

# Minute/Note of Meeting

<b>TITLE</b>	lochdar Community Council Meeting		
<b>DATE</b>	Monday 29th January 2024	<b>TIME</b>	7.00pm
<b>VENUE</b>	Talla an lochdair		

<b>Present:</b>	Peter Bird(Chair), Robert Currie, Anne Bird (mins), Ronnie Macphee, Cllr Iain Macleod, Cllr Susan Thomson, Uilleam Brass, Mel Butler
<b>Apologies:</b>	Donnie Steele, Angela Brass, Morag Ann MacAulay, Cllr Paul Steele, PC Ross McClenaghan

Agenda Item	Summary	Action	Who ?	When?
<b>Inaugural Meeting</b>	<p>This was held online on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024 and attended by ICC members, Cllrs IM and ST.</p> <p>Council Officer Allan MacDonald presented the papers. Office Bearers were elected as follows:            Chair: Peter Bird            Vice Chair: Morag Ann Macaulay            Treasurer: Ronnie MacPhee            Clerk: Anne Bird</p>			
<b>Previous Minutes</b>	Previous minutes (18/08/23) were proposed by RC seconded by PB .	Submit approved mins	AB	asap
<b>Matters Arising</b>	Event to bring community groups together from the ICC area. Support offered by Cllrs IM and ST.	Explore options	DS	ongoing
<b>lochdar School Parent Council Catchment area</b>	<p>Mel Butler from the Parent Council explained that Daliburgh Parent Council are looking to raise a proposal to extend the catchment area for Daliburgh School. Although the proposal appears to be driven in response to a school transport issue, lochdar Parent Council has concerns that there could be negative consequences for lochdar School if changes go ahead. A parents' meeting with CnES Director of Education is scheduled for tomorrow.</p> <p>Cllr ST and Cllr IM explained that a request for consideration of the Daliburgh proposal could be raised under the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010.</p> <p>ICC members supports the Parent Council in their position that parents would not support a reduction in the catchment area for Sgoil an lochdair.</p>	Relay ICC's position to the Education meeting	MB	tomorrow
<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	<p>£100 was paid to the lochdar Parent Council for the Youth Club Christmas disco.</p> <p>Thanks noted for the total of £750 from the 3 Ward Cllrs to help with the costs of the community calendars.</p>			

	<p>£58,715 in the bank - £56,473 is ring-fenced for projects. ICC funds stand at £2242.</p> <p>Application for funds have been received from lochdar Seniors lunch group. - £150 agreed.</p> <p>Application for funds have been received from dance school Dannsairean Mairi for assistance with a Highland Dance competition in lochdar in April 2024. - £150 agreed.</p>	Transfer funds to both groups	RM	asap
<b>Pathway Project</b>	<p>Hebridean Jewellery have made a generous donation to the Pathway Project which is very much appreciated.</p> <p>ICC reps have attended online progress meetings with Sustrans and designers Pell Frischmann on 18<sup>th</sup> Sept, 16<sup>th</sup> Oct, 4<sup>th</sup> Dec, 18<sup>th</sup> Dec and 29<sup>th</sup> Jan. Also there were site visits and stakeholder meetings with Rachel from Sustrans on October 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>ICC are working towards having all documents in place to present to the Sustrans Stage 5-7 construction panel. Target date for appln is Feb 2024. Awaiting outcome of planning application. The majority of other documents are in place, further fundraising by ICC is required due to rising costs.</p>	Continue to collate documentation and attend next meeting with Sustrans and Pell Frischmann	MAM AB	16 <sup>th</sup> Feb at 9am, online.
<b>Councillors slot</b>	<p>Update from Cllrs IM and ST re budgets, cyber-attack, Integrated Joint Board, and recent legal changes in Council Tax.</p> <p>Legislation passed in December 2023 allows local authorities to charge up to double council tax rates on second homes. The change will bring the second home council tax rules into line with long-term empty homes from April 2024.</p>			
<b>Meetings and Consultations</b>	public consultation for the Clyde and Hebrides Ferry Services (CHFS3)			
<b>Tree planting</b>	<p>Screening and fencing are complete at the next planting site at Loch nan Ceann. This will be a spring planting.</p> <p>Alder, Aspen, Oak, Downy Birch and Ash seedlings have been collected from North Shawbost</p>	Collect pine, hazel and sycamore from North Lochs.	RC	ongoing
<b>AoB</b>	Concerns raised that condition of the track known as the escape route at Ardnamonie has deteriorated.	Investigate further and raise concerns with the relevant bodies	AB	ongoing
<b>DoNM</b>	<p>Next meeting Mon Feb 26<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in Talla.</p> <p>Talla has also been booked at 7pm for the following Mondays, Mar 25<sup>th</sup>, Apr 29<sup>th</sup>, May 27<sup>th</sup> and June 24<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Meeting ended 8.30pm</p>			