

POINT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting of Point Community Council by zoom on 8th August 2022

Present:

Alex John Murray, Donald Macritchie, Ken MacLennan and Jacqueline Jackson

In attendance:

Rebecca Proops

Apologies:

Margaret Ralston
Irina Koser

Declaration of Interest:

None

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Approved

Matters Arising:

None

Treasurers Report:

Donald Macritchie advised £14,013 in bank which still included playpark funds.

Playparks:

Rebecca Proops advised meeting that a new committee had been organised for Lower Bayble Playpark and the bank account signatories had been changed. She advised a balance of £1,161 was in this account and asked for the funds held by PCC be transferred to this account. She supplied Chair with account number and sort code for the bank account.

Rebecca had to leave meeting, but it was raised by the attendees at the meeting that the new Committee names be supplied by Rebecca to our Chair before funds released. Chair agreed to contact Rebecca after meeting.

Footpath:

Nothing further to report at present as to the emergency access road proposal for the Braighe, it was explained that a further meeting on site with the Aignish

grazing committee was to take place during the first week of September. And afterwards as agreed at the initial meeting of 23 July, PCC would invite the grazing committee, grazing shareholders, and Aignish residents to a further meeting later in September to make a final decision on whether approval should be granted for an emergency access road to the north side of the Braighe on the Aignish grazing's.

It was explained that Melbost & Branahuie had recently approved of the access road across their grazing's to the north of loch Branahuie

A.O.C.B.

Gunnera situation was reported as bad, as is the outbreak of Ragwort especially on the Garrabost road verge. Stornoway Trust had at a previously meeting informed PCC and a group of Point grazing committee representatives that there is no funding available from the Trust, but if a funding application was made to another funder, the Trust would assist the grazing's committees group with the application.

It was stated that croft tenants are responsible for what is within their croft boundary, and Grazing Committees are responsible for what's on the common grazing pasture, its unclear at present whether Council or Grazing are responsible for road verges. It was also explained that there might be monies available for Gunnera eradication through the landfill fund. It was agreed that PCC would convene another meeting and invite Point Grazing Committees to join to establish whether there is sufficient support in the communities to seek funding to eradicate these invasive species. Donald to raise this at next Grazing Committee Meeting.

The constitution of the Community Councils is in dire need of being updated. Chair to contact Derek MacKay solely with the intent of discussing same. A number of issues were raised re quorum numbers, who should be on Council, and the role of the local Councillors.

A complaint was made to a local councillor re New Garrabost bus shelter. The complainant was informed that its not council responsibility, but that of the Community Council. Chair to write to Chris Humphries to request that he cut the offending gorse overgrowth and invoice PCC .

Date of Next Meeting:

26th September 2022 in Ionad Stoodie

Chair closed Meeting