

Back Community Council Meeting

Tuesday 30th June 2020 @ 7.00pm

Zoom Virtual Meeting

Minutes of Meeting

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

Apologies: Jemma Macvicar, Cllr John A Maciver

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 26th May 2020 were proposed by Colin Thompson and seconded by Neil Davies.

Matters Arising

Brevig Toilets

Colin Thompson got the code to open the combination lock on the Brevig toilet door and informed the committee that the toilets are functional with working lights, heater and running water but it's in need of a good clean and revamp.

Ruaraidh Macleod at Handy Man Services is eager to carry out works and will be back to work soon. Colin will phone Ruaraidh to discuss when he is free to meet at Brevig and to establish a date to start cleaning. Ruaraidh should contact Andrew to provide a quote for an initial clean and for ongoing regular cleaning.

The question was raised about who is responsible for the harbour. Cathy will speak to Alex John Macleod who is part of the harbour users group before we go the council.

The toilet code is available to those who pay for the harbour facilities and not for general use.

Challenge Fund

Sara will contact Belle Anne Scott to enquire whether there will be a challenge fund this year.

Coastal Erosion

Laura Carse will collate information that is already in the public domain and this will form a basis for someone to do a full study. The gentleman who carried out the survey for Gress estimated the cost of a full survey would be £2000 plus travel costs.

Larders

A total of £1903.82 has been spent on shopping to date.

The Hut box has been moved from the lower car park to the upper car park, beside the defibrillator.

The Gress food box has been moved from Gress Beach to the corner of Gress Village due to the boxes being emptied shortly after getting filled up by those out with the Loch a Tuath area.

The HIE funding has been extended until the 30th September. BCC will keep going until the schools go back on the 11th August or until the money runs out. If there is money remaining, it will be returning to HIE and leftover goods from the boxes will be donated to the food bank.

Finances

The balance stands at £12,630.66. This includes £4666 funding for the Play Park and money for the Larders.

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Survey

The committee thanked Cathy for the amount of work and effort which went into the survey. Areas of concerns mainly consisted on the speed of traffic in the area. The comments are stated below:

- The speed on local roads, failure to keep to speed limits and 40mph zones not observed, speed limits should be enforced.

The speed sign was highlighted on the survey and it is now up and running in Gearraidh Guirm.

Sara will contact the police to let them know the community concerns about Road Safety and see if they would patrol more around in the area. Vandalism was noted where youngsters were seen on the roof of Gordon's shop and at the Hut. It was also noted that the rail from the new bins put at Coll Beach had been removed. Sara will pass this information onto the police.

Another area of concern related to the lack of pavements and cycling paths between Tong & Gress. Comments stated the white lines that separate the road is unsafe for walkers and the lack of cycling paths makes cycling to work dangerous. It was agreed that the paths are patchy. Donald mentioned that there had been specific funding for cycling paths.

The results found that a number of those responding would like to see organised activities such as ceilidhs and BBQs in the area. However, it is impossible to plan events in the current circumstances.

It had been hoped to hold Community Events to look further into some areas of concern and to work with other organisations to take forward things like energy efficiency but again current restrictions limit what can be done.

Other

Cathy will write to the contractor on behalf of Scottish water to express our disappointment at the state of the entrance to Coll beach. BCC had spent a considerable sum of money repairing the entrance to the beach over the last few years and it is hoped that the area will be restored to the way it was prior to the work being done.

Date and Time of Next Meeting

The date of next meeting will be on Tuesday 18th August at 7pm.

Cathy Macinnes thanked everybody for attending and closed the meeting.