

Pairc Community Council Meeting

Thursday 27.06.2023 7.30pm

Location: Sgoil na Pairc, Gravir

Minutes

1. Welcome and apologies.

In attendance – Members of Public, Karis, David, Morris, Cllrs McKenzie and Morrison, Dougie – Bakkafrost, Rachel – Foundation Scotland. Iain. Louise. Angus.

Apologies – Doro & Lyndsay.

2. Minutes last meeting - May 2023

Proposed – Karis

Seconded – Louise

3. Councillor Updates – Provided by Cllr Morrison

- Annual ward funding cut for the area - £6,000 now instead of £10,000 for 23-24.
- Budget challenges for the Comhairle.
- Job potential and community benefit funding.
- Too many jobs, not enough people just now, worse in Harris
- Bins also proving challenging, but settling into a rhythm now.

4. Bakkafrost Gravir - Site Manager Dougie Shaw gave presentation.

- Aim is to be most sustainable salmon company in Scotland
- 5 Marine Sites – 26 employees
- Processing in Stornoway – Over 100 jobs
- Potential of a new site in Gravir with 6 jobs

- Potential of new processing site in Arnish to replace current processing site.
- 700,000 salmon on site 2kg weight – £20-30M of stock
- 12 120m Pens
- SeaPro netting which stops things getting in or out – Gamechanger. Not losing stock from seal predation
- Moving to organic methods - FLS de-lousing using mechanical means and being treated with fresh water. Pressurised container which draws the lice off from the fish.
- Faroe Isles feed company Havsprun.
- Shore base is clean and tidy.
- Happy to organise beach cleans – they have been cleaning up things which have been left by previous users but would offer staff time towards this to assist with community volunteers.
- Potential to assist private homeowners with jobs utilising the equipment.
- [Bakkafrost Scotland | Community Fund](#) – Details have been shared in the community.
- Action – David to request forms and send to groups.
- Looking into processing of Morts to be re-entered into productive use.

5. Uisenis Windfarm Community Benefit Scheme - Foundation Scotland

presentation given by Rosemary.

- Foundation Scotland is only organisation of its type in Scotland.

Work generally with organisations or developers – not individual philanthropists.

- 25% of Community Benefit arrangements involve Foundation Scotland.

Can be light-touch or have more of a role in delivery.

Unique and radical, not under the jurisdiction of central gov or councils etc – the decision making is taken at the local level.

- Eurowind have tasked Foundation Scotland with helping them to design any scheme to be delivered in Pairc in event of consented scheme in Pairc.
- The 'area' is not defined. But unlikely to see a role whereby the 'area' does not have a bias to the 'host' or 'impacted communities'.
- Clear, transparent process for how to access and distribute the funds.

- Decision making should be taken by the communities where the money is being distributed.
- Phase 1 – M.O.T on the MCWFT Trust to start, as this is the 10th Anniversary of this Trust. What has gone well, what can be improved, how it is governed and what the stories are from the history of the organisation. Review will be completed by the end of the year.
- Review is to be published and available to the community.
- Phase 2 – Ensure there isn't duplication and focus on long-term sustainability.

There followed a Wide-ranging discussion around the potential benefits and challenges of such a large project.

6. Lucky2BHere Defibrillators

Siting of Marvig Defib to be reviewed and determined by residents.

Action - Karis to follow up with village representatives.

7. PCC Website

Spanglefish website is now back up and running, and all minutes are now published in an archive. Iain thanked for his hard work on this.

Section on Defibs

Section on Skips

Bin Service News.

David – Action – To post on social media and share with Area Forum.

8. Playpark response CnES

It was noted that response to email doesn't tally with the minutes from our previous meeting and Karis to query.

9. AOCB

Housing – Gravir housing follow-up

Karis was commended for her continued hard work

Cllr Morrison shared that CE Round 4 had been Disbursed.

10. Date of next meeting - (Thurs 31 Aug, location to be confirmed)