

Community council meeting 02/12/2019. Full attendance.

Discussion of what the previous council had discussed:

- **Herring Walk**
 - Project to be passed to CBAB.
 - Currently paying insurance on monthly bases.
 - Seems to be stuck due to issues with MacNeil of Barras office.
 - Iain MacNeil looking into this.
- **Castlebay Road (Tigh na Mara – School)**
 - Proposed by the council that it be made into a single track with pavements and islands.
 - CBAB proposal to use the herring walk as a pedestrian walk way instead of adding a pavement.
 - Possible problems with congestion when ferry arrives/leaves.
- **Road Surfaces**
 - Tarring for this year and next complete.
 - Only small section of Ardveenish was tarred.
- **Street Lighting**
 - No street lighting in Castlebay after 10.30pm. Potential for accident with pedestrians.
 - Multiple broken lights. (Mark MacLean may be the contact for dealing with this)
 - Flood lights in ball court on late into night.
 - Sporadic lights around the island sometimes being on past 10.30 sometimes off all together.
 - Ewan MacNeil and Iain MacNeil looking into this.
- **Bùth Bharraigh**
 - Possibly organise a meeting with the Bùth to see their proposal/plan.
 - Issue raised with road safety, suggestion that the steps/walkway could be removed to improve visibility.
 - Agreement it's good to have somewhere for tourists to buy local good/produce as well as general tourist information.
- **HHP**
 - Discussion over the HHP housing priority list. Is it fit for purpose/possible to change.
 - Are any more houses planned?
- **Ferry Issues**
 - New ferries available 2023.
 - Isle of Arran not being fit for this run.
 - Who do we speak to for a resolution? Head of Calmac? Scottish government/Local MSPs/Secretary of Transport?
 - Brian Curry will write a letter. Any questions from CC members to be submitted to him by 06/12/19.

- **Christmas Lights**

- CC to donate £1000, Craigard £300 (Possibility of the other hotels doing similar) £700 from other source (cannot remember/didn't note)
- Need a list of the lights to be ordered and given to Claire. Hector MacLean will be making this.
- Padula has volunteered his employees to put the lights up. They will do this with Hector MacLean.

- **Electric Car Charge Points**

- 2 to be installed on the north side of the island.
- Possibly some to be installed at the air port.
- The 2 in Castlebay (Pier/Council Offices) are currently broken.
- General agreement that having these on the island is a good thing.

- **Play Parks**

- Maintenance needed in both Castlebay and Northbay.
- Castlebay should be maintained by the Comhairle but not Northbays.
- Estimated £20k Castlebay & Vatersay CC given £1900 for this.

Other bodies and groups we may wish to include to help boost public engagement.

- Northbay/Eoligarry CC
- Energy Group
- CBAB
- 3rd Sector

Requests for money.

- Fèis for a new drum kit
- Money to help cover a dinner evening for OAPs.