

Minute/Note of Meeting	TITLE	lochdar Community Council Meeting		
	DATE	Monday 22 nd May 2023	TIME	7.00pm
	VENUE	Talla an lochdair		

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

Agenda Item	Summary	Action	Who?	When?
Previous Minutes	Previous minutes (17/04/23) were proposed by RC seconded by RMacP.	Submit approved mins	AB	asap
Matters Arising	<p>Funding that was ring-fenced for the Gualan: CnES Colin Mclver has confirmed that the funding that the Scottish Government identified for the South Ford scheme (including the Gualan work) was for use only on that scheme and cannot be redirected for use elsewhere. Follow up question has been sent: are there any of those funds remaining and/or work still to be done on the South Ford scheme?</p> <p>Tech Army: RM and Stephanie have been in touch with Joe from Tech Army and have received a link to start the development process.</p> <p>Roads: Response from CnES Angus MacDonald re surface dressing, The sections of main road that are on the schedule for surface dressing include a section from South Ford to lochdar road end. Angus clarified that this is primarily used to extend the life of a road surface that is still in reasonably good condition. i.e. a road surface that has already deteriorated significantly will not benefit from surface dressing.</p>	Await answer from Colin Mclver	ICC	ongoing
Police	<p>Police have spoken to QinetiQ about visiting units and road safety following the recent road incidents.</p> <p>Bollard notices on Barra over the summer have been welcomed, relaying info about road safety and other issues concerning visitors. Discussed possibilities of having a similar initiative in Uist.</p> <p>Concerns raised about speeding vehicles in West Gerinish.</p> <p>Concerns raised about wild camping and lack of toilet facilities for visitors.</p>			
Treasurer's Report	Accounts have been submitted to CnES but there is a delay because there is no bank statement with 31 st March on it. RM is in touch with the bank to get hold of the correct statement.			
Pathway Project	ICC had online catch up meetings with Rachel from Sustrans on 4 th May and with designer Scott from Pell Frischmann on 10 th May. ICC to meet with Rachel and Scott again on 24 th May. Planning application documents have been submitted through the planning portal but have not yet gone live.			

		<p>Sustrans have highlighted sections of the pathway application that need further information before progressing on to the construction stage and have suggested a series of online workshops with Sustrans personnel, ICC and Scott to prepare the evidence. This will cover several areas including the Equalities Impact Assessment and Behaviour Change Plan.</p> <p>Discussion about bridging the gap where the Hebridean Way comes up from Ardmor and walkers are directed on to the main road. Some walkers are continuing along the main road (no pavement) rather than moving over to the old road.</p>	Look at options for bridging the ditch	ICC	On-going
	Councillors slot	no Councillors were present.			
	Meetings and Consultations	<p>There is to be an online Scottish Conference of Community Councillors. All Community Councillors can attend.</p> <p>Scheme of Establishment for Community Councils: CnES are seeking the views of the public and Community Councils in relation to an amended Scheme and associated governance documents.</p> <p>The main changes to the Scheme relate to increasing the minimum number of nominations to establish a Community Council from four to six, introducing a mechanism to fill casual vacancies through co-option and holding the AGM in May or June each year. Also more detail has been added to the model constitution to reflect the wider guidance on code of conduct and responsibilities.</p> <p>Co-Chomunn an Iochdair: PB continues to represent ICC on the board.</p> <p>Crown Estates Fund: PB attended the meeting to allocate funds in South Uist and Benbecula</p> <p>Sgoil an Iochdair agus a'Chomhairsnachd AGM will be on 8th June, open to all.</p>	<p>attend</p> <p>Direct any comments to the Council</p>	<p>PB</p> <p>ICC</p>	<p>10th June</p> <p>by 21st August</p>
	AoB	<p>Bakkafrost: Robert Currie from Bakkafrost gave an update on the company's activities in Uist including the proposed development at Morrison's Rock off the NE coast of Benbecula. The company is Faroes based and are part of the ASC Aquaculture Stewardship Council scheme. They employ 22 staff over the 3 local sites. Recruitment can be a challenge but the company fills posts locally whenever possible. Community Groups can be apply for grants from the Bakkafrost awards programme and can also request assistance with community activities such as beach clean ups.</p> <p>Causeway pavement: poor condition of the pavement has been reported to the Council.</p> <p>Ebikes: the May event was cancelled on 10th May but the bikes should be going out on loan locally in June once annual servicing has been completed.</p> <p>Doune graveyard: enquiry raised about progress on the repairs to the cemetery wall.</p> <p>Iochdar Care Unit : concerns raised that the garden is becoming overgrown and may be restricting visibility on the road.</p>	<p>Contact the steering group for an update</p> <p>Contact Tagsa</p>	<p>AB</p> <p>AB</p>	<p>For next meeting</p> <p>asap</p>
	DoNM	19 th June Meeting ended 08:40pm			