

Back Community Council Meeting

Tuesday 8th June 2021 @ 7:30pm

Zoom Virtual Meeting

Minutes of Meeting

Present: Cathy MacInnes, Sara Maciver, Andrew Morrison, Cllr Calum Maclean, Cllr Donald Crichton, Cllr John A Maciver, Margaret-Ann Maciver (MA), Neil Davis and Kinny Davis

Apologies: Colin Thompson

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 11th May 2021 were proposed by Margaret-Ann Maciver and seconded by Andrew Morrison.

Matters Arising

Development Worker

There is no movement on this. Kathryn Lamont Smith is waiting to hear from Fiona Macinnes Begg to look over the job description and tweak it if needed. Andrew will email Kathryn for an update. This matter will be carried over to the next meeting.

Polycrub

There is a report is going to the transportation committee with recommendation that the land will be transferred to the Loch a Tuath Community Hut committee. Cllr Crichton will find out if there is a cost to this and will know by next week as the report is not ready yet.

Having a constituted body (ILAT) enable different organisations in the community to do/apply for projects. All organisations are represented within ILAT such as the Hut, Communn Eachdraigh.

Speed Sign

New batteries were received for the speed sign. Tubes has altered the settings so that it's not picking up information from a far, so that the batteries will last longer.

It was mentioned to perhaps purchase a permanent speed sign but they become ineffective over time and that was the reason we chose a mobile sign.

Hut Containers

Cala Mackenzie had slightly moved the containers and is looking into it. The police will contact Environment Health to see what they can do about them. Cathy called 111 but has had no word back.

Signage at Gress Beach

There has been no response from Gress Common Grazings. Cathy responded to the email requesting no fire/overnight signage at Gress Beach that they could potentially put up one sign but ultimately is the responsibility of the Gress Grazings committee. The no overnight parking sign at the Back monument is working.

Outend Coll Signage

The road signage in the Outend Coll village is old and need replacing. Cllr Maciver will contact Tubes to review this.

Finances

The balance stands at £20,697.76

This includes £11,000 for the development officer and £4666 for the play park.
New pads were purchased for the defibrillator and a battery for the speed sign.

Andrew contacted the Royal Bank of Scotland to get the bank statements sent to him directly.

AOCB

Poileagan Road

The state of the road down to the Polieagan has already been to the attention of our councillors. There are no funds available for unadopted roads. They are trying to patch up areas in residential areas. This is possibly the responsibility of Back Common Grazings – Andrew will ask Bommie. We will ask Angus Mackays to price the job and send over a quote.

Brevig Harbour Users Group

Alex John has let us know that there has not been much progress. They have received estimates from Ivor Murrays. They are going to have a cleanup day – no date/time yet confirmed.

Gress Grazings

We will invite the Gress Grazing's committee to our next meeting in August regarding the up keep of the Gress beach car park.

Loch a Tuath Communtiy Hut

The Hut got a new roof in February but the walls inside are damp. The hut needs new insulation and plasterboard throughout. MA will apply for the next round of Crown Estate Funding.

MA has spoken to Tom Hill, the Community Service Leader about getting community service workers about strimming and doing odd jobs around the Hut.

Lewis Association of Community Councils

LACC met CMAL regarding the ferries last week and will meet 3-4 times per year.

Crown Estate

The committee will have a think about projects to apply for this year's Crown Estate funding.

Police Scotland

The police are not allowed to use Zoom on Police Systems but may be able to have face-to-face meetings.

Date and Time of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting will be on Tuesday 10th August 2021 at 7:30pm in the Hut.

Cathy Macinnes thanked everybody for attending and closed the meeting.