

Back Community Council Meeting held on 8th October 2024

Present: Colin Thompson (Chair) Kinny Davis Dave Eastwood
 Jane Eastwood Andrew Morrison Neil M Graham
 Caldo Mackay Cllr Donald Crichton Neil Davis

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

Apologies: Margaret Ann Maciver Carlotta Graham Calum Maclean Cllr J A Maciver

2. Minutes of previous minutes: Proposed by: Andrew Morrison Seconded by: Kinny Davis

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 ○ Gardeners to be recruited 	Caldo & CT MA
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"> • Possible avenues for funding to be looked at 	CT & CG
6	Ferries update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neil Graham gave an update on meeting with Calmac Communities Board, various issues were discussed and a report is to be sent Transport Scotland 	CT/NMG
7	Development Worker <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advertised in “We Love Stornoway” for two weeks but no applications were received. Tong Recreation Association to discuss with Comhairle as there is a time limit on using Crown Estate funding and it has been over a year since the funding was awarded to them. 	AM
8	Speed Sign <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caldo discussed with Comhairle and the Back area is to be added to the speed sign rota, location of sign discussed 	Caldo
9	Vatisker Beach access <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NMG spoke to Stornoway Trust and Vatisker grazings committee, Angus Mackay will draw up a plan for the access and the Trust will advise if there are any further permissions required once they see the plan 	NMG
10	Defibrillator Fundraiser <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Soup and pudding was very successful raising £1886, Neil Graham will get an update from the deacon’s court on the installation, a note of thanks from the community council will be sent to the church. A defibrillator training session will need to be organised 	NMG CT
11	Finances <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AM confirmed there was no change in the finances since the last meeting <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 	
	Bus Shelter <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caldo met with Murdo Macritchie from the Comhairle to discuss moving the bus stop from Gress road end to the new location in Coll • Donald Crichton confirmed that ward funding would pay for the installation of the base 	Caldo
12	AOCB	
	Over 60s Lunch <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Margaret Ann has started arrangements for the Over 60s lunch, entertainment still to be arranged 	MA

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

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 12th November 2024 at 7pm in Back Community Hut