

## **Back Community Council Meeting**

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2020 @ 7.00pm

Zoom Virtual Meeting

Minutes of Meeting

**Present:** Cathy MacInnes, Sara Maciver, Margaret-Ann Maciver (MA), Andrew Morrison,  
Cllr Calum Maclean, Neil Davis, Kinny Davis, Colin Thompson

**Apologies:** Cllr Donald Crichton

**Chair:** Cathy Macinnes

Cathy Macinnes welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending.

### **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The minutes from our meeting held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2020 were proposed by Andrew Morrison and seconded by Margaret-Ann Maciver.

### **Matters Arising**

#### **Speed Sign**

The speed sign has been repaired. There is delay in it going back up which is thought to be due to current circumstances around Covid 19.

#### **Brevig Toilets**

Ruaraidh Macleod at Handy Man Services is not currently working. Ruaraidh was to email Andrew regarding payment of carrying out works. Andrew will check his emails.

#### **Play Park**

MA raised the idea of building a play park on the machair at the Gress Bridge. Andrew will make an informal enquiry with Back Common Grazings' for land availability.

#### **Challenge Fund**

A total of 258 responses from the survey were received out of 659 sent out. No more responses will be included in the results as the charts from the findings have been made up. Cathy suggested publishing portions of the results into the Loch a Tuath news. Andrew will speak to Jayne at LATN about this. The conclusion from the survey will be double checked and the summary will be written and ready by next week.

#### **Coastal Erosion**

Cathy contacted Gress Common Grazings for information surrounding their coastal erosion study in 2016. Cathy wrote to the gentleman who carried out the survey and to Laura Carse who had contacted Cathy after the survey went out and who has experience in this area to see if they would be interested in doing a survey and what the cost would be. Waiting replies at time of meeting.

## **Historical Society**

The Hut committee were happy listening to Anne Macarthur from the Commann Eachdraigh about the idea of extending the Hut. Andrew will ask Anne if they have yet applied for funds.

## **Crown Estate**

Cllr Calum Maclean advised that although the money is there, the Council will further discuss how it will be spent after Covid 19 has passed. Local companies are struggling and will find it hard to recover from this. The question was raised whether giving monies as previously planned for community projects such as the Hut Roof, would be useful since the money would go to local companies to carry out this work.

## **Finances**

The balance stands at £8934.51.

## **AOCB**

BCC was successful in a bid for funding with HIE to purchase food boxes and the helpline phone. We will purchase 4 x 200L storage boxes from Macgregor's priced at £99.50 + vat. Cllr Donald Critchon and Cllr Calum Maclean will collect these.

Location of boxes - Hut car park, Coll centre, Gress beach car park and An Sithean, Back.

As BCC is not an incorporated body, the HIE grant will go through Ionad Loch a Tuath (ILT) and the two groups will work together. BCC will buy the boxes and invoice ILT, this will also provide an audit trail for HIE.

A further meeting will be arranged with ILT in the next few days to discuss arrangements and to work together for shopping and filling the boxes.

The boxes will be stored with ambient food and toiletries. A slip will be put into the food boxes for the community to tell us what they would like or need in them.

The helpline phone is for those unable to go shopping or pick up prescriptions – there has been very few calls in the last 5 weeks.

We will require help from those available for collecting prescriptions from Langabhat Medical Practice for a few patients living in Back.

Neil and Kinny Davies will provide help with shopping needed for residents of Gress. Colin Thompson will help with other shopping when required.

## **Date and Time of Next Meeting**

The date of next meeting will be decided later via email.

Cathy Macinnes thanked everybody for attending and closed the meeting.