

Minute/Note of Meeting	TITLE	lochdar Community Council Meeting		
	DATE	Monday 17 th April 2023	TIME	7.00pm
	VENUE	Talla an lochdair		

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

Agenda Item	Summary	Action	Who?	When?
Previous Minutes	It was noted that several people were unable to attend this evening due to a RTA which cause the road to be closed. Previous minutes (23/01/22) were proposed by DS seconded by RC .	Submit approved mins to CnES.	AB	asap
Matters Arising	Question about any remaining funding that was ringfenced for the Gulan has been submitted to CnES (just recently). Challenge Fund: the maximum grant of £1000 was issued to ICC from the Council for a tree planting project. Screefing has been done and 950 free trees from 'I Dig Trees' have been planted at Sgoil an lochdair. There are more trees on order for Autumn planting from Leurbost and Horshader in Lewis.			
Social Media	ICC have been offered an opportunity to develop a website with the assistance of Scottish Tech Army , a not for profit company.	Put Tech Army in touch with SMacP and RMacP	AB	asap
Treasurer's Report	Annual Accounts: members approved the accounts for 2022-23. ICC have £1659 unrestricted funds.	Submit accounts to CnES for auditing.	RMacP	asap
Pathway Project	ICC had catch up meetings with Rachel from Sustrans and designer Scott from Pell Frischmann on 14 th Feb, 23 rd Feb and 5 th Apr. Phase One : current bid to Sustrans for construction stage has been amended to cover Sgoil an lochdair to lochdar road end. Planning Permission: design pack has been submitted to 'pre-planning'. Scottish Community Councils now entitled to just a 50% discount instead of a planning fee waiver (since June 2022). Legal agreements: ICC reps are meeting online with solicitor and Scott this week to discuss. CnES has been approached regarding the Sustrans requirement that ICC secure the support of a separate body with regards to insurances but CnES are unable to provide this support. ICC currently looking at solutions used by similar projects elsewhere.			

	<p>Future maintenance: due to the high spec materials, maintenance is expected to be minimal for the first 25 years. ICC reps are approaching Sgoil an lochdair agus a'Choimhearsnachd to propose a partnership approach.</p> <p>ICC have been asked to refresh the funding application to the Baxter Trust in line with their guidelines on timescales. AB meeting online with Baxter Trust rep on 28th Apr.</p> <p>The costings of Phase One - Sgoil an lochdair to lochdar road end have been amended and ICC are required to raise an additional £52,000. Some possible funding sources have been identified and Sustrans accept that fundraising will continue in parallel with the technical progress of the project.</p> <p>Online catch up meeting scheduled for May 10th at 4.30pm with Sustrans and contractor Pell Frischmann.</p>			
Highly Protected Marine Areas	<p>In Dec 2022 ScotGov launched a consultation on the introduction of HPMA's in Scotland. Proposals are that 10% of UK Coastal waters are designated as HPMA's.</p> <p>Vice-Chair of Uist Association of Community Councils, DJ MacDonald of Bornish CC has issued a statement on behalf of the 7 CCs with a strong rejection the proposals.</p> <p>Discussion re HPMA's, concerns include the possible impacts on livelihoods and restrictions on developments. Also there was concern about the design of the first consultation i.e. the extent and complexity of the supporting papers and the lack of opportunities for face-to-face consultation.</p>	Agreed to monitor the progress of the HPMA plan and be ready to take a role in any local consultations.	ICC	On-going
Roads	The tar lorry will be down in the next few weeks. Question raised as to which areas will be prioritized?	Ask the Council	AB	asap
Meetings and Consultations	<p>AB attended a webinar for CCs on 10th Feb regarding Community Map Scotland – CCs are being offered use of an online mapping tool for a 12 month period.</p> <p>Cho Chomumn: PB has been attending board meetings on behalf of ICC. PB explained the structure of the organisation which is a registered society under the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act, which means its a business which trades primarily for the benefit of their community and are accountable to that community. All profits are to be invested back into the business.</p>			
AoB	<p>Western Isles Development Trust : Summer activities fund is opening for community groups to apply for £1000 for youth activities.</p> <p>Daryll from Cycling UK will be at Talla on 10th May for an E-bike event. The ICC ebikes will be going out to the community after Daryll's visit.</p> <p>CalMac consultation regarding ticket cancellation.</p>	Relay preference for option 2 to CalMac.	AB	By 19 th Apr
DoNM	22 nd May Meeting ended 9pm			