

STORNOWAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minute of Meeting held in the
Comhairle Offices, Stornoway, on
Tuesday 18 June 2024 at 7.00pm

PRESENT	Kenneth Burns (Vice-Chair) Josh Gibbens Elizabeth Jappy Alison M Smith Duncan Macinnes MBE Gordon Murray	Mike Macleod Cameron Thompson Janet Macdonald Iain Macaulay Malcolm K Macdonald Angus McCormack
IN ATTENDANCE	Derek Mackay	
APOLOGIES	Robert Doig Ian Minty	Dr Francis Murray Rae Mackenzie

CONSTITUTION

Election of Chairman	of 1	Derek Mackay, Comhairle nan Eilean Siar, called for nominations for Chair of the Community Council. It was agreed to appoint Robert Doig as Chair of the Community Council, subject to his acceptance of the office.
Election of Vice-Chairman	2	Derek Mackay called for nominations for Vice-Chair of the Community Council. It was agreed to appoint Kenneth Burns as Vice-Chair of the Community Council.
Appointment of Treasurer	of 3	The Chair called for nominations for the appointment of Treasurer of the Community Council. It was agreed to defer consideration of the appointment to the next meeting.
Appointment of Clerk	of 4	The Chair called for nominations for the appointment of Secretary to the Community Council. It was agreed to appoint Mike Macleod as Secretary of the Community Council.
Governance Documents	5	Derek Mackay presented the new Scheme of Establishment, along with copies of the Standing Orders, Code of Conduct and the Constitution. It was indicated that the main changes made in the revised Scheme were to increase the minimum number of members from four to six, introducing a mechanism to fill casual vacancies through co-option and holding the AGM in May or June each year. It was agreed to consider the constitution at the next meeting.

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Gordon Murray asked about the current position with the Association of Community Councils. Derek Mackay indicated that the Association had not been re-established following the Community Council Elections however consideration could be given to re-establishing the Association if there was interest amongst Community Councils.

Mike Macleod indicated that there were several consultations which the Community Council may wish to consider responding to. There was also a live Planning Application from Point and Sandwick Trust for a battery storage development in Newton and the Community Council should consider inviting the developer to a meeting.

Angus McCormack declared an interest as a member of Point and Sandwick Trust.

It was agreed that Mike Macleod would contact the Comhairle's Planning Section to confirm the current position with the Battery Point Energy Storage Park Planning Application and whether the Community Council could make representations in relation to the development.

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The next meeting would take place on Thursday 27 June at 7.00pm with the venue to be confirmed by the Secretary.