

POINT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Ordinary Meeting
held on
31st May 2021
via
Google Meet

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

Apologies: Erica Clark (Community Learning & Development Worker).

Declaration of Interest: None

Minute of Previous Meeting (12.4.21): Corrections – Change 2020 to 21 and add ‘Ethical’ to Standards Commission.

Matters Arising: None

Treasurer’s Report: Nothing to report by Joanne. However, Susan Murray has requested of Alex. John a donation towards cost of a mountain biking initiative. A sum of £200 was agreed to be given to her for this project.

Planning Applications: None of note.

Community Groups Reports:

Lewis Association of Community Councils (LACC) has in the past 2 weeks been discussing the ferry situation. A meeting is to be held tomorrow involving the following groups, transport Scotland, Cmal, Calmac and MSPs. Joanne prepared a brief of the situation which has been circulated to PCC members. She stated that there should be a ferries plan in place which seems not to be being adhered to but noted that progress has been made on the building of replacement ferries. It was noted that there is a need for a dedicated freight ferry as well as more ‘turn up and go’ spaces for residents. Would be good to have a Lewis representative on the CalMac Community Board on which there is a vacancy presently.

Coastal Pathways progress has ground to a halt at the moment as everything they do has to have a planning application submitted and approved as well as having to apply for some retrospective planning approval. Also they are awaiting the opportunity for more funding.

Joanne has been added as a director by the Urras Storas an Rhuba Committee.

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Action Plan (3/5/21): Members agreed to ratify decisions made at the recent Action Plan discussion. Joanne is sending Ken a draft for publishing on the Facebook page re Calor Gas grant funding in a bid to garner enough 'likes' to win. Pursuit Hebrides representative unable to organise activities to coincide with clean-up on 19th June. Forms to be filled in for the Comhairle to supply a skip for this event. Ken will get in touch with the Co-Op representatives re offered assistance. It was noted that there is a community skip at Sheshader. Joanne's suggestion to invite the Clean Coast Outer Hebrides Co-Ordinator, Janet Marshall, to a future meeting was welcomed and agreed. Marion Wilson of the Volunteer Centre is helping with some supplies of litter pickers, hi-viz vests and hoops for bags.

AOCB:

Members welcomed the proposed free bus travel for under 22's.

Re possibility of a Point Community Development Officer, Alex John e-mailed Joe Macphee who said such posts had been discontinued within the Comhairle. Joe is to be invited to a meeting. It was noted that there is a need for such support particularly in relation to crofting and services for youngsters, including mental health services. and project development across other Community Council areas, Alex John to bring it up with LACC members.

Third Sector Hebrides are looking for members. It was agreed that PCC should join. There was a small annual fee though Alex. John thinks membership may be free now.

Joanne proposed a new Community Council co-opted Member, Margaret Ralston. This was welcomed

Re Playparks, Ken contacted a Dasan representative who will look at Shulishader Play Area to assess the required action to take matters further. There remains some difficulty in ascertaining ownership and responsibilities in relation to the playpark. No Lower Bayble Playpark committee member has responded to offer of funding as yet. Erica Clark is getting in touch with them re this.

Possibility and need for a footpath from Garrabost Road junction to old Bayble Post Office as well as other areas - including Garrabost to Shulishader to Sheshader where there is an overgrown footpath which could be renovated - was discussed.

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Re Constitution, Ken proposed that we model ours on the Highland example.
This will be discussed at a future meeting.

Date of Next Meeting: 26th July 2021.