Lewis on Monday 6 May 2019 at 7.30 pm.

Present. Matt Bruce (Chair), Chris T Mackenzie, Donald Macritchie, Angus Lamont, Norman Macleod, Alex John Murray and Cllrs Finlay Stewart and Alasdair Macleod and PC Daniel Smith.

Apologies. Malcolm Dalzel-Job, Agnes Munro and Cllr Norrie T Macdonald.

1 Minutes of previous meeting. The minutes of the meeting of Monday 11 March 2019 were approved.

2 Matters arising from the minutes – taken as items listed below

3 Police issues. Daniel reported that there had been 30 calls in Point in recent weeks – 2 drugs warrants and some speeding and parking issues. A moveable flashing light for speeding cars was discussed; Daniel was thanked for his input.

4 Projects for following up

Annual accounts for the Comhairle. Noted that the Playpark grant was to be added before submitting them.

Gunnera removal. Two contractors to be appointed for paid work to continue the efforts at Flesherin and also Lower Bayble.

Playpark monies. Matching funds to be applied for from PST; contact to be made with residents at Seaview where there is not a resident's group.

Litter clean up. Different groups have plans but the possibility of a paid team to clear rubbish were agreed to be taken further and possible bid to PST for funds.

Gabion repairs, Knock shore. Contact made with CNES to check liability for maintenance.

5 Consultations.

Community Challenge Fund from the Comhairle. Ideas discussed and possible litter clean up or Phone book; to be agreed at the next meeting.

Boundary Commission proposals for reducing Point boundary and number of councillors to two.

Short term lets. Not an issue for Point

Unconventional oil extraction. Not a direct issue for Point but about fracking.

6 Planning applications – none of note.

7 AOCB

Potential youth worker for Point to be investigated and supported.

Extension of 40mph speed limit to Claypark was discussed; the Comhairle had been asked for this and agreed to ask again plus the painted footpath line from Garrabost which is now very narrow when it was last painted.

11 Dates of Next Meetings. Monday 24 June and 26 August 2019.