

Note of the meeting of the North Tolsta Community Council at the Community Hall meeting room, North Tolsta, on Wednesday, 17 February 2016, at 7.00pm.

PRESENT: Angus Murray; Anna Mackenzie; Effie MacMillan; Evelyn MacIntosh; Erica MacLeod; John MacIver; Stuart Thomson; Fiona MacLeod; Cllr John A MacIver;

APOLOGIES: Cllrs Crichton and Stewart

CHAIR: Anna MacKenzie

WELCOME

1. Note of the Last Meeting

The Note of the last meeting of 27 October 2015 was approved.

2. Matters arising

3. Accounts and Appointment of Treasurer

The Community Council had two bank accounts. The balance of one was £3,291.81, with a sum of £591.71 to be reimbursed. The other account had a balance of £68.000 (as per Anna's e-mail of 28 October 2015).

The accounts for financial years 31/03/2014 and 31/03/ 2015 had been submitted which released an Administration and Social grant payment from the Comhairle for 2014/15 and 2015/16, in the sum of £2,000, which was paid into the Community Council's bank account, dated 3 November 2015.

Further discussion of Community Council funds/accounts would be deferred until the appointment of a Treasurer.

4. Appointment of Vice Chair

Stuart Thomson agreed to take on the office of Vice Chair, proposed by Angus Murray and seconded by Anna MacKenzie.

5. Constitution

The Constitution, having been agreed, was adopted by North Tolsta Community Council on 18 November 2015 and signed by the Comhairle on 19 November 2015. A signed copy would be placed on file.

6. Community Hall

There was some discussion about the possibility of purchasing the community hall at a cost of c.£60k. A formal application would have to be made to the relevant department within the Comhairle. The School would need to continue to have use as required. It was agreed that this was not the best option in light of up-front costs and ongoing running maintenance costs and/or likely future financial commitment.

It was agreed that we should pursue the possibility of the Community Hall being a Welfare Centre including what that might entail/require in terms of practicalities/equipment and so on. It was agreed that an updated list of elderly and vulnerable people be updated for future reference.

It was agreed that the Community Council should look into the possibility of purchasing a mobile generator including an assessment of likely capacity.

7. Challenge Fund

There was some discussion about the Challenge Fund and the application that had been submitted for the purchase of a new cooker etc. With the prior agreement of the Comhairle there could be some flexibility on how these funds might be spent if, for example, the cooker was not the most pressing need at present.

8. Adjoining Facility

There was some discussion about the redesign of the kitchen in the adjoining facility to the hall which would greatly help efficiency and convenience when holding community events. It was agreed that a couple of quotations should be sought.

9. Toilets

There was some discussion about the toilets at Traigh Mhòr regarding ownership current condition etc. Angus would follow up with the Comhairle.

10. Shop/Café/Historical Society

A Laison Group, led by the Historical Society, was progressing this project. A number of sites had been considered. The Community Council could have representation on this group, although no one was nominated at the meeting.

11 War Memorial

The documentation would need to be obtained but in all probability it was noted that the deadlines had expired. Angus would follow up.

12. AOCB

The Booking Diary and the keys to the hall/facility – Effie would follow up.

13. Date of next meeting

Third Wednesday of each month - 17 February 2016 at 7pm for confirmation at the meeting.