

Back Community Council Meeting
Tuesday 18th August 2020 @ 7.00pm
Zoom Virtual Meeting
Minutes of Meeting

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

Apologies: Cllr Donald Crichton, Louise Stewart, Laura Carse, Anne Ramsay, Kinny Davis, PC Scott Macleay.

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 30th June 2020 were proposed by Margaret-Ann and seconded by Andrew Morrison.

Matters Arising

Brevig Toilets

Ruaraidh Macleod from Handy Man Services met with Colin at the Brevig toilets to have a look. There has been no word from Ruaraidh for several weeks. Andrew will email Ruaraidh to get a quote for works.

Cathy spoke with Alex John who was part of the Harbour Users Group who said the group tried to reform years back. The area around the harbour is a mess and considered unsafe, and the toilets are not up to sufficient standard. Cathy will write to the harbour master and find out who's responsible for the above.

There was discussion about the council placing a chemical toilet disposal facility at Brevig for the use of campervans. There has been no movement on this.

Challenge Fund

Belle Anne Scott and Derek Mackay are looking at whether there will be a challenge fund this year. Belle Anne will get back to Sara once a decision has been made.

Coastal Erosion

Laura Carse prepared a report that included details from the coastal erosion study that was carried out in 2016. The community Council are very grateful to Laura for this detailed report and grateful to her for the time put into this which was done on a voluntary basis.

The report has been distributed to BCC members and will be discussed at our September meeting where Laura will hopefully be able to attend. Members should email Sara with any queries/feedback within the next two weeks to forward onto Laura in preparation for the next meeting.

Larders

There have been large quantities of goods removed from each larder, over the course of the project. We knew there would be the possibility of abuse with the boxes but it was established that it was the same individuals emptying the boxes that live out with the Loch a Tuath area. They were spoken to by MA and the goods were put back into the larder and advised not to return. They were told to approach their own areas resources. This discussion took place about four weeks ago, and the larders haven't been emptied since.

Loch a Tuath News posted online to raise the concern of the boxes being misused and that people have gone to find them empty and have therefore not got the help they needed. People were donating goods and putting into the larders after seeing the post.

We will be finishing off the project and the question was raised whether we could prepare bags of food and toiletries for Back School to distribute to anyone they feel would benefit from it. Cathy will speak to the Head Mistress, Kirsteen Macleod about this.

The helpline will come to an end as individuals are no longer shielding. With regards to the Langabhat prescription deliveries, individuals will need to go back to previous arrangements. This will be published in the LATN.

Andrew will ask Natalie at HIE if we could get vouchers for the supermarket with the remaining funds.

Road Safety

Colin spoke to PC Donald Sinclair regarding the speed of cars down the Brevig road. He advised that there is little they can do but will increase police patrols. Colin was also advised to take pictures of cars to pass onto the police.

There have been 'slow' signs put up on three junctions down the Brevig road and there will be additional 30mph signs going up at a later date.

Speed Sign

John Macleod from Tech Services is dealing with getting the battery replaced. The speed sign starts flashing too far away which will be causing the battery to go flat so often. Tech Services have been told multiple times to contact the manufacturer who will talk them through adjusting the sensors on the sign, so it will flash closer to the unit.

Scottish Water – Coll Beach Entrance

Scottish Water promptly replied and guaranteed that the entrance to the beach will be restored to its previous condition once work is completed.

Finances

The balance stands at £12,564.13. This includes £4666 funding for the Play Park and money for the Community Larders.

Andrew went to bank to get bank statements which are needed for the end report of the project. Carolyn's name is still on their records as the treasurer. Andrew will write to the bank about getting this changed.

AOCB

Campervans

Sara will write to the Common Grazing committees to see if they would consider putting up signage about no overnight camping.

Caravan Site

Cathy will write to Environmental Health about the living conditions of the resident and whether the licence of the caravan site is valid or not.

Other

It was noted about a bonfire at Coll beach where the remains on the ground looked like a full carrier bags amount of nails.

Date and Time of Next Meeting

The date of next meeting will be on Tuesday 15th September at 7pm.

Cathy Macinnes thanked everybody for attending and closed the meeting.