



## NORTH LOCHS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Minutes of meeting:

Held in North Lochs Community Centre, Leurbost  
On Wednesday 15 January 2025 at 7:30pm

### Present:

Robbie Mackenzie (Chair), Kevin McAndie (Secretary), Peter Mackenzie, Anne Macleod, Cllr Angus Morrison, Eilidh Macinnes, Isla MacArthur, Christine Morrison, Bruce Mackenzie

### Apologies:

Sarah Macdonald (Vice-Chair), Iain Macaskill (Treasurer), Donna Fairbairn, Anne Macleod, Annabel Maclean

Item		Action
1	<b>Chairperson's welcome</b> Robbie Mackenzie welcomed all those present to the meeting. Apologies were noted.	
2	<b>Minutes of meeting 06 November 2024</b> The minutes of the meeting of 06 November were approved as a correct record and proposed by Eilidh Macinnes and seconded by Peter MacKenzie	
3	<b>Matters arising from Meeting minutes of 06 November 2024</b> No matters arising that won't be dealt with under the agenda.	
4	<b>Heastabhal and Grimshader Wind Farm Proposals</b> Nothing has been heard about decisions on the Grimshader proposals. Although the meteorological mast has been erected.  Isla MacArthur has not heard anything about the cycle lane. CNES have confirmed that the cycle lane is not two way and is only for heading into Stornoway.	
5	<b>SSEN Lewis Hub Meeting</b>  Kevin McAndie will try to arrange a meeting for the Community Council with SSEN for March.	KM
6	<b>Councillors' Report</b> Cllr Angus Morrison indicated that CNES are looking to make £2m savings in the next financial year.  There is not enough time to have community consultations, and an online survey will be done instead. Community Councils will also be also be contacted. The Budget Board will be meeting on 22 January 2025.	

	<p>Crown Estate funding will likely change relating to the community funding element; with one funding source incorporating Crown Estate and Ward Funding.</p> <p>The Development Officer funding package will be for two years and half of the funding has already been secured from Muaitheabhal and the funding will need to be matched. The Development Officer post will cover the whole of the Lochs Ward. In the past ten months, £80K to £90K has been secured in funding by the Development Officer for funding grants.</p> <p>An area action plan will cover the areas of Pairc, Kinloch and North Lochs.</p> <p>There are currently no constituted Area Forums in Kinloch and North Lochs and this is being looked at. Pairc currently has an Area Forum.</p> <p>Crown Estate funding is likely to change and community groups could potentially lose £1K in funding if this is mixed in with ward funding. Some groups have not applied for the £1K available to them.</p> <p>£5K from Muaitheabhal is available for groups via the Community Council.</p>	
7	<p><b>Treasurer's Report</b></p> <p>The accounts need to be signed off.</p> <p>£800 not showing from Ward money for fireworks (£500) and high visibility vests (£300) but to be added to the account. £1000 will come off for the pensioners' dinner.</p> <p>Account balance is £8353.59</p>	
8	<p><b>NLCA Business</b></p> <p>A successful Ceilidh was held on the 27 December 2024</p> <p>The warm Hub continues to do well. There is money left from current funding although future funding is likely to be cut.</p>	
9	<p><b>Any other Business</b></p> <p>High Visibility vests – Ward funding of £300 has been made available. The Community Council are looking to purchase children and adult sizes for distribution via the youth club and café.</p> <p>Road defects – potholes in the area should be filled in within the next of weeks.</p> <p>Play Park Fence – The fence is in the process of being replaced with a Rylock fence after discussions with CNES relating to who has responsibility for this.</p> <p>WhatsApp Group – This has been given the go ahead to make communication quicker and easier for the Community Council.</p>	<p>KM</p> <p>KM</p>

	<p>Cemetery Extension – there is a proposal to extend the current cemetery in Crossbost towards the Free Church Manse and the War Memorial.</p> <p>War Memorial – There is currently one light not working at the Crossbost War Memorial.</p>	
10	<p><b>Date and Time of next meeting</b> Wednesday 26 February 2025 at 7:30pm</p>	KM

### Meeting Action Points

Agenda point	Action	By Whom	When
5	Kevin McAndie will arrange a meeting for the Community Council with SSEN for March	KM	By March
9	Hi-vis clothing, Kevin to follow up costs	KM	By next meeting
9	Establish WhatsApp Group for the committee	KM	By next meeting
10	Date of next meeting – Kevin to book Community Centre for meeting	KM	ASAP