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AIRIDHANTUIM COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF MEETING – 28th May 2024

PRESENT: Kenneth N Graham Alexander Jack (Vice Chair)
 Donald A Macdonald (Secretary) Mairi Macdonald (Treasurer)
 Iain Murray Donna Dorris
 Roderick J Martin (Chair) James McCartney
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COUNCILLORS: Kenneth Macleod; John N Macleod

APOLOGIES: Iain Maciver Matthew Maciver
 Alice Murray

RESIDENTS: Donald J Morrison

OTHERS: N/A

Item	Details	Action
1. Welcome & Apologies	Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting – apologies noted as above	
2. Approval of previous Minutes	Minutes of the meeting held on 18 th March 2024 were agreed as accurate – proposed by Iain Murray and seconded by Roddy Martin. A copy of these approved Minutes is to be submitted to CnES (Shona Hadwen). Alice Murray and UOG are to be provided with a draft of the May meeting Minutes in due course.	DMD
3. Matters Arising from previous Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Council training/awareness sessions (Feb/March 2024) – a copy of the presentation made was recently issued to all members and they have been asked to feed back any questions/observations • Northland Power – nothing further to report by way of communication, although we expect to be contacted for a meeting in due course. Public drop-in consultations by Northland are now scheduled for around September as far as we understand • Footpath – Airidhantuim to Borve – remains “live” with recent comms to UOG and CnES re land ownership, with HITRANS re potential funding, contractors re potential costings. Continue comms with all relevant parties • Over-60s Dinner – still planned for 28th September, organisation by Clan MacQuarrie committee. Next step is to try and identify potential numbers. It was mentioned that UOG have recently also agreed to support with the costs of the dinner. No actions required from ACC at this point, save for allocating the £1,000 contribution previously agreed. • Shader Shore Road Layby – not much by way of developments - a possible resolution had been identified 	<p>ALL</p> <p>Noting</p> <p>DMD</p>

	<p>via a croft access road to one of the crofts on that stretch of road, which may double up as a layby/passing place. This access requires to be constructed to CnES standards (including concrete or bitumen where it joins the public road and subject to formal planning permission). Some grant assistance may be available to the individual crofter (who is supportive) or to the village grazings committee. The Lower Shader Grazings Clerk is looking into this currently and is also assisting with seeking prices, liaising with CnES and exploring grant options. ACC may be requested to assist with any funding shortfall, but no final decisions will be taken until we establish exactly what is involved for ACC. We hope to provide a further update at the next meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ness & Westside Forum – scheduled for 11th June at Clan MacQuarrie – representation from local groups is welcomed. • Info Board for Old Borve Bridge – Chair has drafted a narrative and photos for this project and it was considered to be a very good starting point. More photos to be sought plus permissions to use them – to be further discussed at the next meeting. Consideration of a QR code on the Info board linking visitors etc to a site where more detailed information could be found was discussed too. • Lower Shader Waste Skip – it was noted that Councillor Macsween had discussed this with I N Campbell at CnES. We had not, however, had any formal response to our e-mail via Mr Campbell and this was to be followed up now. All still felt that the removal of any skip should be resisted. 	<p>RM/DMD</p> <p>Noting</p> <p>RM/DD</p> <p>DMD</p>
<p>4. Any additional correspondence</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. North Lewis War Memorials Committee – request for a donation towards restoration work. Agreed to contribute £500. 2. Lewis & Harris Youth Concert Band – request for a donation considered but declined 3. Crown Estate Funding – agreed that we should apply in respect of the Clan MacQuarrie memorial project (see item 7) 4. Isles FM – had requested a letter of support re their funding applications – previously approved via Whatsapp comms 5. Invoice received re design work on the Clan MacQuarrie memorial – this was approved for payment (£250) 6. Speeding Traffic – discussed correspondence received from concerned residents, which we had notified Stornoway police about. Discussed the police response. It was felt important that residents report offenders’ registration numbers to the police using the 101 line. 	<p>DMD/Donnie</p> <p>DMD</p> <p>Noting</p> <p>DMD/Donnie</p> <p>ALL</p>
<p>5. Financial Report</p>	<p>A detailed Report was provided in advance of the meeting by Donnie Macdonald and shared with the members. On this occasion, it consisted of the year to 31st March 2024 plus the current year to 27th May 2025. All noted and approved. Donnie’s ongoing support acknowledged and commended.</p>	<p>Noting</p>
<p>6. Council Items</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High Borve ditches have been cleaned • Speed limit for Galson remains on CnES agenda but formal reports still awaited – to be diarised again by ACC for October • 	<p>DMD</p>

<p>7. Projects Updates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clan MacQuarrie Memorial – starting to come together in terms of costings. Quotes for labour cost held, those for provision of stone etc costs awaited. Interpretation panel and what it will sit on needs to be considered too. On design aspect, we considered a sketch of ideas from Chris Barrowman – these were well-received and we will continue to discuss options with him. Agreed to apply to the current Crown Estate funding round for part of the projected costs, deadline for which is 7th June. Planning costs, further design work plus costs for ground clearance and gravel infill etc will also need to be considered plus a gate and installation costs of plate/gate/interpretation panel etc. Proposed stainless steel plate cut into ship design can be produced locally by I Murray Engineering Ltd. To be further discussed at next meeting in light of any progress. • Shader River walkway extension Costs, permissions and funding remain to be considered. Agreed to keep on agenda. 	<p style="text-align: center;">DMD</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Noting</p>
<p>8. AOB</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public toilets provision in Stornoway – recent daytime closures noted and Councillors to take forward at CnES level • Deer issues in villages – Secretary to highlight UOG the concerns raised at the meeting (suggestions made about gamekeeper, processing facility for venison) • Geese problem on crofts – again, to be highlighted to UOG in terms of the numbers and the damage being caused to livestock grazing areas etc 	<p style="text-align: center;">KML</p> <p style="text-align: center;">DMD</p> <p style="text-align: center;">DMD</p>
<p>9. Date of Next Meeting</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreed as Tues 27th August at 7.30pm at CMCC, Borve • Council to be notified, incl Agenda provided in advance • Meeting to be suitably advertised nearer time 	<p style="text-align: center;">DMD</p>