



NORTH LOCHS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting:

Held in North Lochs Community Centre, Leurbost
On Wednesday 25 September 2024 at 7:30pm

Present:

Robbie Mackenzie (Chair), Christine Morrison (Interim Secretary), Iain Macaskill (Treasurer), Peter Mackenzie, Anne Macleod, Bruce Mackenzie, Annabel Maclean, Kevin McAndie

Apologies:

Sarah Macdonald (Vice-Chair), Cllr Angus Morrison, Eilidh Macinnes, Isla Macarthur, Donna Fairbairn

Item		Action
1	Chairperson's welcome Robbie Mackenzie welcomed all those present to the meeting. Apologies were noted.	
2	Minutes of meeting 24 June 2024 The minutes of the meeting of 24 June were approved as a correct record and proposed by Iain Macaskill and seconded by Peter Mackenzie	
3	NLCC Secretary Vacancy Donna Fairbairn has intimated her resignation as Secretary. Christine Morrison indicated that she would take on the role on an interim basis until a more permanent solution can be found. Christine will contact Donna for a handover. If anyone else is interested, can they let Robbie Mackenzie know.	CM
4	Matters arising from Meeting minutes of 24 June 2024 Defibrillator pads have been replaced. Robbie Mackenzie has a spare set. The meteorological mast is going ahead for the Heastabhal and Grimshader wind farm project.	
5	Heastabhal and Grimshader Wind Farm Proposals Next community liaison meeting arranged for 23 October and the start time to be later. Last meeting held by RWE discussed community benefits; minutes were sparse and not comprehensive. So far, no indication what the benefits to the North Lochs community will be. The proposed SSE substation and Spiorad na Mara substation at Arnish will also have implications for the North Lochs communities.	
6	Councillors' Report Robbie Mackenzie indicated that there are Council meetings being held this week. Savings of £4 million pounds are required.	

7	<p>Treasurer's Report</p> <p>Iain Macaskill reported that £5k from Muaitheabhal Trust to be paid out.</p> <p>Account balance currently £10353.59</p>	
8	<p>NLCA Business</p> <p>A number of different events are planned for the coming months, including charity football game, MacMillan coffee morning, Hallowe'en night, Bonfire night, Craft market, Christmas Ceilidh</p> <p>The Community Centre will also be a Warm Hub until at least the beginning of 2025.</p>	
9	<p>Any other Business</p> <p><u>Windfarm scoping</u> – a discussion was held regarding the prepared document. All those present agreed that the report be submitted. Isla Macarthur to be contacted and document updated before it is submitted.</p> <p><u>Cycle lane extension</u> – NLCC to propose the extension, all those present agreed that the paper be submitted to SSE, HITrans, SUSTrans, CnES Planning, CnES Roads, CnES Infrastructure.</p> <p>A discussion about the use of the current cycle lane was had and it would be useful if there was signage to indicate that cyclists could use it in both directions. Robbie Mackenzie to speak to staff in CnES Roads section about signs.</p> <p>Christine Morrison raised concerns about pedestrian road safety given that the street lights are now going off at 10pm. She will contact a member of staff dealing with Community Safety at CnES to ask if anything can be done?</p>	<p>CM/IM</p> <p>CM</p> <p>RM</p> <p>CM</p>
10	<p>Date and Time of next meeting</p> <p>Wednesday 6 November at 7:30pm</p>	

Meeting Action Points

Agenda point	Action	By Whom	When
3	Christine Morrison to contact Donna Fairbairn about Secretary position and handover details	CM	ASAP
9	Windfarm scoping document to be submitted to planning	CM	ASAP
9	Cycle lane extension document to be submitted to various agencies	CM	ASAP
9	Contact CnES Roads about Lochs cycle lane signage	RM	By next meeting
9	Contact CnES Community Safety about pedestrian road safety in winter	CM	By next meeting