

# POINT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## Ordinary Meeting

held on

**27<sup>th</sup> July 2020**

via Skype

**Present:** Alex John Murray (Chair); Angus Lamont; Donald Macritchie; Kenneth MacLennan; Rhona Somerville (Clerk)

**Apologies:** Cllr Alasdair MacLeod; Norman Macleod; Cllr Finlay Stewart.

**Minute of Previous Meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2020 (Draft Circulated):** Via e-mail, Cllr Norman MacDonald has asked that previous minute be amended to better reflect what he said in the e-mails referred to therein. Minute will be amended to include a fuller account of those and record of the subsequent discussion of same.

**Treasurer's Report:** PCC is awaiting word from the local authority about funding application made in March to deal with COVID 19. A response is expected by end of month. The application had the support of all three local authority councillors.

### **Local Developments needing attention due to Covid19 Pandemic/**

**Community Resilience (Circulated):** Angus Lamont proposed that somebody from community planning be invited to come to a meeting to give guidance on how formulate an emergency plan which was agreed. Ken suggested that there may be a template for this purpose in circulation already but unsure where.

**Gunnera Update (circulated):** Members are noticing plants where there were none before. There is £500 available for removal. Matt Bruce will be asked to attend next meeting to discuss use of this as co-ordinator.

### **Facebook Correspondence:**

Re: Speeding – Police Scotland were approached about this issue and they said that they are carrying out speed checks all over the island including Point. Ken suggested that at some point in the future we invite a representative of Police Scotland to meetings again. There was discussion of the variable speed limits along Point with suggestion to write to the Chief Executive to request a review of these as feedback from community is that the present situation is unsatisfactory. Members present agreed with these suggestions.

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Re: Dog fouling – there have been complaints about this in many areas along with suggestions that there aren't enough receptacles. Alex John Murray explained that the Stornoway Trust decision to remove bins in the Castle Grounds was based on the experience of a similar estate in Aberdeenshire where it was found that no bins meant less littering. Environmental Health may be responsible for checking up on this and can put up signs though this is not always effective. The Community Council will approach them about this.

Re: Skips – The Co-op has volunteered to carry out a local clean-up. Ken believes that the Crown Estate Grant funds could be used for a coastal clean-up. Those funds have not yet been allocated, however. Some thought wants to be given, too, to what funding might be applied for next year.

Re: Garrabost Picnic Area Fence – It was brought to the Community Council's attention that this fence is loose and could be a hazard. Further enquiry uncovered that both the fence and picnic table are in very poor condition and probably beyond repair. Angus thought that this was a part of a project some years ago and has not subsequently been maintained, the same situation exists with the local bus stops. It was suggested that the committee responsible for the creation of the new Point coastal path might be interested in renovating that facility as it would be a good resting place for walkers.

Re: Horse Droppings – there has been a complaint via Facebook about the amount of this on the roads in the district. Ken stated that there is no legislation regarding this but that is good practice for riders to dismount and remove it, at least to the side of the road. Ken has made the complainant aware of this.

**Planning Applications** – none of note.

## **AOCB:**

Membership - Matt Bruce, who has been working with the community council is to be asked to join the committee. Chris Tom MacKenzie will also be approached and asked if he would like to return now.

Phone Cards - Ken will be reimbursed from funds for the purchase of same.

February's Meeting Minute – this has not appeared on e-sgire. Rhona will forward copy on minute to Belle Ann again for publication.

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AGM – this was due on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April but did not go ahead and is still to be rescheduled. Also, a financial account needs to be produced for the Council and adopted at AGM. Date set for September 7<sup>th</sup> 2020. Rhona will investigate Google Meet and try a dummy run with Angus, Ken and Alex on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> at 7pm with a view to using that vehicle for meetings since Skype not working as it should.

Previous Complaint of Potholes in Shulishader - some of these have now been filled.

Shulishader Playpark – Erica Clark of CnES might be able to assist with this. Ken will approach her.

**Next Meeting:** AGM 7<sup>th</sup> September 2020 at 7pm.