

DRAFT MINUTES OF MORVERN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MONDAY 3 October 2016 at 7.30pm, LOCHALINE VILLAGE HALL

Present : Jim Bolton (Chair), Teresa Bolton (Secretary) Martin Sampson, (Treasurer) Davy Shaw, Susan Taylor, PC Angie Campbell, Councillor Andrew Baxter Lesley Smart (mins) and 5 members of the public.

Apologies : Cameron Bolton

1. Minutes of the Last Meeting

Minutes of the last meeting held 5th September 2016 were accepted as a true account of the meeting. Proposed Martin Sampson, seconded Davy Shaw

2. Matters Arising

- **Grass Cutting** – To date no interest shown
- **Phone boxes** – John Hodgson was not present to give further update. Members of the community are invited to submit suggestions.
- **Participatory Budget** –The majority of the £5000 has gone to Acharacle groups. A discussion took place. The thoughts were that a small community is disadvantaged in the voting system. Councillor Andrew Baxter agreed this is an unfair system and agreed to look at this again.
- **BT**- No update. Jim has handed this to MCDG to take forward.
- **Roads** - Repairs on the whole are good, however the road towards Drimnin pier has broken up due to high volume of traffic to the building works at the new distillery mid repair. Highland council are aware and are seeking recompense.
- **Ardtornish Estate Community Fund** - A long discussion took place with Angus Robertson regarding the administration of this fund, the consensus of opinion is that the community's wish would be that this money should be administered by Morvern Community Trust. Angus agreed to take the community's concerns back to the board.

3. Finance

- Martin Sampson has agreed to take on the role as Treasurer. The paperwork has still to be completed.
- Bank accounts' balances same as last month namely - £10,178-95 General Account and £5,627-71 in the CGF Account.
- Annual grant of £804-23 has been received from Highland Council.

4. Police Report

- **Speeding** – PC Angie Campbell stated that there was nothing of note to report. Speed checks are ongoing. Lochaline will not get a flashing speed sign. PC Campbell has been in talks with Lochaline Primary School, she will arrange a day when the children can point the speed gun at drivers. She also stated that she is still hoping to be able to get the speed signage changed on the Drimnin road so that the 20MPH sign is placed sooner on the road.

5. Christmas Lunch for Over 60's

Tenders are out to local businesses, and entertainment is being sourced. The Village Hall is booked for 10th December

6. Planning

- Kiel House, amendment to roof lighting. No comment
- Small Communities Trust, erecting of 2 detached houses east of Achabeg. Landscaping already in progress.
- Hugh Raven and Jane Stuart Smith alternations to windows and additional balcony to Kinlochaline Castle. No Comment

7. MCDC

- Angus Robertson reported that the biggest project at the moment is the housing development.
- The pontoon is running very well. The additional swinging moorings are a success. It is hoped that by next winter they will be able to purchase a safety boat and extend the pontoon.
- The Sailing Club is doing well, plans to erect a building are in the pipeline.
- Two new Hydro Schemes will go to planning at the end of the year one at Barr the other at Achaforse.
- The possibility of a leisure centre at the pontoon was discussed.

8. Correspondence

- The new generic, community council mail address for MCC is, morvern.cc@btinternet.com
Please use this in all future correspondence.
- Letter from Willie Lamont raising concerns regarding the proposed development at the Old Scout Hut.
- Email proposing a 50p charge for the use of Public Conveniences. Councillor Baxter informed that this will not impact on smaller communities.
- Community Land Association asked for a donation of £200 to help run the Firework night on the 5th November – agreed.

9. Environmental Issues

- **New Woodlands** Angus Robertson presented a map explaining that 4 new woodland sites have been identified (see map) and will be going to planning in the near future . The woodlands will be broad leaf native trees as well as scots pine. None of these trees will be imported.
- **Morvern Deer Management Group** this group is open to anyone in Morvern who has land where deer need to be managed. Angus is the point of contact with any local issues regarding deer management concerns. Number of deer on roads particularly around Liddesdale at present where fences in disrepair – Angus to feed back.

10. Items from Councillors

- **NHS Highland are proposing to change the way in which Out of Hours Urgent Care is delivered in Morvern.** The proposal states that Morvern would be covered from Acharacle by Nurse Practitioners, Paramedics and Ambulance Crew. These proposals have not yet been adopted.
Jim asked that this be added to the agenda for the November Meeting and would encourage as many members of the community to attend. Jim will write to NHS Highland Board to arrange a public meeting as soon as possible and asked Councillor Baxter for his support. A link to the proposals will be added to the Lochaline Facebook page.
- **Drimnin Village Meeting** The chairman stated that it is a good idea that the Drimnin community should have meetings regarding their concerns and said this type of meeting should be encouraged. However Items on the agenda are relevant to the Community Council, as the council is the elected and constituted body to deal with such issues on behalf of the whole of Morvern. With regards to a possible Drimnin Common Good fund the majority felt any such funding should go to the Morvern Trust.
- **Common Good Fund** This item will be added to November's Agenda
- **Dr Susan Taylor** All medication must now be collected from the surgery. Can patients please remember to come and collect their dispensed medication.
- **Erskine appeal** Agreed £100 will go to the Erskine appeal instead of the previously recorded £50.

11. Items from the Public

- A member of the public reported that the top road in Torr-Na-Faire, which is in a very poor state has still not been repaired. Jim will follow this up.
- Who is responsible to cut grass on Calmac ground? Jim will contact the Port Manager.

12. Any Other Business

None

Date and Time of Next Meeting Monday 7, November, Lochaline Village Hall 7.00