

DRAFT MINUTES

MORVERN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 6th May 2015

Held 7.30pm Lochaline Village Hall

Present: John Hodgson (Chair/Acting Sec), Jenni Hodgson (Treasurer), R Capell, J G Casey, A Sinclair, and five members of the public		
1.	Introduction by Chairman: The Chairman welcomed and thanked all for attending, and invited WPC Angie Campbell and Lilia Dobrokhodova (MCDC) to give reports to the meeting.	Actions
2.	Apologies: Sarah Jones	
3.	Minutes of Meeting 5th April 2015: Adoption of minutes Proposed JGC, Seconded AS, approved as correct and signed by Chair.	
4.	Matters Arising: (not otherwise on the Agenda)	
4.1	4.1 Grass Cutting/ Paul Langhorn: little growth to date, therefore will recommence end-May to November.	
4.2	5.1 Letter sent supporting MCDC application to acquire land from Forestry Commission for affordable housing.	
4.3	7.4 Adopt a Kiosk: Any member of public wishing to take on responsibility for utilising telephone kiosks in Drimnin and Lochaline (eg for tourist info., defibrulators, book-swap) should advise MCC who will assist in accessing purchase.	
4.4	7.5 MCC has had no notification regarding any cuts in public transport Morvern-Ft.William.	
4.5	9.2 Dog off leash on main road still causing inconvenience to traffic; advice requested to be given to owner has not yet been forthcoming. Action WPC AC to pursue a solution.	
4.6	9.3 JH has reported online to HC regarding potholes, also broken sign post at Keil. RET Ferry fares available to view online; will become effective October 2015.	
5.a	Police Report: (A Campbell)	
5a.1	Morvern remains crime free. No sheep worrying reported.	
5a.2	Bike Trials will take place Ardgour/Strontian/Kingairloch Friday 8 May; drivers to exercise caution and report reg.no's of any bikes seen speeding on highway.	
5a.3	Drivers in Lochaber are specifically reminded to adhere to safe driving practise, always to use seat belts and never to use mobile phones when driving.	
5a.4	"Safer routes to school" speed information signs provided by HC following joint application by local council and PTA are proving effective in slowing traffic in Strontian. (see item 7)	
5.b	MCDC Report:	
5b.1	JH reported on joint meeting he had attended on behalf of MCC, with representatives from MCDC, MCT, Village Hall Committee, and Ardtornish Estate (Hugh Raven).	
5b.2	Lilia D confirmed next quarterly MCDC Public Meeting will be held 7.30pm Thurs 14 May at Lochaline Village Hall.	
5b.3	Minutes of MCDC board meetings available to view at www.morvern.org . Recent community survey re. social housing identified need for affordable housing (12 people currently on HC housing list for Morvern) and sheltered housing; feasibility study proceeding; potential sites identified are Forestry land adjacent Dail Rona, Steading at Morvern Cresc., former Scout Hut site (together with some adjacent land from Ardtornish and W Lamont); liaison and collaboration with other agencies (Lochaber Housing / HC / HIE	

5b.4	/ Scottish Land Fund) is envisaged. Fuel Pump conversion to automatic is progressing; BT pole being installed 7 May; small shed behind pump shelter to contain equipment; awaiting Merchant number; completion envisaged by end May.	
6. 6.1 6.2	Corran Ferry Update (Jenni H) Jenni H attended last meeting; Andrew Green from Acharacle instrumental in establishing a future meeting with HC to interrogate the accounts; now believed to be breaking even. Corran Ferry will be discussed at Ward Forum 18 May at Ardnamurchan High School.	
7. 7.1	Planning Applications: Conversion of Garage to Dining Room at Clounid; MCC has no objection.	
8.	Financial Report: General fund stands at £10,856.96, Common Good fund at £7,287.51 Letter of thanks had been received for £500 donation made to Lochaline Primary School. No acknowledgement from Burach; Jenni H to check that cheque to them was received.	Jenni H
9. 9.1 9.2	Correspondence: General Notifications Iain Thornber re. acquisition of speed display signs at Lochaline from own funds (see also 5a.4); private ownership would bring responsibility for ongoing maintenance; AC stated that Strontian signs cost approx. £5K, and Mark Smith at HC might assist in accessing funding for Morvern. MCC and Lochaline Primary School PTA to submit joint application for funding.	JH /LD
10 10.1.1 10.1.2 10.1.3 10.2 10.3	Any Other Business: Councillors JH reported that Ardtornish at joint meeting (see 5b) had confirmed desire to assist Morvern economically; propose research (possibly through Univ of Highlands & Islands) co-funded from local organisations to examine Morvern potential and identify strategic assets. Ardtornish is amenable to making land available for sheltered housing. JB asked MCC to request clarification whether making land available meant donating, selling or leasing. LD understood land near petrol pumps would be offered for sale or donated. (Shore facility is leased) Any person with business plan or ideas is welcome to discuss with Ardtornish estate. JGC reported that Drimnin residents want footbridge (destroyed in flood) replaced; involves reinstating foundations; enquire whether MCC would contribute from Goodwill Fund. Jenni H asked for some costings. JH asked JGC to convey that a formal request would be viewed favourably. JH had had a meeting with Forestry Commission (Craig Millar / Ben Lennon). Repair of Salachan Bridge deemed costly; FC suggest Community funding with help from FC. JB pointed out that maintenance of public right of way was responsibility of landowner (ie FC). LD stated that funding ought to be available up to £100K for such projects. JH to pursue.	JH? JGC JH
11	Any Other Business: Members of Public: JB. Bottle bank overflowing with very many bottles stacked next to recycling. RC to check with shop whether matter reported; if not JH to pursue with private recycling contractor. JB. Enquired whether Morvern residents would have opportunity to purchase shares in Hydro schemes at Achaforce and Barr. LD confirmed they would.	RC/JH
12	Date of Next Meeting: Annual General Meeting of Morvern Community Council will be held Thursday 4 th June at the earlier time of 7pm in Lochaline Village Hall.	
	Signed: John Hodgson (Chairman) 4 th June 2015.	