

NORTH TOLSTA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Note of meeting of the **North Tolsta Community Council** held at the Community Hall meeting room, North Tolsta, on **Wednesday, 22 June 2016, at 7.00pm.**

PRESENT: Anna Mackenzie (AMcK); Effie MacMillan (EM); Angus Murray (AM); Cllr J.A MacIver; Cllr Catriona Stewart; Fiona MacLeod (FM).

APOLOGIES: Cllr Donald Crichton; Evelyn McIntosh; Erica MacLeod (EML); John MacIver

CHAIR: Anna MacKenzie

1. Note of the Last Meeting

The Note of the last meeting of 25 May 2016 was approved.

Matters arising

Item 8- Community Resilience

Bids had been submitted by Back and Tong community groups for generators – needed a portal or place to plug these in.

Tong's plans were fairly well advanced and they had purchased a lot of equipment to date. Suggestion made that it would be advantageous to meet with Tong or to reform the group comprising Back, Tong and Tolsta Community Councils which used to meet 4 times a year in the interests of sharing information.

SSE was holding community benefit days to provide more information to groups who wished to access funding to strengthen community resilience.

Item 11 - War Memorial

It had been anticipated that the Community Council would submit an application in September 2016.

2. Appointment of Treasurer

No appointment was made.

3. Bank Mandate

The bank mandate was still proving problematic despite several visits to the local branch. The bank now wanted confirmation of a change of contact address which had been forwarded to them previously.

4. Locality Planning

Cllr Stewart had attended the first meeting of the Stornoway and Greater Broadway group and circulated the necessary information. It had not been well attended; about ten people present, most of whom were NIHS Western Isles, past or present.

To work effectively, these groups had to be representative and truly independent while taking cognisance of the differences of each rural area.

The next meeting of the Stornoway and Greater Broadway group was intended for 21 July 2016 at Grianan. A Comhairle elected Member had been appointed for each of the five Locality Planning groups and Cllr Nicolson was the Comhairle representative for the Stornoway and Greater Broadway Group although he was not in attendance on this occasion. The Chairperson would be appointed at the next meeting.

FM was elected to represent the North Tolsta Community Council on the group, with AM as substitute. AM would confirm these arrangements with the Comhairle.

5. Community Hall

The Community Council was awaiting a price from the Comhairle's Operations Manager (Technical Services Department) for the necessary improvements to the Community Hall.

6 Wards Initiative

Ward Initiative funding needed to be spent by the beginning of February 2017; the deadline for bids was 31 January 2017.

7. Kitchen

There had been no progress with the kitchen redesign. AMcK would approach local contractors to get some quotations, e.g. Kitchen Centre, Lewis Builders and the Comhairle, Home Improvement centre.

8. Community Jobs

This would be a standing item until such time as the Community Council had funds to action these projects.

Painting

- Chain anchor posts at the entrance to the village.
- Picnic tables at the Cladach.
- Picnic tables at Tràigh Mhòr.
- Bridge at Gary and tables.

Gardening

- Beds at the entrance to the village.
- Bed at the car park.
- Pots around the village.
- Beds at the Community Hall.
- Garden at the War Memorial.

9. Reinstatement of Insurance Policy

Some documentation had been received from Highland Council about insurance renewal. AM to action.

10. Memorial Service

It was suggested that the memorial service be moved to a Sunday as in other districts. It was suggested that the Community Council should write to Reverend Campbell. AM to action.

11. New Build

A meeting had taken place the previous week and two sites had been proposed, broadly in the same location. A public consultation would be held on 1 July 2016.

12. EU Referendum

The referendum would be held on 23 June and the meeting room would be in use for that purpose.

13. AOCB

There was an invoice for TRA to pay for the damage done to the trailer for the bouncy castle. AM to follow up with Colm Fraser of TRA.

There was a forthcoming Migration and Population seminar, probably later in Autumn.

14. Date of next meeting

The next meeting would take place on Wednesday, 24 August 2016 at 7.00pm, in the Community Hall meeting room, North Tolsta.