

Minute/Note of Meeting	TITLE	North Harris Community Council		
	DATE	27.05.24	TIME	19.00
	VENUE	Marriage Room, Council Offices, Tarbert, Harris		
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Item		Summary and Action	Who?	When?
1	Present	Mairi MacIver (MMI), Agnes Morrison (AM), David MacDonald (DMD), , Fran Miller (FM), John MacLeod (JML), Catherine MacDonald (CMD), Gordon MacDonald (GMD)		
2	Apologies	Cllr Paul Finnegan, Margo MacLeod, PC Alistair Smaillies, Robert MacKinnon		
3	Welcome/ membership	David MacDonald (Chair) welcomed those present ,		
4	Approval of minutes	Proposed – John MacLeod Seconded –Mairi MacIver		
5	Matters arising	Signed Constitution is now with the Council. DMD has spoken to the bank re on line banking and will follow this up and get himself put on as signatory Tarbert in Bloom and Harris Bowls Club have been sent cheques.	DMD	
6	RALLY PARK MAN HOLE COVER	At the corner of Rally Park near the bus park there is a man hole cover that often overflows and has paper coming out of it AM will write to Scottish Water and ask them to look at this – she will also ask about getting covers on the culverts to prevent children going into them	AM	
7	MARES TAIL PLANTS	Old Pier Road has a lot of Mares Tail Plants which is a fern like invasive plant which can damage structures there is also some of it in Scott Road. AM will speak to NHT regarding this. There is also a shed with an abandoned vehicle and a lot of rubbish behind the school and she will also ask if this is on NHT land.	AM	
8	HARRIS FORUM	For the First Item DMD left the room due to a conflict of interest- DMD returns for the rest of the discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Childcare Group – the HF has agreed to support the 2 parent councils regarding pre school provision and the DO will be on a small working group which will include the Education dep. 		

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		<p>There are 2 new posts to be advertised for Leverburgh sgoil araich . DMD hopes to meet with SES PC to discuss a way forward for them too.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tourism Group – There is to be a sub group of the Hf to deal with Tourism . FM will join the group on behalf of the CC • Spotlight Sessions have been very successful so far and DMD expressed his thanks to MMI for her work on these sessions the next one is Monday 3rd 2-4pm and will be in the Council offices. After that the next round will be evening ones. 		
9	COUNCILLOR UPDATE	<p>Cllr Finnegan had sent in an e mail with some updates</p> <p>Regarding Luskentyre, the parking space lines have been done and the signage was in the process of being made. Regarding the speeding. I had a meeting with the Chief Inspector and Cala at the Council. They are planning on launching a campaign to ask the community to report people they see drink driving. The Police are not minded to change the speed limit at Ardhasaig. It is the Police that make the decision. The Council won't act unless the Police approve the change of speed limit.</p> <p>Thanks were expressed to our outgoing Cllr, Grant Fulton.</p>		
10	HARRIS TRANSPORT FORUM	<p>DMD was unable to attend the last meeting so AM went along instead. They are looking at the set up of the HTF and this will be discussed at the next meeting (28.5.24) DMD will attend on behalf of the CC and report back. AM had suggested that the HF have a sub group for transport but that suggestion was not felt acceptable by the HTF. It was agreed to look at our involvement again once ~DMD has attended a meeting.</p>	DMD to report back	
11	ABANDONED CARS	<p>There are a couple of vehicles in the village which seem to be abandoned –</p> <p>One at hotel hebrides – DMD will speak to AJ MacLeod about this</p> <p>One at Akrams this is on their own land and they dont seem keen to move it</p> <p>One down old pier road – AM will check with the Trust if this is on their land</p>	DMD AM	
12	SPEEDING ROAD ISSUES	<p>Gael Hogarth had written to the chair with concerns about the speed of traffic between Bunavoneadara and Husinish (B887) and there are on going concerns re the A859 Tarbert to Ardhasaig road. The Tarbert to Ardhasaig road has been an issue for a long time and the Council are not willing to adjust speed limits, the Cllrs have been talking to the Chief inspector but again they do not seem to want to reduce the speed limit.</p> <p>It was suggested that perhaps the children in the school could make posters encouraging people to slow down DMD will look into this.</p> <p>It was also agreed to write to the police and ask about a strategy and comparable data for that stretch of road . There has also been correspondence asking for something to be done about pot holes on the Kyles to Tarbert Road it was agreed to wait and see how far the tarring work in June went with this.</p>	DMD AM	
13	PORTRAIT OF THE KING	<p>This has arrived and it was agreed to ask Harris House if they would like to borrow it to display. AM will write to Chrissie MacRae.</p>	AM	

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14	CORRESPONDENCE	Nht have asked to use the NHCC to apply for planning permission for 2 houses in Scaladale this was agreed and AM will let David Wake know. Lynne MacKay has asked about signage for visitors like they have in vatersay – as we are not aware of this signage we will look into it and maybe speak to the Trusts	AM	
15	AOB	Public bins only seem to be emptied every three weeks which is not often enough at this time of year we will ask Cllr Finnegan to look into this. The local phone book has still not been published DMD will ask HVS about this. We spoke about Resident parking in Tarbert last year and again this year there are a large number of motor homes parked along the village for long periods of time. It was agreed to ask Cllr Finnegan who to contact regarding this. The Fish Farm in Scalpay (Mowi) had contacted the Chair offering to come to meetings it was felt this was not really necessary and they could come if there was anything to discuss that was of concern to them Donnie MacLean from H& I FB had been in touch with some literature regarding Muirburn it was agreed to ask the other CCs if we should maybe have a joint meeting with him	AM DMD AM DMD DMD	
16.	DONM	Monday 5 th August at 7.30pm in the Marriage Room, Council Offices		