

Minute/Note of Meeting

TITLE	North Uist Community Council Meeting		
DATE	Monday 28th October 2024	TIME	7.30pm
VENUE	Lochmaddy Community Hall		

Present:	<p>Members: Lynda MacLean – Vice-chair : Acting Chair, (LML) Nikki Woodhead – Chair: Acting Secretary (NW), John Macdonald - Treasurer (JMD), Joan Ferguson (JF), Neil Johnstone (NJ), Linda Burgon (LB)</p> <p>Cllr Uisdean Robertson (UR),</p> <p>Public: Alasdair MacDonald</p>
Apologies:	Fiona MacVicar , Cllr Mustapha Hocine(MH)

Agenda Item	Summary	Action	Who?	When?
Adoption of Minutes	<p>Amendment agreed to minutes : Sponish Bridge not part of the Hebridean Way.</p> <p>Following amendment : Minutes approved. proposed by NF, seconded by JMD</p>			

<p>Matters Arising</p>	<p>Accounts: Following submission to CnES, Cheque book returned, awaiting return of accounts</p> <p>Lochmaddy Visioning: Digital copy of plans not received: from UCVO</p> <p>Crown Estates Funding: List of recipients requested. Provided by UR at meeting</p> <p>Cash Machine: Concern about lack of cash machine anywhere on North Uist. 3 machines available in Benbecula. JF was following up with Tim Eagles, MSP, re this issue. No progress. Further follow up to look at how stand alone machine works in Harris, or a machine for Sollas Co-op.</p> <p>Ward 3 Meeting minutes still not received.</p> <p>Lochmaddy Street lighting & Christmas Lights: No change to street lighting policy throughout CnES. Only Stornoway to have streetlights after 10pm. Not enough capacity within system for Christmas lights on Lochmaddy main street.</p> <p>War Memorial Sub-Group: Plaque not yet returned. Gates awaiting painting. Solar lights purchased. QR code sign to be provided for donations.</p> <p>Wreaths: 2 received and will be laid on Remembrance weekend: JMD: Plane memorial, FMV : War memorial JMD will clear previous years wreaths in advance.</p> <p>Sponish Bridge: Reply from CnES stating they acknowledged issues, but as they are not bridge owners, they will just remove right of way from CnES documents. A sign is needed to advise locals and visitors of the risks.</p> <p>Various Lochmaddy issues: Bins, signage, abandoned cars etc. To be discussed during CM's 19t November visit.</p>	<p>Chase digital copy of plan</p> <p>Investigate Harris machine</p> <p>Look into CashZone</p> <p>Contact Cllr Steele for minutes</p> <p>Site meeting on 19th November with Calum Mackenzie in village</p> <p>Obtain QR code sign</p> <p>Calum Mackenzie (CM) to view on 19th November visit.</p> <p>CM's visit</p>	<p>NW</p> <p>UR</p> <p>NJ</p> <p>NW</p> <p>JMD&LB to attend</p> <p>JF</p>	<p>asap</p> <p>By next meeting By next</p> <p>ASAP</p> <p>19/11/24</p> <p>ASAP</p> <p>19/11/24</p> <p>19/11/24</p>
<p>NUCC Clerk position</p>	<p>The position of Secretary remains vacant despite adverts on social media, Uist Bio etc.</p> <p>Minute taking is being rotated around NUCC members at present, but this is proving difficult.</p> <p>LM managing email box at present.</p>	<p>Send urgent appeal for secretaty/clerk in next UCVO newsletter</p>	<p>LMC</p>	<p>asap</p>

Flood Control Measures	Recent flooding has raised serious concerns in many NU areas. Climate change makes future flooding more regular and serious. Does CnES have plans in place? More signage required for "Risk of Flooding" Can CnES provide this? Contact suggested with new local MP regarding flood prevention measures. Is it possible for NUCC to see the CnEs "Road Survey" report?	Write to local MP, Raise concerns, issues and risk areas to CnES	UR UR	asap asap
UCVO Newsletter	Submit article detailing NUCC achievements over the past year and include urgent appeal for secretary/clerk	Draft and submit article	LMC	asap
Community Christmas Dinners	Christmas Dinners for elderly residents in all 5 areas will be covered at £450 per area from NUCC. Further top up funding available from CnES by each area contacting UR/MH. Requests for group to photograph funding handovers and events.	Issue cheques	JMD	asap
North Uist & Berneray Forum	LB attended inaugural meeting on behalf of NUCC Created to drive business and employment. Need to address depopulation, housing issues, transport limitations etc. Constitution adopted. It is looking to recruit a new development officer for 3 years as funding has been secured	Next meeting 25/11/24	LB and JF to attend	25/11/24
Uist Association of Community Councils	Concerns expressed, due to shortage of NUCC members, in ability to become involved in this association. UR suggested benefit of a "stronger voice" of UACC due to potential future budgetary funding cuts etc.	Reply to UACC email with concerns	NW	asap
War Memorial Sub group	Details in Matters Arising above, plus the following: : Set up WhatsApp Group for War Memorial group : Get quotes for pathways		Sub Group	asap
Correspondence	Screen Machine Appeal for Funding- All in agreement that funding would not be possible from NUCC towards this project Climate Change Resilience Funding from Glasgow University-	Carry forward to next meeting		
AOB	NW suggested that as new MP has been elected for Western Isles, would a meeting with NUCC to discuss issues be of benefit.	Contact Mel Groundsell in early 2025 to suggest meeting	NW	asap
Date of Next Meeting	9th December 2024 at 7pm at Lochmaddy Community Hall Meeting closed at 9.20pm	Book hall for next meeting	JMD	