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AIRIDHANTUIM COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
Date: Tues 27th May 2025

PRESENT:

Roderick J Martin (Chair), Alexander Jack (Vice Chair), Mairi Macdonald (Treasurer), Donald A Macdonald (Clerk), Kenneth N Graham, Mathew Maciver, Marina Matheson, Iain Maciver, Iain Murray, James McCartney, Murdo Nicholson

COUNCILLORS: John N Macleod

APOLOGIES: Kenneth Macleod; D Macsween; Donna Dorris; Shaun Macdonald; Robert Gillies; Alice Murray; Jemma MacVicar;

RESIDENTS: Donald J Morrison; Laura Van Wijngaarden; Ivo Rijnja; Elenor Macleay

OTHERS: N/A

Item	Details	Action
1. Welcome & Apologies	Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting – apologies noted as above	
2. Approval of previous Minutes	Minutes of the previous meeting (March) were agreed as accurate – proposed by Iain Murray and seconded by Roderick Martin . A copy of these approved Minutes is to be submitted to CnES (Shona Hadwen). Alice Murray and UOG are to be provided with a draft of these May meeting Minutes in due course.	Clerk
3. Matters Arising from previous Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Seaview, High Borve – Councillors were asked to follow up on previous comms, now J N Macleod to provide a contact at Environmental Services (CnES)Playing Field, High Borve – decision taken that if this is something the community is committed to that a separately constituted group be set up by, for example, local parents. It isn't felt to be an activity that a community council should undertake in its own right. ACC would be happy to support any such group.	JNML/Clerk N/A

4. Northland /Spiorad Na Mara	<p>A discussion took place in general terms and it is clear that concerns exist within the membership and, it is felt, within the community about the scale and proximity of, and likely disruption from, the proposed offshore and onshore developments.</p> <p>Nothing of significance to report by way of comms/engagement since the last meeting. Chair and Clerk have been invited to a pre-brief for various local groups at Borge House on 28th May, which is a precursor to the Phase 2 of community engagements taking place week commencing 2nd June.</p> <p>Clerk will update the members following the 28th May meeting at Borge House.</p>	Clerk
5. Emergency Planning & Community Response	We will engage further on this topic with UOG and NCC prior to the next meeting	Clerk/Chair
6. Proposed ACC boundary change	We have previously agreed to take North Galson into our CC (it was previously in the Ness CC area). Clerk to establish if this is yet confirmed/official.	Clerk
7. Housing Needs and Demand Assessment/ Scam prevention workshop	<p>Chair attended meetings on these topics at UOG recently and provided a brief update. Likely that further engagement regarding housing between UOG, ACC and other local groups will happen in due course.</p> <p>On the risk of scams, residents are encouraged to engage with advice available via, for example, the banks, police, NCSC, Advice Direct, Trading Standards etc</p>	<p>Noting</p> <p>Noting</p>
8. Coastal Community Revenue Funding	<p>The recent application for £6,000 to CCF for help with the costs of installing passing places at Lower Shader shore road and at High Borge shore road received approval. We will proceed with the work subject to finalising quotes and receiving the necessary contribution from the two grazings committees concerned. At this stage, we don't anticipate any issues.</p> <p>Our thanks to all concerned with the funding award.</p>	Clerk
9. Clerk vacancy	Dealt with at the earlier AGM – Donald Macdonald had been properly proposed/seconded and agreed to take up the role	Noting
10. Financial Report	<p>A detailed Report was provided in advance of the meeting by Donnie Macdonald (Hon Treasurer) and shared with the members and also with all present at the meeting. The Report consisted of the current year figures to 21st May 2025. All noted, no questions arising. Bank account stands at £9,133 currently, but with several ongoing projects that should quickly use up the surplus funds.</p> <p>Donnie was thanked for his excellent support with and control of the ACC finances</p>	Noting

11. Project Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Footpath – Airidhantuim to Borve - no recent update or progress, retain on agenda for now to see if there is any prospect of progressing. Costs may be prohibitive for us as a CC, as may the technical/engineering elements of such a project • Info Board at Borve Bridge – complete • Shader River Walkway extension – aim to have ready for an application, among others perhaps, to next year’s CCF • Shader and High Borve passing places – funding practically confirmed, work hopefully to progress in coming months 	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Noting</p> <p>MM/MMD</p> <p>Clerk</p>
12. AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speeding – residents and members encouraged to report offenders on our roads to Police Scotland • Dumping allegation (at Cleid, Upper Shader) – for noting only, we have been copied into a complaint by Mr Angus Gillies to CnES Env Services (UOG were also copied in) • Community Service sentencing – potential for supporting of particular projects locally – JNML will obtain contact details for us which we will use to establish any potential and then share info with other community groups/NCC/UOG etc • Melbost Bridge – concerns raised again about the integrity of the structure in light of very heavy traffic currently using it. To establish last inspection date and findings plus when the next inspection is due. Tech Services at CnES to be contacted • Ballantrushal main road resurfacing – the terrible state of the road is causing concern and Clerk to write to Tech Services at CnES to relay these concerns and to confirm works are definitely scheduled (potentially in September now). • New takeaway in Borve – road safety concerns expressed by residents, focused on insufficient parking, inadequate signage and signage being placed too close to road, risk of vehicles reversing onto main road from the site etc. CnES planning department to be advised of the concerns and a site visit by Planning Dept or roads dept to be suggested • Payphone – South Galson – noted that this kiosk is listed for removal by BT – no calls on it in last 12 months. Sophie already asked to notify Galson residents via Whatsapp group. • Kiosk community ownership – Upper Shader – Clerk to follow up with BT as matter does not appear to have progressed in last 18 months 	<p>All</p> <p>Noting</p> <p>JNML/Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
13. Date of Next Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreed as Tuesday 26th August at 7.30pm at CMCC, Borve - venue to be booked • Council to be notified, incl Agenda provided to them 7 days in advance • Meeting to be suitably advertised on social media nearer the time– 14 days beforehand and repeated in lead-in to the meeting date. 	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>