

Minutes of Meeting
Title; Lochboisdale Community Council
Date; 27 th January 2025
Time; 7.30pm
Venue; South End Community Hall
present ; Kathryn Martin, Sian Swinton, Paul Steele, Iain MacLeod, Sarah MacKay
Apol- Kathleen Lindsay ,Lorna Steele, Annie MacDonald, Angus MacDonald
Liniclate School Funding requests
one for school trip London , one for school trip Paris, One for replacement for drinking fountains. KM to email members to agree on amount to give each request. to consolidate this at our next LCC meeting in February
Roads and Amenity lights and bins - no funding at the moment to do this, maybe in the new financial year. resend list of places agreed at previous meetings to Angus MacDonald Technical Services Department for costings.
cattle grid Lochboisdale to be repaired soon this will be done.
Hallan Road 2 meetings have been held so far. minutes of the first meeting have been sent round already.
The second meeting will be held before 11th Feb. This is the date of the next meeting for Hallan road which will be held in Daliburgh Thrift Shop
new quotes have come in from MacAulay's for Cement Road and prep work total of £177,894.52 PLUS VAT.
BREEDONS- Tarmac only no prep work - £121,500
new quotes to be requested from other possible contractors - MacInnes Bros, Angus MacDonald Kyles, John Allan MacLellan Hougharry.
£45,000 estimated in donations to date.

a lot of fundraising is required.
DJ MacDonald UCVO - lists of potential grant funding available,
Western Isles NHS capital grant application to send for £25,000 deadline is 31st Jan for applications. KM to apply for grant.
Sheena MacMillan at Storass Uibhist is working on Facebook just giving page and a logo to set up a meeting with her to discuss this before setting this up on social media.
Cal Mac
money for groundwork at marina has been approved and work to start on testing ground in April 2025. 2026 decision to be made on whether new pier goes ahead. Unless any other pier goes into the sea then Lochboisdale pier will be next to be developed.
banking
no further forward with RBS. The chair contacted Eriskay CC, and they set up a new account with Virgin Money which is working well for them. They have two debit cards and online banking access.
The chair tried to open a new account with Bank of Scotland, but the application was turned down with no reason given. Chair to work with Eriskay CC on setting up a new account as they have done.
Challenge funding - the remainder of this fund is to be split among all CCs throughout the Western Isles, so an estimate of five hundred/ 600 is to be given to LCC.
One thousand annual grant payment has been made and is in the RBS account.
The Uist and Barra Community Association - Constitution has been agreed at the last meeting and the next meeting on 3rd Feb online via Teams at 7.30pm will be the first Inaugural meeting to set up Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary
the main item to be discussed will be the cuts to services in the new financial year from CnES. feedback on decision made will be available online on CnES website.
AOCB
gritting of side roads in LCC area - big problem the week of snow and ice. The gritting policy is online on CnES website, but it did not seem to be an issue in the Benbecula area as the side roads were gritted and did not have the same conditions as the side roads South end.

Priority four road no longer gets gritted now this decision was made last year to save costs.
The main roads were all fine and no issues were raised.
Salt Bins for various private car parks are available on request from CnES Technical services to email request.
PS
Four million budget deficit for Cnes. This has been difficult to find but with the following decisions made below the deficit in Budget should be found.
update - 8 % increase on Council Tax this coming fiscal year. 200% on second homes and empty homes. One million raised from this increase.
One million pounds found through savings and service reductions.
Two million from reserves
Issues over Christmas with deliveries and Woody's Express and RM.
situation with the delivery of Amazon parcels has now been resolved as Amazon have reverted back to RM delivery due to the high number of complaints received on non-delivery from Woody's Express.
concerns raised on DFDS and the increase in haulage costs being passed on to retailers and then customers. PS has raised this with MP. DFDS had taken over the contract but when Bakkafrost closed its factory in Lewis this reduced their haulage contract by 20%, meaning they were not covering their costs.
complaints on Co-op and food prices are going back up again plus the promised range of different goods and more value products has not changed much within the shop sales range.
date of next meeting Tuesday 25th Feb 2025 at 7.30pm in South End Hall.