

Minute/Note of Meeting

TITLE

North Harris Community Council

DATE

25.03.24

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), Margo MacLeod (MML) David MacDonald (DMD), , Fran Miller (FM), John MacLeod (JML), CLLR G Fulton (GF), CLLR Paul Finnegan (PF)		
2	Apologies	Catherine MacDonald, Gordon MacDonald		
3	Welcome/ membership	David MacDonald (Chair) welcomed those present , he explained that Catherine MacDonalds sister was unwell and Catherine was on the mainland with her and we will convey the good wishes of the CC to her.		
4	Approval of minutes	Proposed – Fran Miller Seconded – Margo MacLeod		
5	Matters arising	Robert MacKinnon will be co opted on and invited along to the next meeting. Karen MacDonald will also be asked if she would like to come along and if anyone on the committee has any other suggestions for members we will consider these too. MMI said that there were no issues with the Forum having its own Bank acc. Council offices remain closed and DMD said those other organisations in the building have written to Mairi Fellows askind for the building to be open again. GF will chase this up. Police – DMD has spoken to the new officer and he is willing to come to meetings as part of his working day, he has no responsibility for posting himself in Harris though. We will e mail him minutes and dates/times of meetings. GF will write to the SuperIntendant and ask about the allocated hours for Harris. Cllrs will send updates to any meeting they are unable to attend in person. Luskentyre – there has been more correspondence regarding Luskentyre Cemetery Parking and GF will ask the Comhairle when the work will be started.	GF	
6	CONSTITUTION	This needs to be agreed, signed and returned to the Council. It was agreed to adopt this constitution – Proposed –AM Seconded – FM Signed by DMD, JML and AM and DMD will return the signed copy to the Council	DMD	

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7	COUNCILLOR UPDATE	<p>GF- housing has been a priority and the Leverburgh housing has moved on and they are now looking for a site manager. There was a £37500 shortfall and CNES had asked for CEF to cover this. This was unanimously refused by the Harris Forum and the Council seem to have found the shortfall elsewhere.</p> <p>Budget meetings have been held and there is a lot of pressure to cut costs.</p> <p>There have been lots of complaints re unadopted roads in Harris but there is no money to repair these.</p> <p>Ward funding has been cut to £5000 per Cllr and they already committ to give money to Crossroads so the amount available has been cut.</p> <p>Education – the SES sgoil Araich and the Leverburgh Nursery have been having problems/</p> <p>Harris in Bloom – they are trying to establish who various pockets of land belong to.</p> <p>GF will look at the railings at the bottom of MacQueen st and if they have not been repaired he will ask about this.</p> <p>PF- The planning has gone in for the Scott Road housing development. AM asked about the lack of infrastructure and what would happen re things like Sgoil Araich, School, GP and other medical services when these new houses were populated. It was agreed infrastructure is a problem.</p>	GF	
8	HARRIS FORUM	<p>The last meeting dealt with the issue of the shortfall for the Lev housing project, CEF, nursery provision, it was agreed to adopt a document more akin to the Islands Plan for the Harris Plan.</p> <p>They were hoping to have a Tourism Working Group.</p> <p>Spotlight sessions were approved and MMI and DMD have discussed this and feel it might be better to go tp the CC s with this.</p> <p>With the NHCC agreement it was hoped to have 2 sessions in Tarbert .</p>		
9	ONLINE BANKING	Am asked if it was possible to sign up to online banking as this would make it easier to pay bills etc. Those present all agreed and DMD will speak to the bank the next time they are in Tarbert. DMD will also be added to the account as a signatory.	DMD	
10	TARBERT IN BLOOM	GMD and DMD met with Tania MacLeod and Jocelyn Corderoy – there has been grass cutting done already and the place looks better. It is difficult to understand who the different areas in and around Tarbert belong to. They are going to approach the Land Owners, Local businesses and the Council for funding. GF said he had asked the Council but there was no funding available however the Cllrs would allocate some of the ward funding. It was agreed that the CC would also grant £200 to this project and DMD will double check who the money is to go to.	DMD	
11	Funding Applications	<p>NH bowls club have asked for funding to help with their running costs and purchase of equipment.</p> <p>They have 20 members and run 6 months of the year (over the winter months. DMD had advised them to seek sponsorship and it was agreed that the CC would grant them £450.00 towards their running costs.</p>		
12	Correspondence	Iain MacAulay (LL) had written to ask if the CC would like a picture of King Charles it was agreed to accept this and perhaps donate to Harris House but this can be decided on later	DMD	
13	AOB	<p>HH Minibus – GF will look at this again.</p> <p>HTF – AM will write to ask about dates of meetings and member criteria</p>	GF AM	
14	DONM	Monday 27 th May 2024 @7pm, The Marriage Room , Council Offices	DMD	