POINT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Ordinary Meeting held on 12.4.21 via Google Meet

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

Apologies: None.

Matters Arising from Previous Minute: There were none, minute adopted.

Treasurer's Report: Joanne summarised the bank transactions for the last financial year and has circulated details of accounts by e-mail. She will submit accounts to the Comhairle. Actioning of the Point phonebook was discussed in terms of cost, potential revenue from advertising and updating and collating data.

Planning Applications: An application relating to the croft at 10 Shulishader for a single garden pod with parking (not a caravan site as a local resident had stated on social media) is under consideration. No others of note.

Urras Eaglias na H-oiadhe will shortly be asking the Community Council to submit a planning application to the Comhairle on their behalf. This was agreed

Community Groups Report: Re: Coastal Paths Group - Steinish path completed along with a pathway at Shulishader and the group have sited a number of recycled plastic benches along these and in other locations. A further section from Shulishader to Flesherin planned. Retrospective planning, however, being asked for in relation to a bridge which will slow part of the project down a little. A Facebook page has been created to inform the community of the available walks and paths. Parking at Steinish is to be improved as much as possible as well as improvements to parking at the Iolaire memorial path.

Lewis Association of Community Councils Report: Looking for £50 funding from each community council and this expenditure was agreed. Next meeting tomorrow night. Representatives of the Comhairle's Housing Department and HHP to discuss potential for affordable housing in the Bernera area with a view to keeping the local school viable.

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Action Plan 2019/2021: Re: playparks – Seaview Knock struggling to form a committee but Lower Bayble's committee is now in place. Sum to be allocated to Matt Bruce for gunnera eradication - \pounds 1,000 proposed and agreed. Ken has done some updating of the plan and has sent a link to Joanne of the updated page to amend programme accordingly. Clean up Scotland campaign to be tied with the Co-Op's offer of assistance in relation to litter clean-up. Chris Tom may become involved and community involvement to be encouraged. The Comhairle will provide skips. An additional meeting is to be convened to co-ordinate the updating of the plan.

E-mail from Cllr. Stewart 21/11/20: Discussed. Correspondence will continue to be sent to all of the councillors involved with the community council as usual. Since the previous meeting, two individual complaints were lodged with the Ethical Standards Commission to investigate and this is no longer a matter for the community council.

AOCB:

Re Membership - Angus Lamont has resigned from the Community Council so there is a vacant place on the Urras Storas an Rhuba committee as he was seconded to it from the Community Council. Joanne has volunteered to fulfil this role and this was welcomed and accepted. Rhona will send an e-mail to Catriona Dunn outlining this change. Potential new members to be identified and invited to join Point Community Council.

Re: Constitution - This to be added to the action plan and finalised following review of the guidelines.

Re: Emergency Resilience Plan – to be reviewed.

Next Meeting: Monday 31st May 2021 at 7pm.