

NORTH TOLSTA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Note of meeting of the **North Tolsta Community Council** held at the Community Hall meeting room, North Tolsta, on **Wednesday, 25 May 2016, at 7.00pm.**

PRESENT: Anna Mackenzie (AMcK); Effie MacMillan (EM); Erica MacLeod (EML); Angus Murray (AM); Cllr J.A MacIver; John MacIver (JM - from 8pm).

APOLOGIES: Cllrs Donald Crichton and Catriona Stewart; Fiona MacLeod; Evelyn McIntosh.

CHAIR: Anna MacKenzie

1. Note of the Last Meeting

The Note of the last meeting of 20 April 2016 was approved.

Matters arising

Further to the visit of the Comhairle's Community Environment Officer in April, it was agreed it put in place appropriate signage and to purchase bins/ dispensers (approx' £80) to be located at Tràigh Mhòr, an Cladach and the Play Park.

2. Appointment of Treasurer

No appointment was made.

3. Bank Mandate

The bank mandate was still with the bank.

4. MacGregors Industrial Supplies Ltd

An account had not been opened but AM would deal with this.

5. Community Hall

A meeting had taken place between representatives of TCDL and the Comhairle's Head of Infrastructure on 13 April 2016. Cllr MacIver had attended on behalf of the Community Council and provided an update. It was confirmed to the Comhairle there was no local interest in taking over the hall which is currently under the auspices of Technical Services.

The Comhairle's Property Technical Officer (Technical Services Department) had been down to the hall to inspect the floor and he would report back to the Comhairle's Operations Manager (Technical Services Department) for pricing.

As regards the painting of the hall, it was proposed that this could be done voluntarily and that the Community Council would provide the painting materials. Scaffolding would be required.

The best time for doing this work was thought to be after 18 July 2016 – probably between 25 July and 16 August 2016.

Some discussion was held around fund raising and a possible approach to Willie Campbell for a fund raising concert, perhaps to coincide with re-opening of the hall at the end of August 2016 or towards the end of the year, depending on his availability. EML would follow up.

He was doing a fund raiser for PACT although no date was confirmed.

6. Kitchen

There was no further update on the kitchen redesign although it was proposed that the Comhairle, Lewis Builders, and the Kitchen Centre be asked to give a price and perhaps a plan of what is possible given the available space.

The Comhairle's Challenge Fund guidance had now been issued and applications were invited before the deadline of 29 July 2016. It was suggested that the hall and kitchen costs could be included in this application. The maximum grant available was £2,000.

Amendment to the Note of the last meeting – the PAT had not been undertaken; a licenced company needed to do it.

7. Community Jobs

A list of community painting and gardening jobs had been identified:

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.

Once the bank account was up and running, AM would draft an 'Open Expression of Interest' for people in the community able and willing to carry out the works.

8. Welfare Community Resilience

SSE Roadshows were being held week commencing 30 May 2016 in Stornoway, Harris and Uist.

It was thought that there was welfare funding from SSE to strengthen community resilience.

9. New Build

Meetings had taken place with David Macleay and Ken Roddy MacKay from the Comhairle's Regeneration Team (Capital Grants Scheme) to discuss funding possibilities in the longer term.

10. Lucky 2B Here

Some members had attended difibrillator training.

It was thought that 4 defibrillators had been purchased by TCDL, to be located throughout the village.

11. Centenary Memorials Restoration Fund Application

Further information had been received from the grants team and it was anticipated that an application would be made in September 2016.

12. Date of next meeting

The next meeting would take place on Wednesday, 22 June 2016 at 7.00pm, in the Community Hall meeting room, North Tolsta.