

Minute/Note of Meeting

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| TITLE | lochdar Community Council Meeting | | |
| DATE | Monday 25 th March 2024 | TIME | 7.00pm |
| VENUE | Talla an lochdair | | |

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| Present: | Peter Bird(Chair), Ronnie Macphee, Uilleam Brass, Donnie Steele, Morag Ann MacAulay, Eleanor Muir, Anne Bird (mins), |
| Apologies: | Clr Paul Steele, Clr Iain Macleod, Clr Susan Thomson, Robert Currie, Angela Brass. |

| Agenda Item | Summary | Action | Who ? | When? |
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| Previous Minutes | Previous minutes (26/02/24) were proposed by DS seconded by UB . | Submit approved mins | AB | asap |
| Matters Arising | Ardivachar cemetery: progress is being made with Storas and the Council to address the difficulties with rabbits. | Maintain contact with all parties to monitor progress. | ICC | ongoing |
| | Tree planting: Thanks expressed to RC for collecting remaining trees and to everyone involved with planting – ICC members and non members. | Plant the remaining trees | ICC | asap |
| Treasurer's Report | No change in funds since last meeting. Application for funding received from Uist Community First Responders | Transfer £200 to UCFR Invite UCFR to attend an ICC meeting | RM AB | asap ongoing |
| Benbecula Stornoway flight PSO | DS declared a conflict of interests as the HIAL Airport manager at Benbecula. | | | |
| | Concerns raised about the suitability of the proposed PSO contract currently being awarded which will see a reduction in capacity and will present difficulties for passengers with reduced mobility. Concerns raised about the transport provision for hospital appointments, the procurement process for the BEB-SYY contract and the possible implications of the change of service in terms of the Islands Act. | Contact other Uist CCs and try and arrange a meeting asap to discuss a joint approach. Enquire if the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee will meeting in Uist later in the year. | AB AB | asap ongoing |
| Pathway Project | ICC have attended online progress meetings with Sustrans and designers Pell Frischmann on 25 th March. Official word of Planning Permission is expected in the next few days. | Attend further meeting with designer Scott MacGarva | MAM AB | 8 th April at 4pm |
| | | Update funders on timescales | AB | asap |

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| | A grant of £52,556 has been awarded from HITRANS Regional Active Travel Fund. | Place orders for place-making including cycle shelter, benches and picnic tables. | AB | 8 th April onwards |
| Councillors slot | No Councillors present due to other commitments. Crown Estate funding: response received from Cllr Macleod explaining that the CEF is split into 2 funds – a Strategic fund and the Ward fund which is split between all the Wards in the WI. The Comhairle will be making a decision soon regarding the split between Strategic and Ward funding for 2024-25. | | | |
| AoB | Tagsa Uibhist: questions raised about the lochdar Care Unit, what plans are there for the building since it has been taken off the market? Gerinish Hall: no indication of progress with the forming of a Hall Committee Sheep: concerns raised about sheep in the village and issues with common grazings fence | Ask Tagsa if their plans for the care unit can be shared Ask for update from Sheena at UCVO Ask for an update from Township Committee | AB AB MAM | |
| DoNM | Next meeting Monday 22 nd April at 7pm in Talla. This will start with the AGM Talla has also been booked at 7pm for the following Mondays, May 27 th and June 24 th . Meeting ended 8.30pm | | | |