

Minute/Note of Meeting	TITLE	lochdar Community Council Meeting		
	DATE	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2022	TIME	7.00pm
	VENUE	online		

Present:	Peter Bird (Chair), Cllr I A Macleod, Cllr Iain A MacNeil, Cllr Paul Steele, Robert Currie, Anne Bird (mins), Angela Brass, Ronnie Macphee, Jemma Morrison, Donnie Steele, Neilly Macpherson
Apologies:	Morag Ann Steele, Neil Johnstone,

	Agenda Item	Summary	Action	Who?	When?
•	Previous Minutes	previous minutes (24/11/2021) were proposed by ABr seconded by RMacP.	Submit approved mins to CnES.	AB	asap
•	Matters Arising	<p>Salt Bins: waiting to hear back from HHP re current provision in the ICC area. Council have started with distribution.</p> <p>20mph plans: no clarification from the Council as yet.</p> <p>Ferries: to be covered later on.</p> <p>Christmas trees: Many thanks to RC and JM for sorting out Christmas trees for lochdar and Gerinish.</p> <p>Gerinish Tigh Ceilidh: response from HHP is there's a community committee just about in place. UCVO are assisting with governance and constitution.</p>	Contact CnES again	AB	asap
•	Membership	<p>PB welcomed JM who has been co-opted to ICC.</p> <p>CnES have requested an update of members and contact details</p>	To be collated	AB	asap
•	Treasurer's report	<p>£1700 in from MacInnes Bros for the work at the old graveyard.</p> <p>£250 in from Cllr Steele to support the calendar.</p> <p>Further funds expected in from Cllr Macleod and Cllr Mackay in support of the pathway project, funds expected in from Cllr MacNeil for the work at the old graveyard.</p> <p>Discussion re distribution of remaining calendars.</p>			
•	Pathway Project	<p>Funds have been secured from Sustrans to continue with Phase 3 and 4 of the project.</p> <p>ICC will meet online with Sustrans and contractors Pel Frischman on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> at 10am to discuss next steps.</p> <p>Fundraiser planned for the Co-op.</p>			

•	<b>Ferries</b>	<p>In November/December CalMac presented further options to stakeholders and adopted the timetable whereby the mezzanine deck will be available on the last sailings of the day on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday (and on Friday in the off-peak period only). In addition, mezzanine decks would be available on every sailing on Saturdays. There has also been an announcement that sailings to Lochboisdale will be increased in the summer giving 3 additional return journeys to Mallaig.</p> <p>The Sept 2022 to Feb 2023 timetable for the Uig closure period has been released giving one daily return journey between Lochmaddy and Ullapool. During the Uig closure, the Lochboisdale to Mallaig run will stay on the summer timetable.</p> <p>GR from the Communities Board explained that there are concerns re haulage from Ullapool to Lochmaddy, capacity will be limited and proposed timetable forces additional journey time on to carriers increasing costs.</p> <p>Communities' Board members and Cllr Robertson are encouraging CalMac to look at additional measures to provide a sufficient service for the islands during the Uig closure. They will have a meeting in the first week in February to consider outcome of the most recent consultation.</p> <p>Ship 801 Glen Sannox is scheduled to be in the water in Sept 2022 Ship for Uist is stated to be due in the water by July 2023 but may be delayed further by the duck tail modifications.</p> <p>Discussion re need for consultation with other Community Councils once there has been feedback from CalMac to the Communities Board about the Uig Closure.</p> <p>There is a perception that not all Uist CCs are consulted by CalMac regarding all Uist routes.</p>	Fwd contact details to CalMac	AB	asap
•	<b>South Uist and Eriskay Forum</b>	<p>3 subgroups of the steering group have been working on 3 priority areas i.e. Communication, Remit and Governance/Membership.</p> <p>Public consultation sessions planned for the New Year.</p> <p>Funding for Development Worker will be used to help bring the ideas together.</p>			
•	<b>Councillors Update</b>	<p>Councillors will be looking to CCs to learn about priority areas for budgeting decisions.</p> <p>Query raised re drainage close to lochdar School on the north side of the road.</p>	Raise issue with roads dept	Cllr IAM	asap
•	<b>Challenge Fund</b>	Discussion re possible small projects.	Submit appln	AB	21 <sup>st</sup> Jan

•	AoB	<p>Storas Update: Community Fund will be opening soon, Lochboisdale Housing project is going ahead with up to 8 houses being planned. Local venison sales going well.</p> <p>Pre-Planning notification received re proposed 20m lattice tower at: Loch Skipport PNS, Land near B890, Drimore, Isle of South Uist, Western Isles HS8 5NS. No immediate concerns have been raised.</p> <p>Request received from Social Work to identify jobs in the area suitable for hours available through community payback order(s).</p>	<p>Respond to WHP Telecoms</p> <p>Suggestions to be collated and relayed to SW.</p>	<p>AB</p> <p>PB</p>	<p>asap</p> <p>on-going</p>
•	Date of Next Meeting	Next meeting will be 16 <sup>th</sup> February online at 7pm, meeting ended 8.45pm			