

Back Community Council Meeting

Tuesday 13th April 2021 @ 7:30pm

Zoom Virtual Meeting

Minutes of Meeting

Present: Cathy MacInnes, Sara Maciver, Cllr Calum Maclean, Colin Thompson, Neil Davis and Kinny Davis, Gilly Thompson.

Apologies: Andrew Morrison, Cllr Donald Crichton, Cllr John A Maciver, Margaret-Ann Maciver (MA)

Chair: Cathy Macinnes

Cathy Macinnes welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes from our meeting held on Tuesday 9th March 2021 were proposed by Colin Thompson and seconded by Neil Davis.

The minutes from the 1st April will be carried onto the next meeting.

Matters Arising

Community Larders

The under spend from the funding has gone back to HIE so this matter can come off the agenda.

Community Development Worker

The job advert went out two weeks ago and is being shared on local social media pages Loch a Tuath News, Back Football & Recreation Club, the Hut etc. The deadline for applications is on Friday 16th April. There has been no word on whether there have been any applicants. Kathryn Lamont will be in touch after the deadline to let us know.

Community Asset Transfer / Polycrub

There have been no further updates on the community asset transfer of the Hut from the Comhairle to the Hut Committee. Anna Tucker from Back Commun Eachdraigh has contacted Cala Mackenzie to request they keep us up to date with this matter.

Colin will look into alternative plots for the polycrub.

Association of Community Councils

Lewis Association of Community Councils have a meeting with HHP, TIG and CNES about housing. MA is representing Back CC at this meeting. It is beneficial to have all the Lewis community councils come together as a collective view and stronger voice for public bodies such as HHP, TIG etc.

Speed Sign

There are no further updates on the speed sign. Cathy will chase John Macleod for an update.

Ionad Loch a Tuath

Cathy contacted Belle Anne Scott for advice on what to do in this case. Although she was unable to advise, Belle Anne passed this query onto Derek Mackay who is responsible for community councils. No word back yet.

Email Address

Sara has set up a Back Community Council email address – backcommunitycouncil@outlook.com

Archaeologists in Gress

There has been no more on this matter. There is a wee bit included in this month's Loch a Tuath News.

Finances

The finances will be discussed at the next meeting.

AOCB

Loch a Tuath Community Hut

MA passed on her concerns of children climbing on the containers at the Hut. Cllr Maclean and Cathy will write to Cala Mackenzie at the Comhairle and to Environmental Health. Sara will mention this to the police liaison.

Caravan Site

All agreed that it is not worth pursuing the caravan site for now but will look into after Covid and restrictions lift. Members asked to take note of any movement at the site ie, new caravans.

Open Studios Hebrides

Gilly Thompson came along to discuss the Open Studios Hebrides. The idea is for local artists and craft persons showcase their work in the Loch a Tuath area. There are 14 different artists on board and they would like to make this a regular annual event. BCC have suggested that Gilly contact the Loch a Tuath News and the Tolsta Sheanachas to advertise.

Date and Time of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting will be on Tuesday 11th May 2021 at 7:30pm.

Cathy Macinnes thanked everybody for attending and closed the meeting.