

POINT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Ordinary Meeting
held on
26th October 2020
via
Google Meet

Present: Alexander John Murray (Chair); Alasdair Macleod; Ken MacLennan; Angus Lamont; Donald Macritchie; Joanne Dixon; Rhona Somerville (Clerk).

Apologies: Finlay Stewart; Norman Macleod.

Declaration of Interest: None

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Adopted with one minor change, details of which the Chair will forward to Clerk by e-mail.

Treasurer's Report: Council looking for receipts for some expenditure to go with annual accounts which Donald has sought and will remit to them.

Planning Applications: None of note.

PCC application for Funds: No response from the Comhairle still re this application which was potentially for round one of Crown Estate funding, which funds have been disbursed. The Community Council agreed not to pursue further funding at the moment.

Urras Storas an Rubha: This is a forum made up of representatives of community groups set up to oversee the development of the old Knock School. It is hoped to be able to install a wind turbine at the school site in order for it to be powered independently of the national grid. The renovated building would house a café, shop and PST offices, as now, with the addition of a Post Office within the shop and extra office space for renting by members of the community. It is further proposed that, perhaps, it might be possible to hire electric bikes from there too. Funding has been secured from a number of sources and contracts are presently out for tender. Angus Lamont is currently a member of the forum and will keep the community council informed of future progress of this project.

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PCC Action Plan: This document lists all of the tasks that PCC agreed to undertake with a view to deciding which members will take a lead role in actioning which tasks. Some, for example making pavements accessible by cutting back bushes, have been completed. Others remain ongoing, e.g. playparks, whilst some are new tasks. It was agreed that it is the Community Council's role to bring issues to the attention of the appropriate bodies on behalf of members of the public. Joanne Dixon suggested making the plan a Google Document so that all members can update the sheet and then everyone has access to the latest information whenever they access it. The Committee agreed to Joanne's suggestion and for her to set this up. Angus noted that some of the issues would be relevant to Police Scotland and proposes inviting a representative to future meetings.

AOCB:

Treasurer Position - Donald Macritchie would like to concentrate more on projects and Joanne is happy to take over his role as Treasurer with the agreement of members.

Armistice Day Wreath 11/11/20 & Iolaire Memorial 1/1/21 - Alex John will speak to Belle Ann Scott at the Comhairle about these. It is unclear whether or not there will be any public gatherings this year.

Flooding on Bayble Pier Road - Alex John emailed the roads department regarding this.

Climate Change Document - circulated to members. It was noted that it was unfortunate that we now have additional tankers bringing diesel to the island for the generation of electricity following the severing of the cable link to the mainland. This would be the sort of issue that a consortium of all the Community Councils on the Island could have a strong voice on were there an avenue for this.

Food Distribution Email – circulated to members. Alex John Murray invited the correspondent to contact him for further details to be shared with them but has heard nothing back as yet. Point and Sandwick Trust are nominated for an award for their role in this and links for voting can be found on their own webpage and also on Facebook.

Next Meeting: 7th December 2020