

Back Community Council Committee Meeting held on 11th June 2024

Present: Colin Thompson (Chair) Andrew Morrison Neil M Graham
 Cllr Calum MacLean Kinny Davis Neil Davis
 Margaret-Anne Maclver Caldo Mackay Carlotta M Graham (Secretary)

In attendance: Dave and Jane Eastwood

1. Welcome: Colin welcomed everyone to the committee meeting also welcoming Carlotta as the new secretary.

Apologies: Cllr John A Maclver, Cllr Donald Crichton

It was agreed that Carlotta be co-opted onto the committee

2. Minutes of previous minutes - After adding Caldo Mackay to the sederunt of the previous meeting the minutes were

Proposed by: Margaret-Anne Maclver Seconded by: Neil Graham

	Agenda Item	Discussion	Action by
3	Polytunnel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The shed is progressing really well. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nearing completion Timber and hardware now available It was proposed that a gutter run along both sides of the polytunnel with rain water running into a water butt, cost to be investigated. Polytunnel contract – drawn up by MA, circulated to committee. Annual fee to be agreed. £30 suggested. Running costs such as water (metered) to be costed prior to making a final decision. MA asked if there was a possibility of having planters made out of wood that is left over from construction. There was no objection this. 	CT AM
	Play Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NG reported that Laura is no longer employed by Third Sector Hebrides (TSH). The options being to continue with the same sub-committee or to contact someone else at the TSH. It was agreed that NG liaise with Laura in the first instance and see if she is willing to continue as before. 	NMG
	Picnic Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> After discussion it was decided to get costings for plastic seating (robust, durable, cheaper option). The size of the plinths and the seating to be checked and a quote sought Stornoway Trust may have partial funding available, to be investigated. Application for Crown Estate funding not applied for due to unforeseen circumstances. Funding opportunities to be passed on to BCC where possible. 	CT / CMK
	Ferries update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No update 	
	LaT Games	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To take place next year at the school pitch. It was noted that Euan MacLeod is organising a games event this year, BCC to liaise with him. 	CT / CMK
	Development Worker	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stornoway Gazette advert would be £121 + VAT. Hi-jobs to get a quote. We Love Stornoway – to get quote. The job will be advertised in the LATN, closing date being 30 June 2024. 	AM AM

	Speed Sign	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To be followed up with Tubes. It was noted that the the signs can be moved around the community. 	CML
	Containers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The containers in the grounds belong to the council, given for storage purposes It was noted that one contains items belonging to Back Football & Recreation Club (BFRC), Bomie to be asked to investigate the contents. 	CMG
	Secretary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carlotta has now been appointed into this position. 	
	Vatisker Beach access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The land to the top of the cliff is owned by crofters, the beach by the Crown Estate. BCC to write to the grazing's clerk noting the intention of improving access to the beach. Angus Mackay to be approached for advice on what would be required in terms of structure and cost to improve the current access. NMG and CT to contact Angus and arrange a site meeting. 	NMG
	Brevig Pier	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The water availabilty at the pier continues to be of concern. Cllr Maclean read emails received from the Harbour Master. It was agreed that the stuation was not acceptable. To be on the agenda of the next meeting. A clean up of the pier area by a volunteer group was suggested but it agree that it woud be difficult to know what was rubbish. Signage "No overnight parking" to be displayed adjacent to the gate of the cattle grid approaching Brevig and at Brevig pier. Signs to be sourced and priced. 	CT
	Defibrillator Fundraiser	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BCC in collaboration with Back Free Church; the cost would be over £2k Fundraising events to be held to raise monies. 3 committee members to liaise with the Church on this matter. It was noted that Rev C Macleod has jurisdiction over church property use and should be involved in the initial discussion. The Church Officer (Aex Chalmers) and Chrissie Burr (church hall catering) also to be approached to guide in the organisation of the fundraising event. It was suggested that the communities be informed as to who was responsible for the defibrilators in the area. BFRC currently looking to arrange defibrilator training, for the centre and wider community 	CT, NMG, MA
4	Finances	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AM confirmed that the finances are healthy and gave a breakdown. 	
5	AOCB		
	Bus Shelter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A local resident has made a request for a bus shelter to be located near his home in Coll. BCC is responsible for providing it. After discussion, it was noted that there are two individual bus shelters adjacent to each other, to the right on the main road, on exiting the Community Hut car park. This gives a potential option to be reallocated. To be investigated 	CT

Crown Estate Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To be followed up 	CT
AGM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was agreed that an AGM be held on 18th June 2024. Allows for the statutory 7 days to inform the public of the meeting. A notice to be placed in Gordon's It was noted that a quorum of 4 persons is required for the AGM. 4 members of the committee confirmed their attendance 	CT CT/MA NMG/AM

Colin thanked the committee and brought the meeting to a close. Cllr Calum MacLean gave a vote of thanks to the Chair.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 9th July 2024 at 7pm in Back Community Hut