

NESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minute of Meeting held in Taigh
Donnachaich, on Tuesday 14
November 2023 at 8.00pm

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| PRESENT | Mary Anne Duff Alison Macdonald Christina Macleod Annie Macsween | David Green Donna Maciver Muriel Macleod |
| IN ATTENDANCE | CLlr Kenneth Macleod Shona Hadwen | CLlr Donald Macsween |
| APOLOGIES | CLlr John Norman Macleod | |

CONSTITUTION

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| Election of Chairman | of 1 | Shona Hadwen, Comhairle nan Eilean Siar, called for nominations for Chair of the Community Council. It was agreed to appoint David Green as Chair of the Community Council. |
| Election of Vice-Chairman | of Vice- 2 | The Chair called for nominations for Vice-Chairman of the Community Council. It was agreed to appoint Muriel Macleod as Vice-Chair of the Community Council. |
| Appointment of Treasurer | of 3 | The Chair called for nominations for the appointment of Treasurer of the Community Council. It was agreed to appoint Christina Macleod as Treasurer of the Community Council. |
| Appointment of Clerk | of 4 | The Chairman called for nominations for the appointment of Clerk to the Community Council. It was agreed to appoint Alison Macdonald as Clerk of the Community Council. |
| Governance Documents | 5 | Shona Hadwen (CNES) circulated the new Scheme of Establishment, along with copies of the Standing Orders, Code of Conduct and the Constitution. It was noted that the main changes made in the revised Scheme were to increase the minimum number of members from four to six, introducing a mechanism to fill casual vacancies through co-option and holding the AGM in May or June each year. Accounts are to be submitted to the end of March each year, following the AGM in May or June. These are audited by CNES and on approval, the Admin Grant of £1000 is payable to the Community Council. |

North Galson residents will be consulted as to which Community Council they wish to be members of. South Galson are currently part of Airidhantuim Community Council, North Galson are part of Ness Community Council.

CNES to consult Community Councils with regards to the remaining funds in the Challenge Fund account and how these are to be dispersed.

The Constitution was left with members of the Community Council to discuss at their next meeting. Shona Hadwen left the meeting.

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Bank account names to be changed.

Insured with Zurich – policy to be shared.

Agenda to be created and shared.

Social media accounts to be set up.

Draft schedule of future meetings to be drawn up.

Noted deadline for consultation of the Northland Power EIA scoping study has been extended to Tuesday 18 December 2023. We are not a statutory consultee for this study.

Ideas suggested for future projects:

- Bus Shelters
- Facilities/care for the elderly
- Intergenerational project/befriending
- Santa run in the community
- Gaelic spokesperson
- Multilingual poems written on end of buildings
- Improve signage at Port beach
- Beach access for wheelchair users
- Co-opted members representing all the villages that have no representation (Port, Habost, Skigersta etc)
- Work with Urras for funding
- Research possible funding/grant opportunities
- Logo competition for primary school age pupils
- Have a mission statement/strapline

Discussed what is our role:

- Community planning application cheaper if submitted via CC
- Use as a funding vehicle for other organisations to support their activities
- Statutory consultees for planning applications
- Training opportunities available
- Can bring in associate members with specific expertise
- More info on CC for Scotland website

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Tuesday 28th November 2023 at Taigh Dhonnchaidh