

**Attendees:** Anne Marie Henderson; Ben Inglis-Grant; Dorothy Maciver; Fiona Black; Gavin Minion; John A Maciver.

**Apologies:** Anna Mackenzie, Calum Maclean, Donald Crichton, Iain Maciver, Innes Maciver, Ron Mighton.

**Approval of Previous Minute:** 18/01/25 Proposed: Ben Inglis-Grant. Seconded: Anne Marie Henderson.

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**Agenda:**

- 1) Community Council Coffee Morning – 8<sup>th</sup> February
  - 2) Community Skips
  - 3) Beach Bins and Signs
  - 4) AOCB
- 1) Discussions began around Community Council coffee morning to be held between 11am and 1pm on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February. Event posted to Facebook page but awareness this may not reach all residents within Tolsta, so group discussed how to reach wider audience in short timeframe. Discussions moved to setting up the event and supplies required for day.

**Actions:**

**AMH** to co-ordinate with Community Hall Caretaker to arrange opening and heating and hot water being turned on for event.

**NTCC Members** to meet at 10am to begin preparations.

**AMH** offered to bake scones and traybake, **BIG** and **GM** volunteered to bring additional baking, **DM** to arrange Stag supplies via Buth along with coffee, juice, milk, napkins, sugar, and teabags.

**DM** and **GM** to work together to utilise Buth A-frame sign to help publicise event in village and act as signpost on Saturday.

**GM** to contact TCDL to arrange printing of surveys, and after event will pass any unused surveys to **DM** to handout in Buth after coffee morning to ensure as wide a range of responses to survey as possible, as well as electronic survey link being shared via Facebook page (**BIG**).

NTCC Members would also like to place on record groups thanks to local Councillors for their contributions and support as the CC has been setup.

- 2) This agenda item was added by Chair, but information emails received by meeting attendees after meeting was closed therefore it was agreed to pick this agenda item up during next NTCC meeting.

In the meantime, clarity needed on specific request from TCDL and to determine if funding is being missed by NTCC for co-ordinating skips.

**Actions:**

**IM** to follow up with TCDL and **local Councillors** to check on what funding (if any) is offered by CnES to Community Councils for co-ordinating local skips.

- 3) Following recent stormy weather, it has been highlighted to NTCC that some of the bins at Traigh Mhor and Garry Beach are broken and fencing and signs have been damaged. **GM** has already been looking to measure broken gate and fencing to begin seeking information and quotes on replacements. **JAM** has also had conversation with contractor who is willing to repair

broken bin fencing at Garry, so **JAM** will continue that conversation to identify appropriate solution.

Bins at both beaches have also been identified as broken, either with holes in the bottoms caused by rats and other wildlife or broken lid mechanisms caused by users. **JAM** will request replacement bins as necessary for both beaches, and GM raised point about extra bins for dog fouling and recycling at the beaches as people are using toilet bins for dog waste and other things. **GM** will continue to add bin facilities to larger redevelopment project for access and use of Tolsta beaches. **JAM** to help explore what maybe added or re-purposed for beaches, but Traigh Mhor due to the public and toilet bins being mis-used.

#### **4) AOCB**

NTCC received letter from local resident concerned with a recent planning application submitted to CnES. Members discussed this matter and agreed that it was unable to intervene on planning applications like this as that is outside the powers and remit of NTCC. As letter to NTCC was also forwarded to multiple parties, NTCC were keen to advise resident of how best to respond to planning application to ensure their views are considered by relevant stakeholders in the planning process.

##### **Actions:**

Chair (**IM**) to reply and thank resident for their letter and provide guidance to ensure that concerns about this planning application are appropriately recorded by CnES department.

##### **Date of Next meeting:**

8<sup>th</sup> February: 11am – 1pm – Community Council Coffee Morning (Tolsta Community Hall)

4<sup>th</sup> March: 7pm – Community Council Meeting (Taigh Ceilidh)