

POINT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting

held at the
PST offices, Knock, Point
on
24th February 2020

Present: Chris MacKenzie (Chair), Donald Macritchie (Treasurer), Kenneth MacLennon, Cllr Alisdair Macleod, Alex John Murray, Nicola Whittington, Campbell Morrison, Erica Clark, Suzy Murray (Point Youth Club) and Rhona Somerville (Clerk).

Apologies: Cllr Norman Macdonald, Angus Lamont, Cllr Finlay Stewart, Norman Macleod and Zena Stewart.

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:

Re Shulishader – Road problems predate Scottish Water works since matter raised with Council by Kenneth MacLennon as long ago as 2013. In need of resurfacing and would also benefit from improved lighting. Similarly, there have been issues in relation to low water pressure for some time.

ACTIONS: Cllr Macleod will speak to Technical Services regarding road and Chris MacKenzie will contact Finlay Stewart to find out if he has had any response to previous correspondence with Scottish Water regarding water pressure and invite a representative Scottish Water to attend the next meeting.

Guests Attending:

Erica Clark, representative of Point Playparks, was welcomed. She reported that Bayble was in the process of appointing representatives to their playpark committee, but that Seaview had been unable to form a committee. As it was a condition of receipt of funding to have a committee in place Ms Clark asked that PCC purchase equipment for that playpark on the basis that the Council will be responsible for the installation and subsequent checks of that equipment. Chris MacKenzie stated that that was a possibility and requested further information which Ms Clarke agreed to bring to the next meeting.

ACTION: Erica will provide details of the equipment that is required to be purchased and of how much the council will charge to install it and inform PCC.

Suzy Murray of Point Youth Club was also welcomed. She enquired if PCC might be able to provide any support for the club which is hugely popular and in need of funds for the employment of sessional workers along with a general development worker. Chris MacKenzie advised speaking to Point and Sandwick Trust for advice and a possible grant. A grant from PCC funds of £200 to the Youth Club was proposed and seconded.

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Secretary/Clerk: The committee were introduced to Rhona Somerville who has taken up this post.

Co-option of New Members: Suzy Murray agreed to join the committee.

Projects for Following Up: Having already heard an update on playpark monies, there was no further news of gunnera removal, a Point phone book or the litter clean-up for Point and these were carried over to the next meeting.

Braighe Closures: The committee heard from Kenneth MacLennan that these are causing a lot of problems especially now that the Council have taken over the clearing and re-opening of the road without the previously utilised convoy system and timely announcements of road status on social media. Cllr Macleod advised that a working group run by the Council is already in existence to look at solutions to those problems. The group is comprised of representatives of diverse interested parties and it was agreed that PCC want to be included in that group.

ACTION: Councillor Macleod will propose that a member of PCC joins the working group.

Planning Applications: None of note.

Any Other Competent Business:

Pedestrians walking on roadways - A PCC Facebook page post on this subject generated a large response. The committee discussed 40mph speed limits, lack of pavements and the wearing of high visibility clothing and decided to seek public opinions on these subjects via their Facebook page.

ACTION: Kenneth MacLennan will formulate a Facebook consultation post.

Crown Estates Funding - Cllr Macleod advised that a public meeting will be held on March 9th regarding this and that the main Point groups including PCC will be invited to attend.

Date of Next Meeting: 20th March 2020 – AGM followed by an ordinary meeting.