

Minute of the Meeting of North Lochs Community Council
Wednesday 13th March 2023 at 7.30pm
North Lochs Community Centre, Leurbost

Present: Robbie Mackenzie (Chair), Angus Morrison (Councillor), Donna Fairbairn (Secretary), Iain Macaskill (Treasurer), Sarah Macdonald (Vice-Chair), Bruce Mackenzie, Isla Macarthur, Peter Mackenzie, Anne Macleod, Annabel Maclean, Eilidh Macinnes

1. Welcome

The Chair welcomed committee members to the meeting.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 31st January were approved by Peter and the motion was seconded by Iain.

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Heastabhal and Grimshader Wind Farm Proposals

Feedback to the scoping report was submitted by North Lochs Community Council to the Scottish Government Energy Consents Unit.

RWE wind farm consultation event will take place in the hall on 20th March. There has been a maildrop advertising to every household within a 10km radius of the proposed sites.

5. Councillors' Report

Donna to ask Colin Maciver for feedback and report on the Grimshader gritting, following his attendance by request at the January meeting.

A development worker has been appointed and beginning in post in April. One of the first tasks will be to organise area forum meetings with community group representatives in both North Lochs and Kinloch areas. Worker will be based in town hall with option to work from home and from other locations.

Crown estate funding availability will be announced in due course and ward fund figure remains the same as last year.

A discussion is required with volunteers regarding distribution of the Hardship Fund allocation.

6. Treasurer's Report

£5068.59.

7. NLCA Business

Over 70s sit-in dinner will take place on 20th April due to the communion clash on the original date. Benbecula FC will play Lochs FC on 23rd March and the café will be open to offer refreshments. Café Saturday openings are so far busy and they coincide with the football pitch being used on Saturdays. AGM will take place this month. Feedback session taken place with hall groups regarding their aspirations for the hall. Grand National Race night taking place in April.

8. Any Other Business

AGM to take place on 1st May. Iain to submit accounts to CnES. Donna to advertise.

9. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Wednesday 13th June at 7.30pm.