

Minute/Note of Meeting	TITLE	Iochdar Community Council Meeting		
	DATE	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	TIME	7.00pm
	VENUE	online		

Present:	Peter Bird (Chair), Ronnie Macphee, Donnie Steele, Robert Currie, Cllr Iain A MacNeil, Anne Bird (mins), Cllr Paul Steele, Neil MacPherson, Cllr I Macleod
Apologies:	Morag Ann Steele, Angela Brass

	Agenda Item	Summary	Action	Who?	When?
•	Previous Minutes	Previous minutes (13/11/20) proposed by RM seconded by RC.	Submit approved mins to CnES.	AB	asap
•	Matters Arising	Ward funding for Christmas, many thanks to Cllr MacNeil and Cllr Steele for contributions towards the calendar and to everyone who helped to prepare it and distribute it in the Community.			
•	Membership	Robert Currie was co-opted as a Community Council member	Update list of CC members and submit to CnES	AB	asap
•	Treasurer's report	Finances for the Pathway Project are up to date. No other activity.			
•	Covid and community resilience	Uist Resilience commended on their recent work in the community including the Christmas event in the Southend that was funded by and supported by local businesses.  Discussion re a couple of issues raised in the Community but concerns were largely covered by information released in the press today regarding recent Covid outbreaks.			
•	Pathway project	Catch up meeting with Bo from Sustrans, and Scott from Pel Frischman on 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec. Consultation materials will be ready for use following approval by Sustrans.  Video has been prepared, just a further minute of material needed to complete.	continue to work on Funding Plan and text for online Story Map.  Gather some more film/pictures	ICC  "	On-going  "
•	South Uist Forum	Cllrs reported that Job Description is being prepared for a project worker and further progress expected over the next few months.			

•	<b>Storas Uibhist</b>	<p>Darren Taylor, Chief Exec gave a general round up of recent activities:  New fuel tanks are in place at Lochboisdale Harbour, fuel is on sale to fishermen etc, further small improvements in the pipeline.  Its hoped that the sailing events that were cancelled due to Covid can take place in 2021.  Askernish, Golf Course: looking to realise the full potential of the course, possibly recruiting a new member of staff and an apprentice..  Currently reviewing deer policy, Deer Management Group is meeting and Storas is hoping to recruit a gamekeeping apprentice.  Goose Control continuing, ~2000 birds culled last year.  Working with townships e.g. funding scaring equipment, looking to increase partnership working with local townships.  Drainage projects, working group has been established, some money available now but budget will hopefully increase in coming years.  Grogarry Lodge, potentially a full diary for the coming season if Covid allows.  Storas looking to support local Housing Initiatives.  Benbecula - £10k secured to improve fencing at Lionacleit to help reduce erosion of the dunes.</p>			
•	<b>Councillors Update</b>	<p>Budgets will be settled towards the end of the month.  Question raised re absence of Community Consultations in Uist, Cllrs reported that budget cuts are likely to be Western Isles wide in nature rather than island specific.</p>			
•	<b>AOB</b>	<p>Doune Cemetery tidy up, things have been made safe for the moment, group is working towards a plan for improvements.</p> <p>Crown Estate Funding : Cllrs reported that latest round has been over-subscribed, outcomes will be made known in the weeks ahead.</p> <p>Top Soil: is available from Lewis for Community Groups via the Council</p> <p>20mph: update from the Council, following the completion of the 20mph Consultation for Balivanich there will be a clearer timescale for the 20mph zone to be implemented in lochdar.</p>			
•	<b>Date of Next Meeting</b>	Thursday 25th February meeting ended 8 pm			