

ERISKAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 19th February 2020

Eriskay Hall @ 7pm

PRESENT

Iain & MaryFlora MacKinnon, Margaret Campbell, Mary MacLeod, Sandra MacInnes
Morag MacKinnon, Councillor Paul Steele, Councillor Iain MacNeil, Fr Ross Crichton
(Part of Meeting).

APOLOGIES

Councillor D. Manford, Councillor Calum MacMillan.

PREVIOUS MINUTES (27.11.19)

Approved by Margaret and seconded by Mary. Matters Arising;

Group Constitution - we had asked if our AGM month could be changed from April to November, this was agreed to by the council. Form can now be signed & returned.

CC Role – Sandra enquired about the duties of the CC, MF briefly went through the different responsibilities of the CC.

Bins – Iain had contacted the council re the emptying of the various bins on the island which was previously carried out by Neil, they have agreed to do this. Mary enquired about getting a grit bin for the grit that has been left opposite her house, the councillors will enquire about this.

Eriskay Flag – still ongoing, Fr Ross will enquire as to what is happening with it as Neil was previous contact.

Notice board – Mary suggested at last meeting purchasing a notice board to be displayed outside for local events, this was agreed to providing the hall committee all agreed, cost is in the region of £350.

Campervan Parking – after discussion it was suggested that an honesty box might be an option in that area.

CORRESPONDENCE

MF listed various correspondence received since last meeting, Margaret enquired about the Crown Estates Fund, the councillors explained about this fund which is available to groups for various projects, however as the closing date is 31st March it was felt it was too rushed to get an application submitted.

Association of Community Councils – meeting was held recently, it was suggested by Councillor MacNeil that a generic email be set up for the CC which all members will have access to, MF will look into this. Next meeting is in Stoneybridge in May.

FINANCE

Current balance is £7,941, a few cheques still to be cashed, change of signatories form is being processed.

COMMUNITY BUS

Iain spoke to Hebco re the possibility of acquiring a better bus as discussed at last meeting, however they wanted a long term commitment from the CC which we are not able to give them until the council budget meeting.

LOCAL ISSUES

Sand – MF contacted re sinking sand at Prince Charlie's Beach after a member of public got stuck, it was felt that this was a course of nature and will hopefully not keep occurring,

Beach walkway – MF spoke about the wooden edging along part of the path leading down to the beach which is rotting and unsightly, this will be looked into.

Harbour Pier – MF contacted re. state of harbour which has been ongoing and discussed at previous meetings, Councillor MacNeil will contact harbour master on our behalf.

Road Drainage – local resident contacted MF re drainage problems at his home. After buildings works were carried out near this area there are ongoing issues which need to be fixed, Sandra informed committee that she has also been made aware of this issue. Iain to speak to roads department.

Parking – Mary indicated that she will in the future need the passing place area opposite her home for a car parking space. Mary to contact the council with regard to this.

LOCAL ISSUES CONTD.../

Bench - a member of CEE has asked MF about the possibility of moving one of the benches currently situated at the waiting room up to the viewing point at coilleag which is on the

Fr Allan walk, this was agreed to.

Road Repair – Morag MacKinnon asked the councillors for help with the repair of the road leading to her home in Rubain as it is in a bad condition, Councillor MacNeil will enquire about this.

AOB

Planning - Sandra asked if CEE could apply via the CC for planning to erect new signage boards for the Fr Allan Walk, this was agreed to,

Community Bus Shopping – Mary enquired about the possibility of hiring the community bus along with others to do a monthly shop in Benbecula. As it is an Eriskay community bus it was felt by those present that this would not be in keeping with the ethos of why the bus was set up, however as the bus is available to hire privately it could go ahead but not with the approval of the community council.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 26th May.