

POINT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minute of meeting held on 25th June 2020 via. Skype at 4.30 pm

Present. Alex. John Murray Chairman, Kenneth MacLennan Vice-chair, Donald MacRitchie, Treasurer, Cllr. Finlay M. Stewart, (Cllr. Norman MacDonald Joined the meeting via Finlay's phone)

Apologies. Angus Lamont, Norman Macleod, Cllr. Alasdair Macleod.

The chairman invited Cllr. Norman MacDonald to address the meeting by tabling matters he had raised by emails on 12th June 2020

NMD explained that his email questions related to the fact that none of the local authority councillors were invited to the PCC.SCC.PST group, if you call yourselves a group, or whatever you call yourselves, was it an oversight or were we omitted.

AJM explained that it wasn't an oversight nor an omission. An invitation came from Point & Sandwick Trust for the chair and vice-chair of both Point Community Council, and Sandwick Community Council, to join in a meeting with the chair and vice-chair of PST, with a view to forming a group between the three organisations to ensure that the Covid19 community response was properly coordinated and delivered, and therefore no local authority, nor other community councillors, from both community councils had neither been excluded nor omitted.

NMD That's fine, I'm not having a go at Point Community Council, I asked had we been excluded or omitted, my questions been answered.

AJM. Pointed out. Had you been attending meetings of PCC you would have been aware of the setup, progress reports about the group's activities are given to all PCC committee, including you.

Cllr. MacDonald also asked, if all the existing volunteers, many of whom have given off their time and mileage are expected to conform with the training guidelines provided by the "tutor" from the local college.

AJM said, we would expect every group or individuals that contact us, that work with our group, to take on some form of volunteer training procedure, but only those that contact us, any other groups or individuals we're not answerable for.

- It was also pointed out that the written language and tone of emails from Cllr. MacDonald were considered confrontational and aggressive in nature.
- As a result of the contents of previous similar emails there were subsequent resignations from the PCC to the detriment of the Community Council, and the community of Point
- The progress on the Hardship fund is covered in the minutes of previous meetings – on hold and awaiting the outcome from group meeting proposals to the Community Council
- The comments on the flyer leaflet issued by the local authority councillors were recorded at the PCC meeting of 30th April 2020 – copied here:

"Flyer Leaflet – Cllr. Stewart, confirmed that the flyer was paid for by the elected local authority councillors from ward funds, and did not require the consent, nor consultation with the Community Council,

The PCC Facebook page was considered an excellent source of both local and national information. The new local NHS number was now available and on the Facebook page.

The information on the Facebook page and email addresses of the PCC was not included on the flyer. Also, the reference of another Community Council in the Point area was incorrect

Due to inclement weather two participants in the meeting lost their Skype connection and the meeting was terminated

