

DRAFT MINUTES

MORVERN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday 3rd September 2015

Held 7:30pm Lochaline Village Hall

Present: John Hodgson (Chair/Acting Sec), R Capell, S Jones, A Sinclair, J Casey, Police (PC Angela Campbell) MCDC (Lilia Dobrokhodova)		
1.	Introduction by Chairman: The Chairman welcomed and thanked all for attending.	Actions
2.	Apologies: Jenni Hodgson, Linda Martin, HC Councillor Andrew Baxter	
3.	Minutes of Meeting Thursday 2nd July 2015: Adoption of minutes Proposed by AS, Seconded by RC. With the correction that SJ had sent apologies and was not in attendance.	
4.	Matters Arising: (not otherwise on the Agenda)	
4.1	Telephone Kiosks: Ongoing	JH
5	Reports:	
5.1	MCDC. LD stated that they are moving ahead with the renewable energy projects, and the affordable housing and sheltered housing scheme. They have 18 months to submit renewable schemes for Acha Forsa and Barr and 9 months in which to purchase land for affordable housing from the Forestry Commission. There will be a public consultation around mid-September. There had been a recent visit from John Finney, MSP and he has supported their endeavours. Several Issues had arisen with the new fuel pumps, and this had led to the electronics of the system needing to be replaced. This will take place in the next few weeks along with some additional safety fixtures. Sales had been going well with the price being subsidised by 5p per litre from the EU. A short discussion took place regarding the operation of the pumps.	
5.2	Police. PC Campbell stated that a recent near miss had been reported to them regarding a delivery van and the bus. The delivery company had been advised and she asked that all drivers be aware of the dangers of travelling on the areas roads. She stated that there had been an increase on the mainland of car thefts and house break-ins, and she asked that everyone be conscious of ensuring cars and houses were secure and that they did not advertise they would be away from home in social media such as face book etc. Both local officers would be increasing their school visits to help children be aware of the need for vigilance and internet safety. This would also include seatbelt use and driving rules for those nearing driving age. Companies allowing their vehicles to be parked in passing places would be advised that this is illegal and action could be taken.	
5.3	Corran Ferry. No further update.	
6	Planning:	
6.1	Only one notice raised for Morvern since the last meeting, by Martin Newton at Fuinary Farm.	
7	Financial Report:	
7.1	Current Account stands at £9717.91, with the Common Good Fund at £6687.51 £750 is still awaited from Highland Council. An award from the ward discretionary fund toward Village Maintenance has been delayed by HC over queries about Hired skip costs and war memorials upkeep. They have refused to pay retrospective grass cutting costs and a request has been made to the MCT for £2425 to cover these costs. A short discussion took place regarding the condition of the Hazel Woods and its paths, work that needs to be completed, and who pays for it, or could even volunteer to do it.	

8	Correspondence:	
8.1	Items from Highland Council's Ellen Morrison regarding Youth Fund application posters, which will require printing off and posting in the village. Community Council Election posters issued by HC which will also require putting in the village. Katrina Malcolm provided a poster for the Marine Protection Area, and a letter from Councillor Baxter was received supporting the drive for a village electronic speed sign. Lochaber Housing Association Newsletter. Boundary map for the consultation on new Ward boundaries proposals. Mr Thornber contacted JH regarding cutting of verges.	
9	Any other business: Councillors:	
9.1	SJ asked that Scottish Fire & Rescue Service Group Manager, Pat McElhinney from Fort William be asked to address the next MCC Meeting to highlight the need for recruitment into the local volunteer fire service. SJ to arrange.	SJ
9.2	RC raised the problem of the stairs leading from the main road to the vicinity of the social club are in need of maintenance and repair.	
9.3	JH had been in contact with Kate Cruickshank, regarding the Poppy Wreaths for the War memorials. It was agreed that KS purchases the wreaths and MCC reimburse her for them.	
9.4	SJ had requests for the Common Good Fund. 1) Community Land Association Morvern (CLAM), for £200 toward the Fireworks Event to be held in November. This was granted. 2) A request was received for a contribution toward the transport costs for the swimming lessons for pupils from the school. It was agreed that if necessary the MCC would pay this year's costs of £759.90 from the Common Good Fund, but as the fund's main replenishment has for some time been transferred to the Morvern Community Trust, it was felt that if the trust could pay half of the costs, then this would be less of a drain on what is now a diminishing Common Good Fund. 3) The MCC has supported the Children's Party with monies in the past for presents and it was agreed to provide £100.00 towards this year's costs with additional requirements being raised elsewhere.	JeH SJ
9.5	It was agreed that a skip be arranged again for the village and that as we would not receive money from the HC toward it, that it be paid for from the CGF.	RC
10	Any Other Business: Members of the Public	
10.1	Notice boards and their use to announce local meetings were discussed. It was felt that the council should now be thinking of the preparation steps for the next Senior Citizens party.	
11	Date of next meeting: Thursday 1 st October.	
11.1	In the interim members of public may contact the Chairman John Hodgson with any issues of concern.	
	There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9pm	
	Signed: John Hodgson (Chairman) 1 st October 2015.	