

**Back Community Council Meeting**  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2023 @ 7:00pm  
Loch a Tuath Community Hut  
Minutes of Meeting

**Present:** Margaret-Ann Maciver (MA), Sara Maciver, Andrew Morrison, Colin Thompson, Neil Davis, Cllr John A Maciver, Cllr Calum Maclean, Dawn Morrison, Laura Macleod.

**Apologies:** Cllr Donald Crichton, Iain Maciver, Kinny Davis, Anne Macarthur.

**Chair:** Margaret-Ann Maciver (MA)

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

The community council met on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September but did not meet a quorum. The meeting was rescheduled.

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The minutes from our meeting held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2023 were proposed Andrew Morrison and seconded by Colin Thompson.

**Matters Arising**

**1. POLYTUNNEL**

- Colin and Andrew will finish making the raised beds. We got timber for Colin to build the shed.
- In order to take ownership of the polytunnel, it needs to be in the name of an office bearer. Tim Langley will do this for us.
- Will wait until the community council elections on the 3<sup>rd</sup> October before doing this. Sara will email everyone the election form.
- We need to think about how we will allocate each bed.
- Tom has 7 families interest already. The Gaidhlig youth club who hire the Hut weekly, would like a plot.
- It was mentioned to have a sub-committee to look after the polytunnel.
- Laura mentioned having contacts that would be able to help and advise.
- There is still no water – and no word back from Business Stream.
- Laura advised that there are multiple funding opportunities available for projects like these (SAC, Water Butts, small grants funds).
- Send an email to the school about naming the polytunnel next year.

**2. PLAY PARK**

- Back community council have had money since 2019 for playpark renovations. It was previously mentioned about renovating the Vatisker playpark as the equipment has aged and needs replaced, but we would need to take ownership of it from the CNES Education department and we would not like to do it.
- Laura and Dawn joined our meeting as part of 'Coll Cluich' to redevelop the community owned play park in Outend Coll. Maintenance would be upkept by the community. Would like to hear what the community would like from a play park Laura is happy to support with application forms.
- Various amendments would be needed:
  - Improve lighting. The lack of lighting was mentioned to the common grazing two years ago however there has been no action.
  - Safe walking routes (Iain Findlay Path Fund).
  - Bike shelter and solar powered toilets per the Newmarket playpark.

### **3. CROWN ESTATE**

Brevig has £22k available in funds for their improvement project. As the users group did not get their full funding request from the Crown Estate, Alex John is applying from the Community Led Local Development (CLLD) fund. Brevig have not sent Andrew any invoices yet – they are perhaps obtaining more funds before they carry on spending.

### **4. CONTAINERS**

Good news – two containers have been removed! One container belonged to an individual whose container was moved from the council depot over a decade ago and had no idea where it had been moved to until August this year.

### **5. GRESS PICNIC AREA**

MA will ask Donald Graham (Puffet) from Gress Common Grazings along to our next meeting to discuss improving the access to Gress beach.

#### **Finances**

The balance stands at £42,502.43.

This includes £22k for Brevig's crown estate funds, Polycrub funds and £4666 playpark funds.

#### **AOCB**

- Sara will email the councillors to follow up their Grotto contributions.
- The community council nominations should be submitted by the 3<sup>rd</sup> October.

#### **Date and Time of Next Meeting**

The date of the next meeting will be on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at 7:00pm.

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