

Minute/Note of Meeting

TITLE

North Uist Community Council

DATE

Tuesday 6th February 2024

TIME

7.00pm

VENUE

Lochmaddy Hall

Present:

Joan Ferguson (JF-Chair), Lynda MacLean (LM - Vice Chair), John Macdonald (JM - Treasurer), Nikki Woodhead (NW - minutes), Neil Johnstone (NJ)

Apologies:

Fiona MacVicar (FM), Cllr Uisdean Robertson (UR), Cllr Mustapha Hocine (MH)

Agenda Item	Summary	Action	Who?	When?
Welcome	JF welcomed members, including members of the public: Sheena Stewart (UCVO) Diane McPherson (NUDC)			
Lochmaddy Visioning Plan Update	Joined via Teams by Joy Gowland and Colin Ross (CR), Aquatera, Orkney (Consultants) Consultants are approx halfway through the 4 stage process, following 2 visits to the village. gathering info from residents (local and wider island) and businesses and conducting mapping exercise. Details of ublic info gathering to be shared in document to be shared before next visit CR asked CC to answer 3 questions to feed back to him re Island gateway, the role of the seafront and a future Lochmaddy festival.	Visit TBC early March "walk around" the village and feedback	All CC members	25/3/24
Matters arising	Minutes of previous meeting adopted. New constitution agreed - Singed by JF, JM and JM Proposer: NJ, Seconded LM New members: None recruited as yet : Forward to next meeting. No Community Council trailing available as yet Account year end 31st March. AGM must be May/June	New constitution to be submitted to CES Hold next AGM May/June	JF	asap

	Calmac/ CMAL Ferries	Ferry public consultation meeting held during 6/2/24 : limited access for working people New vessels due 2025	Sub-group formed to respond and feed into consultation	JF, NJ & LM	
	Councillors Report	No councillors report received JF suggested "councillors Q and A" for future meetings Councillors response sought re grave provision at KilmuirClachan Sands cemeteries, signage & future provision/extensions Spaceport Community Benefit Fund : Are funds ringfenced for North Uist? % to community unknown : Clarification sought	Q's to be submitted at least 1 week in advance JF to follow up JF to contact councillors		
	Finances	JM delivered updated Treasurer's Report. Balances as of 6/2/24 : General Account £7472.77 NU War memorial Account £1567.88 JF suggested using funds for CC purposes e.g. hall hires,First Aid training etc. : Agreed unanimously Co-op Fund: £2170.05 received on 27/10/23 to be used for Christmas 2024	Review funds for Christmas 2024		Sept 2024
	War Memorial	War memorial fund to receive £2000 (£1000 from CNES Challenge Fund, match funded by CNES Funds to be used to clean and future proof War memorial, including cleaning and path clearing Replacement of benches also discussed.	CC to consider options inc community involvement,		
	First Aid Training	CC to pay for public First Aid Training. Basic training to be provided : 24 places available. 2 sessions : 12 morning and 12 afternoon.	Carinish Hall to be booked Advert to be placed on CC Facebook page inviting participants Contact local businesses for support re funding	JM JM	16/3/24
	Baleshare Causeway	Serious flooding issues due to lack of maintenance and lack of funding.. Causeway is sinking. Survey carried out but no structural report. Pressure on coastguard to provide emergency service. Issues constantly raised over many years due to risk to life.	Camera needed to monitor condition. Councillors to be approached.	LM	

	Correspondence	<p>Transport Scotland correspondence received.</p> <p>Local Housing Strategy 2024-2029 - Housing Survey completed and now closed.</p>			
	AOCB	<p>JM raised issue of abandoned car at pier for 2 years.</p> <p>JM : Lack of salt provision for some outlying roads</p> <p>NJ suggested CC meetings to rotate around different island locations. Agreed unanimously. Minutes to be made available in various locations throughout the island, plus Online</p>	<p>Approach Iain Campbell for removal</p> <p>Research specific areas of concern</p>	<p>JF</p> <p>JM</p>	<p>asap</p> <p>asap</p>
	Date of Next Meeting	<p>11th March 2024@ 7pm at That's Tigh Sgeire</p> <p>Deadline for items for next meeting: 3rd March</p> <p>Meeting closed at 9.15pm</p>			