



Eriskay Community Council

ERISKAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held on 27th August 2024

Present

Triona Mackinnon, Ron Mackinnon, Kat Beedie, Robert Murdoch, Morag Campbell, Angus MacDonald, Iagan MacInnes

Apologies

Craig Harrower, Mel Groundsell (AM Paipear)

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The only comments made were in relation to the recycling bins being moved to the ferry port. Morag noted that a few people were not happy with the move and a suggestion was made to re-advertise using the community bus to take bottles to the bottle bank on a Tuesday and Thursday for those who needed additional support.

Matters Arising

First Responders Session

Triona noted that we are looking to potentially bring a first responder to the next meeting to talk to the group about what they do, and so we can get a photograph of us giving the £150 donation to the group so we can share it with the wider community.

Community Bus

We discussed the financial challenges of the community bus again. A donation tin has been put in the bus so that users have an opportunity to contribute. Kat is chasing Jim Morrison again (community transport cne-siar) to confirm this year's money, future money and what options might be available to us if funding is cut next year.



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Cnoc Lachlainn

A big part of the meeting's discussion was in relation to the continued challenges of parking and motorhomes on Eriskay. The group discussed a number of ideas including signage, stones to physically stop vehicles, creating new parking spaces, and information guides. One idea raised was the possibility of asking HHP if the community could use the land at Cnoc Lachlainn, a plot that had originally been allocated for housing many years ago. Triona will follow up with HHP.

Community Forum

At the AGM, Paul Steele noted the possibility of setting up an Eriskay Forum by bringing together all of the businesses and groups in Eriskay. Triona stated that she had tried to get more information from Paul a number of times but we would keep pushing to try and set it up.

Website

Triona noted that an idea had been raised to set up a website for Eriskay, similar to one currently on Barra. The idea would be to use it as an online notice board in order to provide information for visitors, dos and dont's on Eriskay, an education about the islands in addition to accommodation/business information. Craig had offered his services to set up and manage the website for the community.

Financials

Kat confirmed that ECC currently has a good balance in the bank account and therefore we are looking for ideas on how to spend some of the money in the community. Some ideas from the committee were more signage, picnic benches, a notice board, supporting the hall with community activities. We discussed that the wall at Charlies Beach was falling down and for safety issues, we could remove it and then use the stones to help provide clear parking/no parking areas.



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Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 29th October at 6.30pm in the Hall.