

Minute/Note of Meeting	TITLE	North Harris Community Council		
	DATE	16.09.24	TIME	19.30
	VENUE	Marriage Room, Council Offices, Tarbert, Harris		
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Item	Summary and Action	Who?	When?
1	Present Agnes Morrison (AM), David MacDonald (DMD), , Fran Miller (FM), Margo MacLeod (MM) John MacLeod (JML), Catherine MacDonald (CMD), Gordon MacDonald (GMD) Robert MacKinnon (RML), CLLR K MacLeod (KM) CLLR P Finnegan (PF)		
2	Apologies Mairi MacIver		
3	Welcome/ membership David MacDonald (Chair) welcomed those present , and congrtulated Cllr Macleod on his recent appointment .		
4	Approval of minutes Proposed – Robert MacKinnon Seconded –Catherine MacDonald		
5	Matters arising <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There were no matters arising that were not on the agenda 		
6	Correspondence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accommodation Block – DMD explained this is a project by HDL and the CC have applied for planning in principal on their behalf, this was agreed by us as a committee and we were happy to support a community group. Since then we have become aware that if we are to submit a planning application even on behalf of another group we are responsible for that application. CMD said when she was in the Council any applications that came in from the CC the Council assumed they (the CC) were in full support of it. Any application we submit we would be responsible if the group involved did not comply with building regulations. 		

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	<p>Cllr MacLeod said that when he was on Scalpay CC they also submitted planning application on behalf of community groups and were also not aware that they were responsible so he will make sure the Council update other CCs so everyone is aware.</p> <p>The project is at planning in principal at present and when it goes to the design stage it is hoped a thorough consultation will be done but at present this is too soon.</p> <p>DMD read correspondence from East Tarbert Residents and they listed a number of issues they have with this planning application and requested that the CC withdrew the application. It was stated by a member of the committee that this is only a small fragment of the community. CMD and JML both said they had been contacted regarding this and it was agreed that anyone else who was contacted would direct the complainant to go through the Chair.</p> <p>RMK felt that the most important part of this process was the agreement of the crofters to give the land , they are now saying they have changed their mind.</p> <p>After further discussion it was agreed to reply and say that although we would not withdraw the planning application we understand the concerns and we would write to HDL requesting further consultation with the residents and for the CC to be involved in that consultation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Project – DMD has contacted the school with our ideas for signage to prevent speeding and has had a very positive response. The head teacher, deputy head , pupil council and one of the Gaelic teachers are all happy to get involved if the CC are in agreement. As all were happy for this to go ahead DMD will contact the school again. 	<p>AM</p> <p>DMD</p>	
7	<p>Projects</p> <p>DMD had one person get in touch with a project – the Adventure playpark however this is an ongoing project and it was felt we would prefer something we could take the lead on. DMD will again put a request on FB and in the De tha Dol and if any members of the committee can come up with anything they should bring it to our next meeting</p> <p>One suggestion was a community minibus and MM said GF was looking at getting a mini-bus for HH before he left the Council . PF said he will follow up on this.</p>	<p>PF</p>	
8	<p>Banking update</p> <p>The online banking is now up and running</p>		
9	<p>Councillor update</p> <p>PF – the budget for next year could mean statutory services being cut and compulsory redundancies. Council meetings start next week with some of them in Harris .</p>		

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	<p>(MM left at 8.20pm)</p> <p>KM – funding has been secured for resurfacing the Northton Road. He has had lots of complaints about roads but unfortunately due to financial constraints it does not look as if much can be done and we are fortunate compared to other areas for example Skye.</p> <p>From the last meeting –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charging points – PF said the one at hotel hebrides had stopped working and was taken away and there were no plans for another one as far as he knew. • Dog waste bins had all been removed and PF thought it was due to problems with emptying them • The vehicles at Stockinish Pier should have been removed. • Resident Parking in Tarbert – no update 		
10	<p>Harris Forum Update</p> <p>FM gave an update on the last HF meeting. The new Development officer was present and explained the work she had done so far. She will only be working 4 days a week so to maximise the use of her time she will compose an application form for people to use to request her time. She has been included in our mailing list but is on AL at present.</p> <p>There was no update on the Childcare or Tourism Sub Groups.</p>		
11	<p>HTG</p> <p>The HTG have not met since our last meeting.</p> <p>The problem with the passenger access to the Loch Seaforth was discussed. GMD had written to the Port Authority, his MSP and MP after his own experience. It was agreed to send an e mail to the HTG regarding this. It was agreed to write to the HTG with our concerns .</p>	AM	
12	<p>Funding Applicatoins</p> <p>We have been asked to support the annual firework display and also contribute to the Xmas lights. It was agreed to give £250 to the firework display and £500 for the Christmas lights.</p>		
13	<p>AOCB</p> <p>There was no other business</p>		
14	<p>DONM</p> <p>The next meeting was due to be 4.11.24 but that clashes with the Harris Forum meeting so we will now meet on 11.11.24</p>		
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