

North Lochs Community Council

Minute of the meeting held on Wednesday 2nd March 2022 at 7.30pm via Zoom

Present: Angus Morrison (Councillor), Robbie Mackenzie (Chair), Maggie Smith (Vice-Chair), Donna Fairbairn (Secretary), Iain Macaskill (Treasurer), Sarah Macdonald, Erica Mackay (Community Learning and Development Worker, CnES), Gemma Malcolm (Community Development Worker, Kinloch and North Lochs)

Apologies: Annabel Mackay, Bruce Mackenzie

1. Welcome

Robbie Mackenzie, Chair welcomed those present to the meeting.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minute of the meeting held on Wednesday 19th January was approved by proposer Iain and seconder Maggie.

3. Matters Arising

a. Community Walkway

Gemma is going to meet with Grazings Clerks to go over proposed routes.

She also met with PSDT representative who is happy to advise on community paths.

The Amenity Group are happy to lead the project - Robbie to send constitution to Gemma.

b. Challenger Fund

£1K in funding was received from the Challenge Fund.

c. Street Lighting

Funding would be required to get additional streetlights – get costs ahead of next meeting.

A pavement will be added to the identified stretch of road within the next 2/3 weeks.

d. Signage

Deer signage is required within the villages and Angus will source.

4. Councillor's Update

The impending 3% council tax rise was noted.

£5K ward fund will remain in place.

Donna will contact David Macleod at Cleansing Dept, CnES for clarity on what items are being accepted at the recycling plant.

Shore Clean Ups – Erica will look into a shore clean up with the help of Cleaner Coast Hebrides and Volunteer Hebrides. Possible funding from Zero Waste.

Angus will help organise village clean up.

5. Treasurer's Report

£5730.99 excluding £1K Challenge Fund grant.

6. NLCA Business

Foyer renovation work is ongoing.

New lighting is complete.

Heating is part of the larger renovation plan.

7. AOCB

It was noted that attendance at the hall playgroup is low due to a clash with nursery times and other groups.

8. Correspondence

CnES – Planning Application List 17th December, 21st January, 28th January, 4th February, 11th February, 18th February 2022
Become a Volunteer Children’s Panel Member
SSEN Resilient Communities Fund
Calmac Winter 2022-23 Consultation Outer Hebrides
WIIGA BGM 2022
Service Update Lochboisdale – Oban
Warning on Fraud and Scams
Young Persons Under 22 Free Bus Travel
Uig Closure Timetable Update
Update – Planning from Scottish Community Councils
Comhairle Leader Welcomes Establishment of Island Forum
Comharle Responds to CHFS Debundling Suggestion
Schemes for Protecting Vulnerable Communities against Energy Price Rises
Lochboisdale Service
Service Update – Lochmaddy
Severe Weather Warning 9th February
Urgent Action Needed on Ferries
Comhairle Unites to Protest at No Island Appointments to CalMac Board
Service Update – MV Hebrides
Service Update Updated
Trading Standards Warning
Insurance Renewal Notice
Contract for Lochmaddy Pier Improvement Works Awarded
Scotland’s Census 2022 – Stakeholder Toolkit and Support Sessions
Election Notice 5th May 2022
Uig Closure Update
Online Surveys – Sound of Barra and Sound of Harris Ferry Services
Budget Press Release
DYW Outer Hebrides Hosts Careers Fair
Ferry Capacity Restrictions
Scottish Government – Coronavirus Modifications and Planning Legislation
Community Councils Survey

9. Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 20th April 2022.