

Back Community Council Committee Meeting held on 10th September 2024

Present: Colin Thompson (Chair) Kinny Davis Cllr Calum MacLean
 Caldo Mackay Andrew Morrison Neil M Graham
 Alex MacRitchie Margaret-Ann Maciver Carlotta M Graham (Secretary)

1. Welcome: Colin welcomed everyone to the committee meeting.

Apologies: Cllr Donald Chrichton Neil Davis

2. Minutes of previous minutes: Proposed by: Alex MacRitchie Seconded by: Caldo Mackay

	Agenda Item	Discussion	Action by
3	Polytunnel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nearing completion and ready for use <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Water to be connected – it was confirmed that the meter installed so no further input required from Scottish Water ○ External doors prone to moving – to be tweaked where necessary ○ CT not happy with the current locking system – to be reviewed ○ Ground needs to be raked, planters to be moved to do this, so an opportunity to put up the shelving while the planters are moved ○ Planters need to be levelled ○ Public Liability – covered by CNES, no charge. To be confirmed 	 CT CT CT AM AM
4	Play Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing to report. Currently on hold as Laura preparing for her wedding 	
5	Picnic Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires funding – to be looked into. Deadline 	AM
6	Ferries update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting Friday 13th September – CT & NMG attending, will report back 	CT/NMG
7	Development Worker	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advertised in “We Love Stornoway” for two weeks beginning Monday 9th September • It was agreed to be better options moving forward as they appear to have a wider audience • To look at utilising free advertising through groups on Facebook 	AM
8	Speed Sign	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The BCC owned speed sign to be scrapped as no longer working • Back is on the rotation for the speed sign – previous minutes to be checked that this is the case 	MA
9	Vatisker Beach access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NMG spoke to Angus Mackay- options looked at, may be a bit steep if just clearing the current access/path. Alternative option to pull the entrance further back into the “parking/road” area • Common grazing land - verbal permission granted previously by grazing committee to carry out works, however written permission required by the BCC Committee before going ahead with any works • To apply for CE funding when the next round comes out (Jan '25) • Road access (condition re potholes) – to ascertain if it is an adopted road 	 NMG CML
10	Defibrillator Fundraiser	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • List drawn up of volunteers of who are providing soups/puddings on behalf of the BCC – to be circulated. 	CMG
11	Finances	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AM confirmed that the finances are healthy and gave a breakdown <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Current balance £16,708.45 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reserved Funds: £4,666 - Playpark £5,928.60 - Polycrub • General Funds: £6,113.85 	

12	AOCB		
	Bus Shelter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Derek Campbell put request in writing • To ascertain cost of moving the bus shelter – CES have no finances for this • To confirm exact location of bus stop allocated for moving (Gress road end) and to where it is to be located. Caldo to speak to Murdo Macritchie regarding this. • To confirm cost of a new base and relocation costs 	CMcK
	“Golf Driving Range”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The “Golf Driving Range” sign opposite BFRC is causing lack of visibility – CMG to raise the issue with BFRC Committee 	CMG
	Funding Sources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To look at what funding is available. CMG taking notes of funding that she becomes aware of. • It was confirmed that the ne Development Officer would be responsible for funding 	

Colin thanked the committee and brought the meeting to a close.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 8th October 2024 at 7pm in Back Community Hut