

# Minute/Note of Meeting

<b>TITLE</b>	North Harris Community Council		
<b>DATE</b>	05.08.24	<b>TIME</b>	19.30
<b>VENUE</b>	Marriage Room, Council Offices, Tarbert, Harris		
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Item	Summary and Action	Who?	When?
1	<p><b>Present</b></p> <p>Mairi MacIver (MMI), Agnes Morrison (AM), David MacDonald (DMD), , Fran Miller (FM), John MacLeod (JML), Catherine MacDonald (CMD), Gordon MacDonald (GMD) Robert MacKinnon</p> <p>Also Present – Ms Christine Mackenzie (member of the Public)</p>		
2	<p><b>Apologies</b></p> <p>Cllr Paul Finnegan, Margo MacLeod, PC Alistair Smailles, Cllr Kenny MacLeod</p>		
3	<p><b>Welcome/ membership</b></p> <p>David MacDonald (Chair ) welcomed those present ,</p>		
4	<p><b>Approval of minutes</b></p> <p>Proposed – John MacLeod Seconded –Catherine MacDonald</p>		
5	<p><b>Matters arising</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ONLINE BANKING – this process is almost complete just requires one more approval</li> <li>HTF – DMD attended the meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> May . this was a mostly hybrid meeting and the discussion was about 50% Harris based, he felt the chair made a conscious effort to keep the focus on Harris. They have agreed to change the name to the Harris Transport Group. DMD will attend further meetings of the HTG.</li> <li>Abandoned Cars – the car at the pier has been removed, we are still trying to ascertain ownership of the area down old pier road but Derek MacKenzie solicitors have had a site visit and will report back to us. Cllr Finnegan has said he will look at the ones at Stockinish Pier – the pier belongs to the Comhairle.</li> <li>Speed limit/issues – DMD will speak to the school to get the pupils involved ins a campaign, AM will speak to the Cllrs nd PC Smailles to try and arrange to meet with</li> </ul>	DMD, AM	

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	<p>them</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Harris House have agreed to take the Portrait of King Charles so this will be taken to them</li> </ul>		
6	<p><b>Councillor Update</b></p> <p>Although unable to attend Cllr Finnegan has sent in a written update.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stockinish vehicles – there is a scheme in place to remove vehicles like this and when he comes back from his trip away he will get photos and send them to the Council. AM has photos which she will forward to PF.</li> <li>He has had no joy with the request for a speed limit from Ardhasaig to Tarbert, the Police are not prepared to budge on this. Cameron Morrison has said he will continue to campaign about this.</li> <li>Extra Bins – the council will not put in any extra public bins</li> <li>Residents Parking in Tarbert – he will talk to technical services regarding this, this has been set up in Scalpay and he cannot see why it would not be set up elsewhere.</li> <li>Campervan Parking at Rally Park – the residents in this area do not seem to feel there is a problem however if the CC feel there should be something done he will speak to the council.</li> </ul>	AM	
7	<p><b>Harris Forum</b></p> <p>There is a new Development Officer.  There have been two structure meetings and it has been agreed to go with the status quo for now and HDL will continue to manage the DO role at least until March when the funding from HIE will run out and need to be reapplied for.  There was also an agreement to have a development officers group separate to the HF with the new DO reporting back. This would mean that any employed members from the trusts, HVS and HDL would attend with Mairi MacIver and not attend the HF meetings.</p>		
8	<p><b>Projects, Funding and Development</b></p> <p>DMD had put this on the agenda so that we could perhaps consider a project and look for funding  MMI said the youth council were keen to have another U18 musical event.  It was agreed to engage with the community and see what comes back from them</p>	DMD	
9	<p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <p>Joan MacLeod had sent a letter re camper van overnight parking at Rally Park, Michael Hunter had responded that if the CC agreed they were willing to have a digger prepare the area for bollards if that was what was agreed (the land does not belong to NHT) Cllr K MacLeod had sent a letter regarding this as well and he had spoken to the nearest local residents to the area and they have no issues and in fact are not aware of any campervans parking up there</p>		

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	<p>overnight.</p> <p>After a discussion it was agreed that as the local residents were not complaining there was no action for the CC to take and we would not be able to support putting bollards in place as this would limit access to the slipway and also emergency vehicle access to Rally Park . AM will reply to Joan MacLeod and Michael Hunter</p>	AM	
10	<p>Christine MacKenzie had asked to attend as a member of the public who had a question. DMD opened the meeting to her and she explained that she had concerns regarding the recent planning application by NHCC for the accommodation block at Sunny Hill. DMD explained that community groups were able to ask the CC to apply for planning on their behalf in order to receive a discount on the planning fee. This did not mean that the CC had anything to do with any project that went to planning . C MacKenzie felt that it was not clear what the CC s remit was and that it was good practice to publicise meetings and also what the criteria was for groups wishing to use the CC for planning. It was agreed to put a piece in the De tha Dol and to make sure that all meetings are advertised ahead of time .</p>	DMD/AM	
11	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Harris Phone Book is a little behind but will be published soon</li> <li>• JML has been asked why there are no dogs allowed on buses if someone with a dog does not drive there is no way to get to the vet. It was thought by those present that this is at the discretion of the driver but JML asked if it was a Council policy so AM will ask the Cllrs to check.</li> <li>• JML was also asked by a member of the public if there could be white lines put on the single track roads to aid reversing in the dark . AM will add to CLLR list</li> <li>• AM asked if anyone knew why the dog waste bins in Tarbert had been removed and people were now using private bins beside peoples homes. Cllrs will again be asked to find out</li> <li>• Charging points – the charging points opposite hotel hebrides have been removed once the point at Cal Mac was reinstated however it is felt that there are more points needed ., The one at the medical practice is used all the time and with all NHS vehicles now being electric visitors are asking for the NHS vehicles to be removed so they can use the chargers. The Council ones are also in use for Council vehicles most of the time and apparently the one at Cal Mac is a fast charger that not all visitors will have a card for . Cllrs to be asked if there are plans for more chargers</li> </ul>	<p>AM</p> <p>AM</p> <p>AM</p> <p>AM</p>	
12	<p><b>DONM</b></p> <p>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September</p> <p>Then</p> <p>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November</p>		
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