



North Uist Community Council

Comhairle Choimhearsnachd Uibhist a Tuath

NUCC Minutes

Meeting held on Tuesday 12th December 2023 at 7.30pm on Microsoft Teams

Present:

Joan Ferguson (JF) Chair

Lynda MacLean (LML) – Vice Chair

Fiona MacVicar (FMV) -Clerk

Nikki Woodhead (NW)

Neil Johnstone (NJ)

Cllr Mustapha Hocine (MH)

Cllr Uisdean Robertson (UR)

Apologies:

John MacDonald (JMD) Treasurer

1. Welcome new members

2. Matters Arising:

Discussion about the constitution, and the changes that could be made.

ACTION: JF to send copy of constitution for approval at our next meeting.

3 New Members

It was agreed to increase NUCC membership by 10 , to approach people and also to advertise; thinking closely about community stakeholders. UR mentioned including those that have certain expertise that could benefit the community council.

ACTION: All to consider people to ask and how to advertise.



4. Area Forum

MH & UR suggested the formation of an area forum .Discussion was had that North Uist is a very large area for one community council to cover there are other Community Councils covering a much smaller area. We are often approached by the community with similar issues and it may would be worth creating an area forum with NU and Berneray.MH didn't want NUCC to become a platform to complain.

ACTION: Consider Area Forum

5. NUBLPP

With new community council members, JF felt it was time to familiarise with North Uist & Benbecula Locality Planning Partnership, and what they do. What has been achieved for North Uist?

Since forming NUBLPP the ward boundaries have changed . NUBLPP have been unable to recruit a development worker since Jemma MacVicar left. MH suggested that it may be possible to secure a share of the funding which was allocated to the NUBLPP development workers post to potentially employ a development worker solely for North Uist & Berneray.

ACTION: MH and JF to look into this further.

6. Office Bearers

It was agreed by all that the office bearers would change annually. NJ suggested assigning things amongst everyone to ease the pressure.

AGM- As NUCC formed in November it was agreed that AGM should be held in November

Facebook page admins -JF, LML and FMV

Minutes to be shared on Facebook once they are approved and then sent on to E-sgire.

Cheque signatories – Currently JMD & JF 3rd – add LML

On submission of yearly accounts to the Comhairle an admin grant of £1000 is paid . This is used to pay an honorarium to the Secretary (£500) venue hire & remainder to our Social fund.

ACTION: JMD to have a finance report for every meeting.

ALL - Co-op Community Fund is now in the bank, and will look again in the Spring at the best way to use it.

ACTION: JF State in the constitution when accounts are done.



7. Community Council Training

ACTION: JF to chase up Derek MacKay about Community Council training.

7. Uist & Barra Housing

There is a significant lack of housing in across the islands. NJ pointed out two housing lying empty in lochdar. It could be discussed with Councillors to hold 'surgeries' at the halls.

8. Ferry Timetable

We are still waiting on consultation on the new ferry timetables we were assured that the community would have a say. JF has been in contact with Cal Mac about timetabling for new ferry, invite Finlay MacRae/ Cal Mac/ Transport Scot representatives to a meeting to discuss the new timetable.

9. Next meeting to be held

Tuesday 6th of February at 7pm in Lochmaddy Hall