

POINT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Ordinary Meeting
held on
8th March 2021
via Google Meet

Present: Alex John Murray (Chairman); Ken MacLennan; Donald Macritchie; Joanne Dixon (Treasurer); Rhona Somerville (Clerk).

Apologies: Cllr Alasdair Macleod; Angus Lamont.

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:

7/12/20 – Approved with corrections previously requested.

18/1/21 – Approved.

Declarations of Interest: None.

Treasurer's Report: Joanne has actioned having her signature on bank mandate instead of Donald's. Will send it on to Alex John and Ken to have their electronic signatures recorded.

Planning Applications: Have been circulated. Recent plans re wind farm were publicised on the Facebook page along with details on responding directly.

PCC Constitution: It is possible that no copy of constitution was previously distributed to all. It may be that there are additional changes required still, so this item continued to next meeting to give members time to compare with model constitution to be circulated. Ken will re-circulate latest model for Highlands and Islands. Updated members list forwarded already to Belle Anne Scott as she requested.

Community Groups Reports: Urras Storas an Rubha has made great progress with the project recently, and is hoping to sign the contract this week to allow the refurbishment works to begin.

Coastal paths Project - Busy working on Steinish route of path to be finished by end of March. Shulishader work all but completed with some funds remaining for finishing off.

Gunnera Project – Committee will ask Matt for an update on this.

Lower Bayble Playpark – Alex John will follow up with their new committee as we are holding funds for them still.

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Association of Community Councils Report: Constitution agreed and office bearers elected. Inaugural meeting last week which Alex John and Joanne attended. Alec John elected chair and Joanne treasurer of this too. Feedback on any assistance required in this are to be given to the Lewis association and Colin Gilmour of the NHSWI. It was agreed to Invite organisations to future meetings with particular interest TIG, HHP, and Comhairle to inform on housing issues. Potential for applying for funding by association on behalf of all CCs specifically the Challenge Fund to which the Association of CCs will apply for all CCs. Also discussed was the situation with the broken power cable. Lack of co-ordination in some districts during the virus volunteer period was also brought up. ACC will be funded by a £50 donation from each member CC with potential for grant funding, perhaps from the Challenge Fund. Nine attended out of 14 or 15 community councils.

Action Plan: Has 40 items on it and requires updating again. Joanne will re-circulate details of how to go about accessing and updating the Google Document.

PCC Insurance Renewal: Forwarded to Belle Anne at Council for payment action.

Emailed letter from SYCC: Requesting support for all weather pitch at Stornoway Primary School, funding found by Comhairle though unclear from which budget. Request for increasing unadopted roads budget was not supported at council meeting

Cllr. Stewart email 21/11/20: Alex John has not received a reply to his recent e-mail response to this so no clarification has been forthcoming. Will carry this forward to the agenda for the next meeting.

Standards Commission: A discussion took place regarding this.

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AOCB:

- It was noted that the CC is in need of more members.
- WI Covid 19 booklet has been prepared by NHS who are looking for suggestions for who might benefit from this, e.g., those not online. Ken will consult with DJ at PST about the possibility of befrienders issuing it.
- Calor Gas funding opens for applications in about a week's time. Joanne has registered with them. Ken highlighted that some partnerships may be appropriate for an application for funding for a community action group with a focus on rights. CC happy for Ken to look further into that proposal. There is also a possibility of funds for Community Recovery too which may also be suited to a joint project, perhaps with PST.

Next Meeting: 12th April 2021 at 7pm