

## Back Community Council Committee Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> August 2024

Present: Colin Thompson (Chair) Cllr John A MacIver Cllr Calum MacLean  
 Caldo Mackay Andrew Morrison Neil M Graham (left at 7.25)  
 Alex Macritchie Cllr Donald Crichton Carlotta M Graham (Secretary)

In attendance: Dave and Jane Eastwood

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

Apologies: Margaret-Anne MacIver Kinny Davis Neil Davis

2. Minutes of previous minutes: Proposed by: Caldo Mackay Seconded by: Neil M Graham

	Agenda Item	Discussion	Action by
3	Polytunnel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nearing completion and ready for use               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Shelving running along the side and the layout being ready for use</li> <li>○ Water to be connected</li> <li>○ Water butt to be installed shortly</li> <li>○ Shed ready with the exception of the downpipe</li> <li>○ To identify an area to store soil, not seen as an issue</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
	Play Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NMG reported that Laura has agree to continue on the committee.</li> <li>• Playpark in Outend Coll to be set up as a charity, with, Neil, Anna Marie and Kennag Mackay to be trustees and Laura will also be invited to join. The group to meet as a subcommittee of the Community Council</li> </ul> <p>Cost of replacement swings being £4k, As money has been received for the swings the purchase and installation can be instigated at soon as required.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>	NMG
	Picnic Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Refer to paper presented by CT</li> <li>• After a brief discussion regarding placing a bench at the War Memorial in Vatisker, it was noted that it was a matter for the War Memorial Committee.</li> <li>• Delivery of benches; free delivery to Glasgow with a cost incurred further north. Options discussed, potentially delivery to Hebrides Haulage. Costings to be investigated</li> </ul>	CT / CMK
	Ferries update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Angus is setting up a group for people locally throughout the Western Isles</li> <li>• Unsure at present of what the constitution should entail</li> <li>• The group to be use as a conduit for local people to get and receive information</li> </ul>	
	LaT Games	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nothing to report</li> <li>• It was felt that it be removed as a standing agenda item until February</li> </ul>	
	Development Worker	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Due to the cost of advertising, “Events” and “We Love Stornoway” were agreed to be better options moving forward as they appear to have a wider audience</li> <li>• To look at utilising free advertising through groups on Facebook</li> </ul>	AM AM
	Speed Sign	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No updates to report</li> <li>• Councillors can speak to Tubes directly, and report back to Colin on the outcome</li> </ul>	CML
	Containers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BFRC confirmed that there is nothing belonging to the centre in the containers</li> <li>• After some discussion it was agreed that this was a matter for the Council</li> <li>• To be removed as a standing agenda item</li> </ul>	
	Vatisker Beach access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Neil to write to Angus Mackay for advice/costings</li> </ul>	NMG

	Brevig Pier	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Colin spoke to Gordon who confirmed that there was regular income coming from people camping overnight and that no signage is required</li> <li>To come off the standing agenda items</li> </ul>	
	Defibrillator Fundraiser	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fundraising events to be held to raise money. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Back Free Church have agreed that the church facilities can be used for a joint soup and pudding lunch or curry night</li> </ul> </li> <li>Alex Chalmers and Chrissie Burr to be involved in the organising of this event on behalf of Back Free Church</li> <li>Re Defib fundraiser - the date of Saturday 28th September was decided as being the most suitable day where the church hall was available and a soup &amp; pudding lunch between 12 noon and 2pm to be organised.</li> </ul>	NMG
4	Finances	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>AM confirmed that the finances are healthy and gave a breakdown.</li> <li>AM to confirm what funding is still available re the polytunnel</li> </ul>	AM
5	<b>AOCB</b>		
	Bus Shelter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Colin met with council to discuss the bus stop request. Advised to get request/s in writing to ascertain demand</li> <li>A precedent has been set for relocating bus stops. It was noted that that the bus stop at Gress road end may be an option for relocation.</li> <li>Letters received in relation to bus stop requests to be forwarded to Murdo Macritchie at the Council</li> </ul>	CT
	Crown Estate Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Next round of Crown Estate funding - January 2025</li> </ul>	CT
	AGM 18 <sup>th</sup> June'24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The meeting was successful</li> <li>The next meeting being in a year's time</li> </ul>	
	Comman Eachdraichd Sgìre a' Bhac (Historical Society)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Looking to collaborate with BCC regarding the provision of QR codes for benches once in place. This being beneficial to tourist and locals alike. Scan the code and see what is of local interest in the location of the bench</li> <li>To invite Sandra from CEBhac to a meeting at some point to discuss this</li> </ul>	

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 10th September 2024 at 7pm in Back Community Hut