

<b>Castlebay Community Council Meeting Minutes</b>	Date	29/09/2020	19.00
	Venue	On line Zoom call	

Those Present	
Brian Currie	Paul McGuire
Kenneth Maclean	Eoin Macneil
Donald Manford	Dr Mark Willcox
Minutes	
Brian Whitters	
Apologies	
Katie Denehy	Michael Galbraith
Paul Steele	Ian MacNeil
Alistair Campbell	

	Agenda item	Summary	Action	Who	When
1	Matters arising and progress from last meeting	Today's meeting to just take notes and not officially minute the details thereof. Thanks were offered to Katie by the chair for her previous commitment to taking minutes at the previous meetings.			

2	Footpaths	This item was parked.			
3	Roads. See new action also	<p>It has been noted that there is excessive speeding at the bottom of the Nask road where the road turns at 90 degrees,</p> <p>Is there a fix for the road to limit speeding?  Can we insert speed limit ng signs?  Eoin.discussed speed limits on Northbay from previous meeting.  Chair...do we have a solution?  Donald...road not fit for the traffic on the road. We need to reduce speed limit as we wont get funds to improve.  Chair...are we more speed aware at the moment given the pandemic?  Eoin.....not so many boy racers on the road at the moment.  Chair..Taynuilt mannequin has been used to help slow traffic on their road. Should we try something like that?  Do we need legal guidance on this?  Should we get a dummy made, similar to Taynuilt  Get a dummy made  We should ask Phil to get his speed gun a target this area?  Angus Macdonald has been asked to do a speed survey and traffic assessment. Could two members go along on the assessment.  Barbara joined the meeting and the Chair offered an update to her on his previous discussion.  Barbara asked whether we should delay the road safety campaign until we get to a busier period on the roads.Donald mentioned that the council do not do anything with any speed, therefore if we do the campaign now and then submit to the council, at least we will have evidence.</p>	<p>Donald Manford to</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ask Angus to contact the chair</li> <li>2. Follow up on the speed gun, mannequin and legal advice</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. DM</li> <li>2. Chair</li> </ol>	<p>All actions by next meeting</p>

4	Playpark	<p>A comprehensive report is going to the policy and resource committee. Donald asked them whether the playpark was involved. He received a reply that 'all open for discussion.'</p> <p>Can we expand the childrens playpark?</p> <p>Sports forum meeting guaranteed that there would be a playpark.</p> <p>Fences are in disrepair</p>	Fences are in disrepair.	Donald to find out	By next meeting
5	Street Lights anhd roads	Paul wrote a letter of support and forwarded it to everybody. Phil is waiting on a reply from Northbay.			
6	CalMac	<p>Eoin was to follow up with the road safety leaflets. Eoin raised it at the CalMac Community board meeting in September. Eoin invited Robbie Drummond to attend the Economic Recovery Forum who delegated his head of operations, Finlay McCraig to come along to oe of these meetings. Finlay has confirmed that he will come into one of the meetings in the next few weeks.Laurence Kenney has also confirmed that he will attend the same meeting. Eoin is coordinating dates and calendars an dhe will le tus know when everything is confirmed. Eoin is also trying to get them to attend a Community Council Eoin has sent out the invitations to the meeting and is awaiting replied. Eoin is not confident that they will attend both meetings though.</p> <p>100 leaflets have printed and distributed..</p> <p>Eoin has raised the inadequacy of our service, especially during winter, with calmac at the community board meeting. A lot of sympathetic noise at the meetings but there has been no answer about replacing the isle of arran vessel. The main driver here is what the Isle of Arran was designed for and more iportantly what it was not designed for, the Barra run. This vessel was not built for social distancing.</p> <p>Ministerial visit.....Donald has a response from transport Scotland. Donald to circulate the letter from transport Scotland.</p>	<p>Eoin to draw a meeting he is waiting responses</p> <p>Donald will write to the minister</p>		

		Updates on Sound of Barra ferry engines. The chair spoke regarding a discussion he has had with Calmac. The engines when they are replaced will be smaller but there will be no loss of power.	regarding him visiting Barra,		
7	Transport Committee	<p>How close are we to re establishingg the transport committee...the transport committee still exists, it comprises Castlebay and Northbay Community Councils and is jointly chaired by the same. If we want to re establish then we need to start the process of looking at governance. If we re establish then Donald told us that we would have the same people covering the same ground at separete meetings.</p> <p>Donald: We are moving towards Area Forums which are basically Community Empowerment Chair: At the moment we are spread thin, as such, can the CC continue to look after transport issues with a view to possibly re instating the transport committee in six months time. No objections were raised. Issue parked until February. Chair to write to Northbay to seek agreement.</p>	Chair to write to Northbay with a view to parking the transport committee in the short term		Next Monday
8	Vatersay Causeway	<p>Paul: Pier users group has been formed. Tyres and repairs should have been done by the end of september but nothing has been done.</p> <p>A new issue around keel storage will need to be resolved aroud the sale of the quarry. The fishermen use the quarry as the keel storage area. The fishermen have approached the harbour master with no response.</p>	The issues regarding the vaterway causeway are now handed to the fishermens group.		

		<p>The pier user group are engaging with the council. This issue will no longer be a part of the CC agenda. Please copy in the councillors. There are 9 businesses who will be homeless shortly.</p> <p>Donald: The fishing fleet issue in Vatersay needs addressed.</p>	<p>Paul to get the CCC a fact sheet re keel storage etc? by next meeting.</p> <p>Eoin to raise the issue at the next economic recovery forum</p>		
9	King George Land	<p>A sports group that is part of the hub set up.... two plans on the table for sports. Looks like we are going to get improved sports facilities on the island if one of the plans go through.</p>	<p>Paul to update at the next meeting</p>		
10	Covid Economic Update	<p>Chair: Would people want to talk at a local level about their businesses.....if a business is looking for guidance or financial support....would they prefer to talk to the HIE.</p> <p>Donald: if a business is looking for assistance, guidance and or financial support, what would the group at a local level offer?We need to remove hurdles, not add to them.</p> <p>Eoin: The message is not clear. Are we getting in the way. There is an awful lot of talking and not a lot of action. I am trying to hold the council and the HIE to account who have been noticeably absent other than last week.</p>	<p>No action. Update only</p>		
11	Hub Update	<p>Donald: Ronald sent letters to the chief executive of the health board, no response yet. report going to council for decision on the 30<sup>th</sup>.we need to see copy of the report for our feedback.</p> <p>Route all questions through Alistair Allen? Previously still waiting on some engagement.</p> <p>Paul: a strain running all the way through this that the health board simply refuses to engage or to address questions.</p> <p>Kenneth,: met with the health and social care who spoke with the architects about the hub.</p>	<p>Donald to chase update from Ian</p> <p>Marc/Scott to set up a working meeting with the</p>		

	<p>Marc Wilcox joined. Still no health board engagement yet.....we have made some progress. There has been a lack of engagement from the NHS.</p> <p>Marc: They dont have enough bandwidth to deal with covid and the hub at the moment. They also dont have enough bandwidth to deal with the Barra Respiratory centre.Marc attended an e xecutive meeting with the medical director. The current situation is that if someone has covid or suspected covid respiratory symptoms then they must be evacuated to the Barra and Uist or Stornoway hospitals.There are faults with this approach. Some people may not want to go. Our swab results take so long to come back, we can only swab at some time.</p> <p>Patients, staff, and the nursing home are being put at risk because we have no local respiratory centre. Marc is at a loss as to where to go next on this issue.</p> <p>Chair: The NHS have now leased unit 6. The community fully support Marc. Castlebay hall has been offered back to us (as previous) Can the community set up their Nightingale hospital? If the community set up a hospital, we need to be sure that the GP's can use it.</p> <p>Do we need to initiate the NHS whistleblowing process?</p> <p>We are grossly exposed at winter re helicopters and ferries. This plan is not well thought out or patient centric. The military are no longer on stand by.</p> <p>Donald: I would be very keen to convene a tight meeting on exactly what we would like to see here and how we could make that happen. We need medical advice but we would when we get clarity of the detail then Donald will write to the cabinet secretary which is something we have done before.</p>	<p>CCC on Thursday. Liase between Marc and chair.</p>		
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		If we build a nightingale hospital then we need to get medical approval to use it. Paul: we need to move quickly on this, we need the facility now. We should also sit with the MP on this island.			
12	Campervans	No update. Put this on next months agenda	Phil and Katie to get back to the chair		
13	Bins	No update. Put this on next months agenda	Phil and Katie to get back to the chair		
14	Ferry route north	??			
15	Christmas Decorations	??			
16	Covid 19 Unit	At the moment, if someone has covid respiratory symptoms.....they must go to Stornoway or Benbecula Swab results take so long to come back and we can only swab at some times..... not having a respiratory centre is going to put patients at risk. should we set up our own nightingale hospital Is military still an option to evacuate patients...NO ...should we convene a tight meeting on exactly what we would like to see here close could we make this happen. When we get the clarity of the detail write to the cabinet secretary through the office of the local msp. We need to move quick	Will engage with some working meeting on Thursday, can we set this up..... Chair to liaise with Marc		
17	Police report	Not discussed			
18	Financial update	Iain: Financial update. No income from last meeting. Ooutput so far £80. Still waiting for Padula and Barra Gin to cash their cheques.	No action		

		£7980.12 current balance			
19	Library closure	<p>Librarian has retired Because of covid there has been no movement on the replacement. The new school will have a library in it.</p> <p>Kenneth: It would be a good thing to have the library open during a long cold winter.</p> <p>They will not replace the retired person at the moment</p> <p>Donald: They want to engage with us on any ideas as to how we might want to have a library operational. There is some resistance to having the two assistants operate without a line manager.....maybe one of them can be upgraded..... Donald is hopeful that we will have a library up and running shortly.</p> <p>The reason for no library is that there is no librarian at the moment..... there's no issue with the public going into the school.</p> <p>Eoin: this seems to be an employment issue.....</p> <p>We have been assured that the library is not being closed.</p>	<p>Donald will continue to engage with the necessary people to keep a focus on the library. To all: Please email any ideas into the chair</p>		
20	AOCB	<p>Eoin: How's the air service going, cheaper.....flights.transport Scotland aviation branch (Michael ??) have been very helpful</p> <p>Meeting on Thursday with transport aviation Scotland.....attendees from CC will attend. The chair and I will attend together with Eoin.</p> <p>Sound of Barra to ban all bottom touching gear. Donald has written to the cabinet secretary.</p> <p>Kenneth. Do Calmac keep records of days when the boat does not sail? Statistics for non sailing do exist. Finlay Macrae has not been replaced.</p>	<p>Donald to copy the CC with his letter to cabinet secretary..CC to</p>		



		<p>Should we light up the Marina at Christmas? Put up some caricatures in a timely manner? Katie to set up a local group to deal with this. Paul to engage with Katie to set up this group</p> <p>Paul: Marc to source posters from health protection by tomorrow. Eoin offered to print them.....</p>	<p>feedback directly to Donald.</p> <p>Paul to engage with Katie re setting up a local group on Xmas lights.</p> <p>Marc to speak with health protection.</p>		
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