

## Point Community Council

Minute for meeting held on 30th October 2017.

1. **Present:** Matt Bruce (Chair), Donald Macritchie, Ed Macgregor (Treasurer), Chris Mackenzie, Councillor Finlay Stewart, Agnes Munro, Councillor Norman Macdonald (arrived 1945), Alex John Murray (arrived 1950).

In attendance: PC Daniel Smith (left 1945).

2. **Apologies:** Angus Lamont, Malcolm Dalziel-Job.
3. **Police report:** PC Smith reported that police had attended to 20 incidents in the PCC area since the last meeting of which approximately 50% were traffic related. The increased police presence in Point is reported to have decreased the incidence of speeding in some places. Other matters involved neighbour disputes and domestic disturbances. The most serious incidents involved the break in and vandalism at Buth an Rubha and the vandalism of the public toilets on the Braighe. Three people have been charged with the former and will appear in court in December.
4. **Matters arising:**
  - a. The school has not been approached re: an updated Point Phone book. **Action: Agnes to follow up.**
  - b. Little progress reported in the proposals to upgrade the old Knock School site. LEADER funding is still possible as the deadline for applications has been extended. Big Lottery funding application has been turned down.
5. **Co-opting of additional members and minute taker:** Situation unchanged. Agnes agreed to take minute for current meeting.
6. **Treasurers Report:** Formal report not available. Only transaction reported was for £400+ paid for planning permission on behalf of Urras Eaglaise na H-Aoidhe which will be reimbursed.
7. **Projects update:**
  - a. **Gunnera:** No progress to report. Contact with grazings committees to be progressed and programme of action to be created. **Action: Agnes to arrange meeting with Matt, Malcolm and Angus Lamont to follow up.**
  - b. **Point Coastal Path:** Initial work ongoing in anticipation of commemoration of the Iolaire tragedy in January 2019 but other problems still to be overcome.
  - c. **Community Councils Forum:** A meeting is to be held at CnES week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> November to establish a forum of all community councils. It's apparent that many problems are common to all CCs and a joint approach to some of these may be more effective. **Action: Agnes and Chris to attend.**

- d. **Consultations on CnES Corporate Strategy:** A sub group was proposed to follow up and report to CnES. **Action: Matt, Ed and Councillor Norman Macdonald to take this forward.**
- e. **Lildem report:** Noted.

**8. Councillors report:** Updates received about the forthcoming budget setting process. Mr R Emmott has indicated a willingness to attend a meeting for discussion about the constraints on local authorities when budgeting. **Action: Councillors will arrange the meeting and book Ionad Stoodie for a public meeting.**

Further reporting on future plans for care homes replacement, housing and schools development disseminated and discussed.

**9. NHS Consultations:** Agnes reported that there has been little progress with the Stornoway and Broadbay Locality Plan as yet but it is anticipated that some progress will be made over the winter months. **Action: Matt to arrange a meeting with Paul Dundas and Ron Cully.**

**10. Training:** Nil of note.

**11. Planning applications:** 2 applications noted. None of particular concern.

**12. AOCB: Pavement for area at north end of Garrabost:** No progress reported. **Action: Matt to take up the concerns with Hitrans.**

A mini bus has been bought by Point and Sandwick Power and they report that it will be available to any community group on request. It has a capacity of 9 seats and no special license is required for drivers.

Date of next meeting: 11<sup>th</sup> December 2017.

**Actions:**

## **Agnes**

Point Phone book.

Gunnera: arrange meeting with Matt, Malcolm and Angus Lamont to follow up.

Community Councils Forum: Action: Agnes and Chris to attend. **Matt any mention of a date for this yet. If not who should I get in touch with?**

## **Matt**

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NHS Consultations: Matt to arrange a meeting with Paul Dundas and Ron Cully.

Pavement for area at north end of Garrabost: Action: Matt to take up the concerns with Hitrans.