

North Tolsta Community Council [NTCC]

02.07.24

Attendees: Gavin Minion; Fiona Black; Dorothy Maciver; Anne Marie Henderson; Benjamin Inglis-Grant; Innes Maciver; Iain Maciver; Murdo Maciver (TCDL)

Apologies: Donald Crichton; Ron Mighton; John A Maciver; Calum Maclean

Approval of the minutes: Innes Maciver **Seconded:** Dorothy Maciver

Japanese Knotweed – Sadly not our remit but will refer all concerns to Stornoway Trust

Traigh Mhor – Timber needing replaced

Bin at Traigh Mhor has been replaced

Small Grant Funding Update – Funding has been awarded. £3,677.10. **InnesM** to contact TCDL to convert loan into a grant. **BIG** to create project report for funders

No update from CNES with regards to the start-up grant. **AM** to contact CNES to chase this up. All relevant details have been passed on.

AM spoke with PACT with regards to cutting the grass on the pitch. Pitch has been cut and goal posts replaced.

Gunnera is an issue throughout the village including the pitch. NTCC to work with PACT to support with this issue. **GM** to bring this forward with Common Grazing committee. **InnesM** to forward this issue to Stornoway Trust and Scottish Agricultural College for advice (knotweed and Gunnera) to control the spread in public spaces. Both groups to be asked to come to next meeting.

Look to build stronger community relations with the TCDL. TCDL to update at meetings and vice versa.

TCDL Update:

From April 1st, income from turbines will be reduced by 75%.

NTCC Grant Application to be discussed at their next meeting.

Launderette – All in order. Just waiting for final confirmations.

School Update – TCDL to generate surveys on the school and hall. TCDL to approach Scottish Land Fund to look at costs to redevelop site and get rid of asbestos bringing the building up to modern standards.

BIG to investigate market for a bouncy castle in the local village.

AH to send TCDL all relevant info in regards to insuring the extension

GM – Funding 50% to TCDL and 50% Ward fund for waste bins and BBQ areas and look to replace the bridge.

NTCC to look at having conversations with Innse Gall regarding outdoor access project. Application has been sent, looking to have this sorted by summer 2025 timeline.

Social Media is ready to go live. All board members will be admins.

QR codes would be straight forward to be used throughout the community. **InnesM** to look at formalizing this.

Harris Trip

AH to continue to look at more quotes. Lochs Motors already contacted.

Talla na Mara have quoted £10 per head for soup and a sandwich with tea/coffee, and £12 per head with an added scone.

Co-opting members

There is a process involved. 1 member would need to step down or no longer to live in the area.

Still no response from Community Police Liaison to attend our community meetings.

BAYWA update to roll onto next month's meeting.

Next meeting: **13th August 2024.**