

DRAFT MINUTES OF MORVERN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MONDAY 7 November 2016 at 7.00pm, LOCHALINE VILLAGE HALL

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Present: Jim Bolton (Chair), Teresa Bolton (Secretary) Martin Sampson, (Treasurer)
Davy Shaw, PC Angie Campbell, Lesley Smart (mins)

Representatives of NHS Highland Maimie Thompson, Head of PR & Engagement,
Ross Mackenzie, Area Manager, Evan Beswick, Project manager, Ricky Laird, Community
Resus. Team Leader, Scott Herron, Community Resus Facilitator, & 6 members of the
public

Apologies : Cameron Bolton, Susan Taylor

NHS Highland proposal for out of Hours

Maimie Thompson apologised for the breakdown in communication with MCC. MCC had not been notified of their intention to attend the meeting. Another meeting will be arranged in due course, most likely at the end of November or beginning of December. It is hoped for good community attendance.

The meeting will address any concerns about the proposals for out of hours cover in Morvern, and the impact this will have on the community. The doctor leading these implementations is Dr Antonia Reid.

Evan Beswick explained the reasoning behind the need to re design Out of Hours Cover for primary care, when there is no need for a 999 call. Evan went on to explain that the way in which GPs are working is changing. Most GPs will no longer work 24/7. The impact this will have on Morvern is that out of hours cover will be handled from Acharacle or Strontian most likely Acharacle. Calls would most likely be handled by a Nurse Practitioner.

Evan went on to explain that there is a recruitment problem nationwide for GPs. There are just not enough GPs to replace those retiring. He explained that single handed practitioners will be a thing of the past. Locums cost a huge amount of money so this is not a practical solution in the long term. A discussion then took place regarding safety concerns, the problems with mobile and broadband signals and connectivity. NHS Highland hope to implement this new system as soon as possible with safety, confidence and sensibility.

Ricky Laird informed the meeting that there are 8 Applicants to train as First Responders in the area; training will commence mid-January 2017.

NHS Highland representatives left the meeting.

It is hoped that as many members of the Morvern Community as possible will attend the next meeting; the date will be publicised as soon as this can be arranged.

1. Minutes of the Last Meeting

Minutes of the last meeting held 3th October 2016 were amended to add that Martin Sampson was proposed as Treasurer by Jim Bolton seconded by Teresa Bolton. The minute was then accepted as a true account of the meeting. Proposed Teresa Bolton seconded Davy Shaw.

2. Matters Arising

- Phone boxes – John Hodgson was unable to attend. By email he proposes that the Larachbeg phone box be handed to Ardtornish as they wish to use this to give information on the history with St Kilda. There is interest in the Drimnin box though no firm commitment. No firm interest as yet in the Lochalinebox however suggestion that local tourist and heritage information be displayed.
- Participatory Budget – no Highland Council representative present
- **BT**- No update. Jim has handed this to MDCD to take forward.
- **Roads** – Repairs on Drimnin road on going; Torr-Na-Faire middle road still not repaired – Jim will chase up.
- Ardtornish Estate Community Fund. No response.
- Calmac Grass now cut.

3. Finance

- Bank account now up and running the Bank of Scotland has compensated MCC £250 for the way the changeover of signatories was handled.
- £100 sent to Erskine and £51 for remembrance wreaths from GA
- Bank accounts balance same as last month namely - £11082.18---General account.
- £5,527.71 in the CGF Account.
- CLAM received a donation of £200 from the CGF a letter of thanks received from CLAM for this donation
- A donation to the Pensioners Party received from Peter Lawson of £100; a letter of thanks will be sent.

4. Common Good Fund

The monies from the Common Good Fund originally set up with Tarmac money is no longer being topped up. Community Councillors are in full agreement that this money would serve the community best by being administered by the trust. The Chair of MCT was in attendance at the meeting and agreed to take this to his committee.

5. Police Report

- **Speeding** – new 30mph speed signs will be in place on the Drimnin road between the post office and the jetty, however this will not be enforced until the next financial year.
- **No Crime to report** – now that the dark nights are here PC Campbell asked that people witnessing anything suspicious to please get in touch

- Concern regarding Ardtornish cows on the road was raised by several councillors. PC Campbell will have a word with the estate, as they are duty bound to keep livestock off the road.
- Carnoch sheep also a concern, PC Campbell explained that as this is common grazing the sheep have the right to roam, however will have a word with the owners.

6. Lochaline Ferry Terminal replacement alignment structure consultation

Jim read out an email from Cmal regarding questions and answers given regarding these proposals; a public meeting will be arranged in due course. The only real concern is the way in which the new queuing system will be arranged. It was agreed the best way forward would be to have a marshal in situ to ensure safety is paramount at this busy area. The proposals to dig out a third lane is not acceptable. A discussion took place as to what would be the best way forward and it was agreed that the public meeting was the best place to air any concerns.

7. Drimnin Broadband

David Campbell gave a short informative talk on the problems and proposed solution to the Drimnin connectivity to broadband. He explained that after Killundine it is difficult to connect to broadband via BT cable. As a result most people from here are connected via satellite. This is expensive. As a community they have put together a business plan and as business customers buying wholesale they hope to be able to use wireless connectivity via Tobermory. The proposal is that they would then sell on this technology to each household tailored to their own requirements. This will make sure that it is an inclusive project keeping the cost down for lighter users whilst heavier users would pay more.

Grant funding will be sourced for the infrastructure via community Broadband. This project so far has taken a year and there are no plans beyond this project.

A discussion then took place as to whether there would be employment opportunities. As yet this is not clear, the infrastructure and technical part of the business will be outsourced to experts. The possibility of Lochaline looking into something similar was then discussed.

One of the councillors had been speaking with a BT Openreach engineer who was able to tell him that there is a proposal for Lochaline to be connected to faster broadband starting as early as February 2017.

8. Christmas Lunch for Over 60's

- All in hand RSVP by 16 November
- Entertainment in place & catering all in hand

9. Planning

- Kiel House - erecting of shed for Biomass boiler, a carport and a garden store - No comment

10. MCDC

- No update re Broadband Jim encouraged everyone to go to the next meeting

11. Correspondence

- The new generic, community council mail address for MCC is, morvern.cc@btinternet.com

Please use this in all future correspondence.

- **Letter from MCDC development officer** asking for support from CC in their funding application for the proposed extension to the pontoon
- **Email from Annabel Thomas of Drimnin Distillery** explaining that the construction phase will run until Christmas 2016, there will still be some construction deliveries albeit declining in frequency as the end of the year draws. Once the distillery is in production in 2017 the expectation is that only malt barrels will be delivered by HGVs, this information clarifies previous minutes.
- **Living Landscape Initiative** hosted by Ardtornish Estate Morvern has been considered as a candidate for a living landscape initiative. This is still in its very early stages and was an invitation only discussion meeting. Discussion regarding how best to manage information, development to ensure all groups such as MCC, MCDC, MCW are involved – to take forward to MCDC meeting. Doctor's Wood plans forwarded to MCW.
- **UK Parliamentary boundaries** are set to change lumping Morvern in with Argyll and Bute.

12. Items from Councillors

- None

13. Items from the Public

A long discussion took place regarding MCDC and it was agreed that directors from every organisation should be in place on the board to make it a more rounded company. Jim will take this to the next meeting as the CC representative.

14. Any Other Business

None

Date and Time of Next Meeting Monday 5, December, Lochaline Village Hall 7.30