

Back Community Council Meeting
Tuesday 14th February 2023 @ 7:00pm
Loch a Tuath Community Hut
Minutes of Meeting

Present: Margaret-Ann Maciver (MA), Sara Maciver, Colin Thompson, Cllr Calum Maclean, Cllr Donald Crichton, Iain Maciver.

Apologies: Andrew Morrison, Neil Davis, Kinny Davis.

Chair: Margaret-Ann Maciver (MA)

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

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes from our meeting held on Tuesday 10th January 2023 were proposed by Donald Crichton and seconded by Colin Thompson.

Matters Arising

1. POLYCRUB

Chris Mackay will come with the digger and resume works tomorrow (15th Feb).

2. DEFIB

The yellow box for the defib at the Hut has been replaced. It was noticed whilst replacing the box that the defib was faulty. Irene has sent it away for repair and given the Hut a replacement defib for the time being.

3. OVER 60s DINNER

The dinner was a success and all 36 attendees enjoyed themselves. Next year we will advertise the dinner in the Church bulletin as some folk were unaware of it this year and missed the dinner. The choir were unable to perform but Katy Graham kindly came along to sing.

4. DEVELOPMENT WORKER

Iain is having an issue getting his PGV (disclosure) sorted. 3rd Sector Hebrides are not getting back to him so he has emailed Volunteer Scotland about it.

Iain is hoping to set up events and is looking for advice on funding. Events such as arts, harris tweed classes, gentle exercise for over 60s and perhaps salsa dancing although not sure the locals would be keen for this. Any funding would need to be split with Tong.

5. CHALLENGE FUND

The deadline for applications was the 27th Jan – We are unsure if anything has been applied for this year's Challenge Fund. There was discussion at the last meeting about purchasing a generator for the Hut so that the building can be used as a base for people in the community to come if there were ever a power cut.

A suggestion was made to perhaps apply to purchase a PA system for the Hut.

Finances

The finances will be carried over to the next meeting.

AOCB

6. CEBAC

Anne was wondering if BCC can apply for planning permission for the new Comann Eachdraidh building. They have the lease of the land so we don't think it would be for us to do. MA will question it with Anne.

7. CALMAC

Murdo Maclean was in touch with MA and wanted to hear stories about Calmac's cancelled sailings. Stories such as missing appointments, weddings or funerals etc due to the ferry not sailing. Murdo is hoping to come along to a meeting to discuss.

8. WIND TURBINES

Colin was approached by someone who would like to come along to our meeting to present a case in the local areas for turbines to be built off the West side of Lewis.

Date and Time of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting will be on Tuesday 14th March 2023 at 7:00pm.

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