

Minutes of Meeting of the Point Community Council at the Point & Sandwick Trust Office, Knock, Isle of Lewis on Monday 4th September 2107 at 7.30 pm.

Present. Matt Bruce (Chair), Angus Lamont, Chris Mackenzie, Cllr Finlay Stewart, Norman MacLeod, Cllr Alasdair MacLeod, Agnes Munro, Edmund McGregor (Treasurer), Malcolm Dalzel-Job

Apologies. Alec John Murray, Cllr Norman Macdonald, Donald McRitchie

Attending. PC Daniel Smith (Police Scotland), Ada Graham, Jane MacPhee (members of the public, Upper Bayble)

Minutes of previous meeting. The minutes of the meeting of Monday 19th June were approved.

Matters arising. Agnes has found a digital copy of the Point Phone Book. She will approach the Sgoil an Rubha to see if they will take this on as a final year project (P7). Funding is available (see below).

1. **Police Report.** There were 30 incidents in the last month. Speeding in Garrabost is being targeted with an increased Police presence. 7 fines have been issued and 3 drink drivers detected. As there is limited space for Police cars to park, offers have been made for them to park in private driveways. Anti-social behaviour in Aird continues to be a focus.
2. **PCC Members.** The PCC is looking to co-opt new members, especially from the North of Point and younger and female community councillors.
3. **Treasurers Report.** The PCC can make funds available to match the Council's funding for the Gunnera eradication (see below) and Point phone book.
4. **Gunnera eradication.** The Council has agreed to fund £1500 toward Gunnera eradication, which must be match-funded by the PCC. This must be used within 6 months. Agnes, Matt, Angus and Malcolm have formed a sub-committee to achieve this. The North Harris Trust has offered training and the PCC intends to commission a weed-control company to complete the majority of the work, with community assistance.
5. **Coast Path.** Approval given for PCC to support the path project and for planning application for path works next to Ui Church. The Point and Sandwick Trust have indicated that they would be prepared to inject funds into the renovation and strengthening of the path past the Ui Church. This awaits Stornoway Trust approval.
6. **New Housing.** Plots are being sought to build new houses for sale and let in Point. £25M is available from the Scottish Government across the Outer Hebrides for this. The PCC noted that this is a good idea and also that there is a lack of land for sale. The grazings committees have been approached.
7. **Plan for the old Knock School site.** There will be two meetings next week to discuss the plan (Urras a Rubha proposals) and move it forward.
8. **Broadband connection.** Although BT Openreach have indicated that their work on Point is complete, some homes are not fully connected or experiencing the full speed. Rubhachs are encouraged to visit www.homeandwork.openreach.co.uk to find out when they are likely to get fibre.
9. **Councillors' Report.** Cllr. Alasdair Macleod brought a CNES report on roads showing a significant backlog and drop in funding for roads in the Outer Hebrides.
10. **Consultations by the NHS.** The PCC has decided to invite senior people from the Integrated Joint Board, the NHS and the CNES to a public consultation to hear first-hand the issues faced by those at the receiving end of social care in the community. This is likely to be in early November. Matt will coordinate.
11. **Planning applications and Training issues.** Nil.
12. **AOCB.** Finlay has highlighted a lack of a pavement on the Garrabost Brae and that one possible solution is via HITRANS (<https://hitrans.org.uk>). Matt will pursue this.
13. **DONM.** Monday 30th October 2017 and Monday 11th December 2017, both at 7:30pm in the Point and Sandwick Trust Office.