

# Minute/Note of Meeting

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| <b>TITLE</b>         | North Harris Community Council                  |             |       |
| <b>DATE</b>          | 05.02.24  | <b>TIME</b> | 19.00 |
| <b>VENUE</b>         | Marriage Room, Council Offices, Tarbert, Harris |             |       |
| <b>DISTRIBUTION:</b> |   |             |       |

| Item | Summary and Action   | Who? | When? |
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| 1    | <b>Present</b><br>Mairi MacIver (MMI), Agnes Morrison (AM), Margo MacLeod (MML) David MacDonald (DMD), Catherine MacDonald (CMD), Gordon MacDonald (GM), Fran Miller (FM),   |      |       |
| 2    | <b>Apologies</b><br>John MacLeod, Cllr G Fulton, Cllr P finnegan   |      |       |
| 3    | <b>Welcome/ membership</b><br>David MacDonald (Chair ) welcomed those present and introduced Mairi MacIver CLD who is an ex officio member of the CC. There has been a request from Robert MacKinnon to be co opted onto the CC and this was agreed by the committee. This will be for an initial period of 6 months. DMD will also speak to the local police man and get an e mail address for him so we can send him minutes and notification of meetings  | DMD  |       |
| 4    | <b>Approval of minutes</b><br>Proposed – Margo MacLeod<br>Seconded – Gordon MacDonald  |      |       |
| 5    | <b>Matters arising</b><br>There were no matters arising that were not on the agenda to be discussed later  |      |       |
| 6    | <b>COUNCILLOR UPDATE</b><br>As the Cllrs were not present we did not have any updates. DMD agreed to ask them to submit updates for future meetings prior to the meetings .  |      |       |
| 7    | <b>Harris Forum update</b><br>All members of the Forum have been asked to look at the proposed changes to the constitution. The main points to look at are – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2i- to improve commuication with the Harris Community .....</li> <li>• 5j – Conflicts of interest</li> <li>• 7 - Finance/Assets ; forum to have a bank account</li> </ul> <p>After a discussion it was agreed that we would recommend that ‘their representatives’ be removed from item 5j that through soial media and on line communication has already been improved and that we required more details regarding item 7. MMI will check if having a bank account will have any negative impact on CEF and will e mail round once she has an answer. Having a bank account will obviously add extra work to the HF and they would need to appoint a treasurer.</p> | MMI  |       |
| 8    | <b>Luskentyre Parking</b><br>There was a meeting on Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> January with representatives from the CC, David MacLeod (CNES), Cllr Paul Finnegan, Joan MacLeod and Lynne MacKay. Agnes Morrison attended on behalf of NHCC and she explained that  |      |       |

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|      | <p>the Council had proposed lining the carpark next to the cemetery and dedicating a number of spaces for use by cemetery users only. The number of spaces was increased to 5/6 with one disabled space, at the request of Lynne MacKay. The Council had also suggested wording for signage to go at the entrance to the carpark. Joan MacLeod and Lynne MacKay had asked for some changes to this – The sign had ‘Welcome to Luskentyre’ on it and ‘Enjoy your time in this beautiful place’ and they have asked for this to be removed. The Council have agreed. DMD thanked AM for attending this meeting and it is hoped this has now reached a conclusion.</p>   |           |       |
| 9    | <p><b>Police Presence in Harris</b></p> <p>John MacLeod had asked for this to be discussed – there is no police presence in Harris and there is some speeding in the Tarbert area. This was discussed and it is understood that there are very few police officers in Stornoway as well and that things are unlikely to change, however DMD agreed to speak to the local police man and ask him for an e mail address so we can share minutes with him and invite him along to meetings</p>   | DMD       |       |
| 10   | <p><b>Council Offices</b></p> <p>The Council offices in Tarbert remain closed to the Public – it is understood that the Council in Stornoway is not fully aware of this. At the moment the door is locked and there is no one at the desk to deal with enquiries or payments. It was agreed to write to the Cllrs to ask them to look into this and that the community request that we go back to the way it was pre covid.</p>   | AM        |       |
| 11   | <p><b>Funding Applications</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Harris Football Club have asked for financial help for the coming season – it was agreed to award them £500 from the Muiateabhal Trust Fund and to also encourage them to apply for CEF</li> <li>• North Harris Pensioners Lunch Fund have also asked for help and it was also agreed to award them £500. (MMI, MML &amp; AM excused themselves from this discussion as there is a conflict of interest)</li> </ul>   |           |       |
| 12   | <p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <p>Tarbert in Bloom had written to tell the CC a bit about themselves and their vision for the Village. They are two local ladies who have plans to spruce up Tarbert with plants etc and to look at getting a company in to deal with the trees in Tarbert. It was agreed that this is a worthwhile project and the CC would like to support them. More information is required and DMD and GMD will arrange to meet with them to discuss further</p>   | DMD & GMD |       |
| 13   | <p><b>AOB</b></p> <p>Social Media – the CC now have a social media page, dedicated e mails for the chair and the secretary, and there are regular updates put in De tha Dol.</p> <p>Harris House Minibus- this has not been resolved and AM will write to the Cllrs again</p> <p>Scott Road Development – HHP have plans for 22 houses to be built in Scott Road and have spoken to NHT &amp; the Grazing committee regarding the possibility of a further 24 houses at a later time. There was a Community Consultation on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February to gauge feelings in the Community about this. If the Community agree the ground work for the future housing needs to be done at the same time as the ones that are planned for now. The pros and cons were discussed within the Committee but as we do not have the results of the consultation we are unable to comment further.</p> | AM        |       |
| 14   | <p><b>DONM</b></p> <p>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2024 @7pm, The Marriage Room , Council Offices</p>   | DMD       |       |
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