

Minute/Note of Meeting	TITLE	Iochdar Community Council Meeting		
	DATE	Monday 28 th November 2022	TIME	7.00pm
	VENUE	Talla an Iochdair		

Present:	Peter Bird(Chair), Angela Brass, Ronnie Macphee, Florence Morrison, Anne Bird(mins) Morag Ann MacAulay, Neilly MacPherson, Robert Currie, Cllr Susan Thomson, Donnie Steele, Libby Learmond,
Apologies:	Cllr Paul Steele, Cllr Iain Macleod, Neil Johnstone.

Agenda Item	Summary	Action	Who?	When?
Previous Minutes	Previous minutes (03/10/2022) were proposed by MAM seconded by FM.	Submit approved mins to CnES.	AB	asap
Matters Arising	Explore if ICC can have a permanent Teams link – ongoing.			
Treasurer's report	£942 of ICC funds have been spent on calendars (its hoped that some of this will be recovered through sales) There is £1,975 of unrestricted funds.			
Pathway Project	Catch up meeting on 1 st Nov, a further two surveys to be completed which Sustrans have fully funded, hopefully all will be ready for an application to the Construction Phase at the end of March. ICC are waiting for conformation on ownership of the old road and also awaiting the outcome of round 2 of the UK Gov Levelling Up Fund. The delays are unavoidable but Sustrans remain committed to funding 70% of the project. Catch up meeting tomorrow (29 th) with Sustrans and contractor Pell Frischmann.	Relay summary of catch up meeting to ICC members.	AB	After the catch up meeting
Councillor Slot	Cllr Thomson explained that budgeting is a significant issue at the moment – the Council need to decide if reserves will be used during this time of financial constraint and if so, to what extent. With recent flooding throughout the islands, Climate Crisis continues to be an over-arching concern. Young Scots free bus pass for under 22s: recently the Press & Journal have reported on the patchy uptake of the scheme. Eilean Siar has seen the lowest uptake from across Scotland with 37% of eligible islanders applying. It was suggested that free ferry transport (beyond the current allocation of 2 free return ferry journeys) would benefit young islanders as they can barely benefit from free bus travel on the islands due to the limited bus service. It would also be a big help for school trips to the mainland for sport, music etc giving young islanders better opportunities for taking part in mainland events.	Invite Alison from WI-Climate Action Network to speak to ICC Discuss issue with Cllr Uisdean Robertson, Transportation and Infrastructure Chair	AB Cllr ST	For next meeting ongoing
Meetings and Consultations	PB attended an online meeting with the Transport Minister on 11 th Oct re disruption to ferries in November.			

		MAM attended a meeting at Sgoil an Iochdair with Iain Boyd, CnES Playpark Co-ordinator, Iochdar area is being considered as a priority. Council have acknowledged that the School Playpark is on their ground and are taking more of a lead. School playpark has attracted funding with equipment being fixed or replaced.	Ask SAIAAC for an update regarding CnG playpark.	MAM, PB	for next meeting
	AoB	Updates from Storax Uibhist: Public gathering next weekend to promote the Lochboisdale regeneration project and disperse information to the public. Meeting imminent with Storax, CNES and Scot Gov regarding flooding in Uist.			
		Gerinish Hall: a committee has been constituted and they are in the process of arranging a hand over from HHP.			
		South Uist and Eriskay Forum : no updates	Find out where things have reached with setting up the Forum	ICC	For next meeting
		Marloch Memorial: ~70% of passengers on the S.S.Marloch were people cleared from the Iochdar area. ICC have been approached by Deirdre Steele on behalf of various partners to give some financial support to a planned monument which will form part of a wider project to raise awareness of this period in history. ICC agreed to support the project with a donation of £250.	Arrange for payment to the Marloch memorial fundraisers.	RM	Once paperwork completed.
		Challenge Fund: discussion around possible things to apply for.	Apply for funds for trees and shrubs and associated costs.	ICC	Before 28 th January
		Seasonal activities: ICC are holding finds for the senior citizens Christmas lunch, also queries about plans for Christmas trees and lights.	Contact lunch organisers. Explore the options for Christmas trees and lights.	RM ICC	asap asap
		Calendars: ICC calendar for 2023 will arrive from the printers any day.	Arrange for distribution to all homes in the ICC area	ICC	asap
		Penumbra: Libby Learmond is the Penumbra Service Manager for Uist. Bereavement counselling is already available but Penumbra are looking for ways to provide a wider service. Discussion on a variety of ideas.			
	DoNM	Monday 23rd January at 7pm, in Talla if available. Meeting ended 8.45pm.			