

# North Lochs Community Council

## Minutes of Meeting

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021 @ 7.30pm, via Zoom

### Present

Angus Morrison – Councillor

Robbie Mackenzie – Chairperson

Maggie Smith – Vice Chairperson

Donna Fairbairn – Secretary

Iain Macaskill - Treasurer

Bruce Mackenzie (joined the meeting at 7.50pm)

Annabel Mackay

Sarah Macdonald

Erica Clark – Community Learning and Development Worker

Gemma Worker –Community Development Worker (North Lochs and Kinloch)

### Agenda

#### **1. Chairperson's Welcome**

- Robbie Mackenzie (Chairperson) welcomed everyone to the meeting.

#### **2. Minutes of the previous meeting**

- The minutes of the meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> October were approved by proposer Annabel and seconder Sarah.

#### **3. Matters Arising from Previous Meeting**

##### Walkway

- It was agreed that Gemma will meet with Economic Development, CnES ahead of a Committee being formed and representatives from each of the following groups being invited to an initial meeting: Community Council, Historical Society, Community Association, Amenity Group, Pier Users Group. Interested individuals will also be invited to the meeting.
- Angus and Gemma met with Joe MacPhee who stated there is a possibility of the Old Leurbost School football pitch being converted into a community garden.
- Scope for projects that link the community to be part of one larger development. Projects do not all have to be progressed at the same time.
- Potential projects are community garden/allotment, hall development, pier development and path linking the villages.
- Gemma will revert to the group with information on a timescale for the community garden.
- Suggestion of a turbine to fund employment to help maintain the community footpath and garden.
- Gemma will make enquiries regarding current renewables scheme in the area.

##### School Playground Access

- Donna is awaiting a response from Iain G. Smith regarding written confirmation on accessible play areas and will send an email to Iain copying in Angus.

##### Achmore Defibrillator

- Maggie has agreed to take on custodianship.

#### **4. Update from Angus Morrison CnES**

##### Bins

- At the beginning of 2022 recycling will move to 3 weekly collection.

##### Homecare

- There is currently a full time 35 hour a week vacant carer post in the North Lochs area.

##### Fire Alarms

- Commencing February 2022, all homes in Scotland must have interlinked fire alarms. Failure to install the correct alarms may result in home insurance being null and void.
- It was noted that there is no information about this out in the general population.

##### Oil Boiler Grant Scheme

- Care and Repair are stopping their current grant scheme in order to encourage a switch to air source heating and encourage carbon efficiency.
- There are concerns regarding fuel poverty in the Western Isles, which at 40%, is currently well above the 26% Scottish average.
- Gemma suggested inviting groups such as TIG to an information event in the hall in order that the community may be better informed about the upcoming changes and gauge their own entitlement.

##### Police Scotland Drug Concern

- Police Scotland encourage anyone who knows anything in the community regarding drug activity to come forward.

#### **5. NLCA Business**

- Tickets are on sale online for the Christmas raffle.
- £18K was received from the Co-op Community Fund for the hall refurbishment.
- A total of 95 nominations were received for Give a Gift.

#### **6. AOB and Correspondence**

##### Bespoke

- Offer of free bike accessories for anyone who cannot afford and have done cycling proficiency.
- Erica will send information to the schools.

##### Community Development Worker

- Gemma Malcolm, Community Development Worker for the North Lochs and Kinloch areas gave a brief summary of her role which is a graduate placement funded by Adhargas Trust. Supported by CnES Economic Development Department and Business Gateway, she will work with community groups with a view to help with any cultural or heritage projects that encourage economic development in the area
- She is currently working with Gaelic development to organise activities in the hall.
- There are Gaelic funding opportunities which will also tie in with a project from the historical society group with whom she has already met.

##### Community Mini Bus

- Robbie requested that the community association assist with promotion of use of the community mini bus in order to help create a mobility hub and also encourage hall use.
- Robbie to send list of rates and the community association will promote through Facebook and their website.

Correspondence

*CnES – Planning Application List 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 29<sup>th</sup> October, 5<sup>th</sup> November, 12<sup>th</sup> November, 19<sup>th</sup> November*

*CnES – Proposed Summer Timetable Uig – Tabert – Lochmaddy*

*Pier Number 1 Car Park*

*Spaceport 1 Public Information Session*

*Boundary Commission for Scotland consulting with Community Councils*

*Avian Flu Prevention Zone Press Release*

*Lifeline Ferry Services*

*Families in Poverty in Western Isles Increase by 4.8%*

*Community Challenge Fund Application*

*Timetable Updates*

*Saoghal na Cloinne Bige*

*PRESS RELEASE - Shoppers across the Outer Hebrides can use Scotland Loves Local Gift Card to unlock major boost*

*Scottish Government's Scottish 4G Infill (S4GI) programme deployment at Ranish*

*Scottish Communities Council - Opportunity - Help develop a potential appeals mechanism for participation requests*

**7. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 7.30pm.

Chairperson Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_