

Minute of the Meeting of North Lochs Community Council
Wednesday 12th June 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), Peter Mackenzie, Anne Macleod, Suzanne Macaulay, Community Development Officer

Apologies: Bruce Mackenzie, Isla Macarthur, Annabel Maclean, Eilidh Macinnes, Kevin McAndie, Christine Morrison

1. Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Suzanne Macaulay, Community Development Officer for North Lochs and Kinloch areas who recently took up her role. She intimated she has submitted surveys to all local groups and is collating feedback with a view to update the local area action plan and thereafter identify the area priorities for groups and attract funding packages. She will email potential funding opportunities to local groups.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 1st May were approved by Iain and the motion was seconded by Peter.

3. Matters Arising

- Robbie will forward the fuel poverty scheme paperwork to Donna.
- It was noted that the spare replacement defibrillator pads (G5 x 4 and G3 x 1) have arrived and will be fitted to replace out-of-date pads.

4. Heastabhal and Grimshader Wind Farm Proposals

- RWE Renewables Grimshader meteorological mast CnES planning permission documents were circulated.
- The hall have been contacted with a 24th July proposed meeting date for the community liaison group.
- Councillors will attend a meeting with SSEN on Monday where further details are expected in relation to the planned substation site.

5. Councillors' Report

- The £5K warm hub money has been paid out and the scheme will continue to benefit the local community.
- Crown estate applications have been submitted for the area and are awaiting scoring.

- There are upcoming council meetings although there are not expected to be many further developments until the results of the upcoming general election and its impact are clear.

6. Treasurer's Report

£5353.59.

a) **Muaitheabhal**

Iain will submit the next Muaitheabhal Community Wind Farm Trust Community Council Fund application since last year's funds were so gratefully received.

Suzanne will contact local groups to inform them the fund is available when she sends the survey results.

It was noted the funds could also be used for one community project.

7. NLCA Business

- There has been lots of community centre activity including a successful ceilidh evening, Euro 2024 opening game football night, continuation of French classes, football club, private bookings, group events, youth café and Creagan café.
- The bowling mats will be stretched out in the summer in preparation for the winter league.

8. Any Other Business

- Playpark** – it was noted the grass is in need of cutting and as well as maintenance to the fence. Robbie will follow up.
- Grass at road end** – Robbie will ask CnES to cut the grass at Leurbost road end to help with visibility as cars come out of the junction.
- Chips on road** – Robbie will ask CnES if they can send the road sweeper to clear the chips.
- Facebook** – Donna will add a list of contacts to the Facebook page so the community know who their nearest community council representative is if they have issues they wish to raise.
- SFC Renewable Hydrofund Consultation** – Monday 24th June Donna to progress.

9. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Wednesday 21st August at 7.30pm.