

Back Community Council Meeting

Tuesday 11th April 2023 @ 7:00pm

Loch a Tuath Community Hut

Minutes of Meeting

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

Apologies: Cllr Donald Crichton, Cllr John A Maciver, Cathy Macinnes, Neil Davis, Kinny Davis, Alex John Macleod.

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 14th March 2023 were proposed by Andrew Morrison and seconded by Margaret-Ann Maciver.

Matters Arising

1. FERRIES

- Andrew submitted a piece to the Loch a Tuath news to advertise for local views about our ferries.
- Angus Campbell (chair of the ferries community board) would like further consultation once we have a collection of views available to present.
- Colin emailed Angus Campbell, Alasdair Allan and Jenny Gilruth (MSP, Transport Minister) with concerns over the format of community engagement on Project Neptune. Angus and Alasdair have both responded.
- The company who took over D R Macleod's, DFDS, are a company that also own ferries.

2. POLYCRUB

- This will be locked with a keyed padlock.
- Colin mapped out the polytunnel – it will have 19 beds in total, 6 low beds along both sides and 7 higher beds along the middle.
- There are enough funds available to purchase an irrigation water system.
- There was discussion around adding the polytunnel as a separate outbuilding onto the Hut, MA is not keen to add it onto the Hut's NFU insurance as it's not part of the Hut.
- MA to confirm with Tom regarding the rendering of the wall. Tom would need a pressure washer to carry out this work.
- Soil is required for the raised beds (½ soil, ½ compost). Angus Mackay's have soil that they could potentially donate to the community? Worth asking.

3. CROWN ESTATE

No application was submitted for solar panels.

Brevig: Andrew applied on behalf of the Brevig Harbour Users Group in a bid for funding to purchase a CCTV system and dedicated storage areas for commercial boats working out of Brevig.

Hut: The Hut applied for new tables and chairs, paint, and painter for the exterior of the building and new flooring for the toilets.

4. CONTAINERS

The containers are still there. Sara will email Cala Mackenzie from Tech Services to remove them and copy the 3 councillors in. Junk has been dumped beside the containers – this will need to be moved!

5. CEBAC

The portacabin has arrived and is looking good.

Finances

The balance stands at £24,788.30. This includes the crown estate funding and play park monies.

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6. PLAY PARK

Iain has been looking into who owns the Vatisker Park playpark. HHP say it doesn't belong to them. Mairi Fellows from the CNES Assets department will find out and let us know, and potentially get permission to transfer over to Back Community Council.

Kathryn Lamont Smith has contacts for playpark equipment purchasing since Tong renovated theirs a few years back. This will be an ongoing project.

7. EASTER BUNNY HOP

This will take place this Saturday 15th April from the church car park at 11am. Funds raised will be split between Comann Eachdraigh Sgìre a Bhac and Loch a Tuath Community Hut. The organisers need money to buy easter eggs for the hunt. BFRC should be providing this donation – if they are unable to, back community council or the local councillors will.

8. HUT

The Hut committee are holding their first Christmas Grotto since 2019, on the 2nd December 2023. This will be for children in the Loch a Tuath area (Tong-Tolsta).

The Hut are looking for money to go towards buying presents, a new santa suit, and to buy baking ingredients, teas, and coffees. BCC can provide £250, and each councillor can provide £200 each (x3). Sara will email the councillors on behalf of the Hut.

Date and Time of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting will be on Tuesday 9th May 2023 at 7:00pm.

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