

## **Back Community Council Meeting**

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2022 @ 7:00pm

Loch a Tuath Community Hut

Minutes of Meeting

**Present:** Margaret-Ann Maciver (MA), Sara Maciver, Cllr Calum Maclean, Colin Thompson, Neil Davis, Kinny Davis, Anne Macarthur.

**Apologies:** Cathy Macinnes, Cllr John A Maciver, Cllr Donald Crichton, Andrew Morrison, Jennet McNinch.

**Chair:** Margaret-Ann Maciver (MA)

Margaret-Ann Maciver welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending.

### **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The minutes from our meeting held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2022 were proposed by Kinny Davis and seconded by Margaret-Ann Maciver.

### **Matters Arising**

#### **1. POLYCRUB**

Colin received an email from Fiona Macinnes Begg to let us know that there has been no progress. We have until the 2<sup>nd</sup> July to commit to pay the deposit for the Polycrub to Chris Mayers. Andrew will write a cheque for this.

There is £16,000 secured for this project however the change of position would require additional gravel and labour costs. Colin can prepare an application for an additional £5/6k for the next round of Crown Estate funding.

Robbie Maclellan is now dealing with the containers in the Hut car park. There has been no action taken despite chasing matters with the Comhairle. The contents in the containers will never get used.

#### **2. CEBAC**

An application for a building warrant has been submitted. John Macleod (Lighting Design) will do a cert for this. CEBac will let Colin know once planning permission is approved.

#### **3. BREVIG**

Andrew emailed the Brevig Harbour Users Group and they have advised that there is no update to report. This will be kept on the agenda.

### **Finances**

The balance stands at £38,068.60. This includes the crown estate funding and play park monies.

## **AOCB**

### **5. BEACH ACCESS**

It would be worth pursuing grant funding to improve beach access. Colin met with Murdo Mackay and discussed a potential 3-year improvement plan, concrete an access road and steps, and to avoid slopes due to quads.

It was mentioned that Gress Beach would benefit from wooden steps and secure posts in the ground. It was also noted that Coll Beach had wasted money on steps as they last two years due to the sea movement, sand, and rocks.

Perhaps not worth while attempting as it is the Common Grazing's land. Will invite them to our next meeting in September.

### **6. GRESS DEFIB**

The wood supporting the defib in Gress is rotting. Murdo Maciver will replace the wood.

Scottish Water are purchasing Back a defib as a thank you for the disruption during the building works in the area.

### **7. WIND TURBINES**

Jennet was approached by Matthew Shepard who wanted to pass on information to the community council about the proposal of 55 wind turbines to be put up on the West Side.

It was mentioned that this is still in the pre-development stage. Questions were raised:

- Is the cable coming onto Lewis – will this affect fishing?
- What benefits has it got for the Island?
- Has there been any consultation with islanders?

There will be public meetings for this project.

May be worth inviting Matthew and a counter argument along to our next meeting.

### **Date and Time of Next Meeting**

The date of the next meeting will be on Tuesday 13<sup>TH</sup> September 2022 at 7:00pm.

Margaret-Ann Maciver thanked everybody for attending and closed the meeting.