

Back Community Council Meeting
Tuesday 11th October 2022 @ 7:00pm
Loch a Tuath Community Hut
Minutes of Meeting

Present: Margaret-Ann Maciver (MA), Sara Maciver, Andrew Morrison, Colin Thompson, Cllr Calum Maclean, Cllr Donald Crichton, Cllr John A Maciver, Alex John Macleod.

Apologies: Cathy Macinnes, Neil Davis, Kinny Davis, Jennet McNinch, Anne Macarthur.

Chair: Margaret-Ann Maciver (MA)

Margaret-Ann Maciver welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending.

There was a change of date for our September meeting due to the period of mourning. The meeting was postponed until the 11th October.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes from our meeting held on Tuesday 14th June 2022 were proposed by Colin Thompson and seconded by Calum Maclean.

Matters Arising

1. POLYCRUB

Chris Mayers is on target to install the polytunnel on the 13th December.

Angus Mackays' aim to have the ground ready for the polytunnel by the end of November.

We have received £22k from the Crown Estate funding for our project so far. Hopefully it will be good to go by Christmas.

2. CeBAC

Keep on the agenda.

3. BREVIG

Hi viz anti-slip strips have been put along the complete length of all the recently installed harbour edge safety kerbing.

BHUG received a reduced allocation from the crown estate funding and may apply for additional funding in the next round which is due around November.

There was discussion around installing a barrier at Brevig. There are pros and cons for this, however. It would be good in order to try and prevent racers and campervans but it may also encounter issues of the barrier malfunctioning when our fishermen need it. All agreed it would be a good idea and would need to think about the positioning of it.

Funding plan to have a concreted area that is fenced off for each boat to have their own designated area. The harbour is becoming messy with creels and it's a shame to see, having spent so much money so far.

Zero Waste (CNES) will provide one skip and BHUG will organise another public clean-up day.

The toilets have been done up.

BHUG are hoping to install CCTV around the harbour but there is a legislative issue. Putting up a CCTV warning sign at the cattlegrid may combat this issue.

Finances

The balance stands at £37,977.66. This includes the crown estate funding and play park monies.

5. BEACH ACCESS

If it is not on a large scale, it would not be worth doing financially.

Cllr Maciver mentioned that there may be potential to add on a path to Gress Beach's access however this would be a matter for the common grazing's committee.

AOCB

6. DEFIB

Murdo Maciver kindly replaced the rotting wood supporting the defib in Gress.

The defib at the Hut is flashing red and not clipping in. Irene and Angus from Lucky2bhere have advised to replace the box at a cost of £500. MA will confirm to proceed with the order and BCC will send Irene a cheque.

7. SENIOR CITIZENS DINNER

MA has been in touch with the Cala Hotel. It was agreed to book it for Saturday 11th February 2023. Sara will make a poster and send to the Loch a Tuath News for advertising.

8. SANTA DASH

The money received from the Santa Dash will go BCC to buy vouchers for those in need. It is difficult to identify those in need of support – perhaps ask the citizens advice bureau and the school. MA will contact Kristeen Maclean, the head teacher at Back School to discuss.

The Comhairle have £275k of funding to help with the cost of living. A large portion of this is for direct support and the rest will go towards voucher schemes.

Colin is happy to help with the admin of this.

9. OTHER

Neil will post a card on behalf of the Community Council to Carolyn on the passing of her husband.

Date and Time of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting will be on Tuesday 15TH November 2022 at 7:00pm.

Margaret-Ann Maciver thanked everybody for attending and closed the meeting.