

## DRAFT MINUTES OF MORVERN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

### MONDAY 6 FEBRUARY 2017 IN LOCHALINE VILLAGE HALL

**Present** : Jim Bolton, Teresa Bolton, Davy Shaw and three members of the public.

**Apologies** : Susan Taylor, Cameron Bolton, Martin Sampson, Lesley Smart, Councillor Andrew Baxter, PC Angie Campbell.

#### 1. Minutes of last Meeting

Due to the Council being non quorate last month's minutes could not be agreed. Jim explained that the meeting would still go ahead but any decisions required would need to be deferred until next month or if urgent, done by Email. The meeting continued on that basis.

#### 2. Matters Arising

- **Roads** – Torr Na Faire still not repaired & crash barrier at Uillean still not replaced – Jim to chase up again.
- Calmac have still not cleared up site at caravan – health & safety issues as well as looking terrible – Jim will chase up again.
- **NHS Meeting** – well attended. Number of residents signed up for first responder scheme. Dr Reed stated that Strontian would be the hub of OOH care not Acharacle. Notes of meeting will be put on Morvern website under MCC tab.
- **Morvern Games** – number of people seem keen for this to continue judging by comments on Facebook but no firm volunteer numbers – AGM in March. All encouraged to attend.
- **Bus Shelter** – “residents” at Achabeag have complained about the new bus shelter – conflicting information as to why - correspondence with HC ongoing. MCC reiterated they are here to represent all Morvern residents not just a few.
- **Corran Ferry** – HC have just confirmed there will be no price increase this year.
- **Drimnin Distillery** – confirmation of local workforce.
- **Over 60s Christmas lunch** – went very well & a number of thanks received. Details of costs given. General discussion on what could be improved for next year, in particular if entertainment could be extended beyond the meal, pricing etc.

#### 3. Finance

- Total cost of Christmas lunch was £1094-77 minus £100 donation. This will be divided between the CGF and Morvern Community Trust. We also paid out £68 to Village Hall for rent from the general account. CGF stands at £4432-84 (plus £497-38 from trust for lunch) and general account £11020-60.
- Once these monies have cleared we will formally transfer the CGF balance to MCT as previously agreed.
- Request from Lochaline Primary School parent council for skiing – Teresa confirmed that they have received money from the trust for this.

#### 4. Police Report

This was read out – one stolen vehicle, one damaged vehicle & one house sign stolen – none in Morvern but PC Campbell concerned as area seems to have been targeted. She would urge everyone to be vigilant and contact 101 if anything suspicious is witnessed.

#### 5. Planning

Three items – proposed new house at Drimnin, addition of three roof lights at Boat House, Ardtornish & application by EE UK for telecoms apparatus, hardstanding & access track at Strath an Aoinidh Bhig. No comments.

#### 6. Correspondence

- **Speed restriction on Drimnin Road** in east of Post Office to pier of 30mph due before Planning Committee in June.
- Letter from Kate Forbes, MSP asking for views on Scotland's place in Europe. Jim commented that he will respond & ask that she comes to Morvern.
- Future of Scottish Planning System
- **Email from Julia Whitaker on the future of De Tha Dol?** Janice MacKinnon has resigned & as Julia is the committee, no further editions will be printed until a new committee is formed and an editor appointed. Jim agreed to be on the committee at least in the short term as all agreed everything must be done to keep the paper going. Important committee reflected all Peninsula areas.
- **Screen Machine** is going for a re-fit and will be off the road from March until June.
- **Safe Routes for School** – Nicki Jones is progressing this on behalf of the primary school – what improvements occur are dependant on the HC budget due to be announced in March. MCC are supportive of moving the speed signs & improving the back path.
- **SSE Community Resilience Funding** has been extended to 2023. Funding upto £20,000 available for a number of projects. Next tranche open for applications now which may be too soon but agreed to consider this for future. A number of communities have obtained funding for items such as defibrillators and generators.
- **Ardtornish Estate long term Forest Plan** – meeting in Village Hall 9 Feb 10am – Jim will attend .
- **Community Consultation on Living Landscape** – date to be set for March – NFD.
- **Review of Polling Places due to report this week** – Looking to use schools as far as possible.
- Bus User Group minutes
- **HC Budget Simulator** – this is HC asking CCs to rate what they would like HC priorities and cuts to be. However clearly a tick box exercise whereby community views such as ours can have no bearing on how the budget is allocated.
- **Lochaber Housing Association Newsletter** – copies available at the surgery.
- **Periodic closure of top road for Water Treatment upgrade** – details at shop & surgery.

7. **MCDC**

Jim attended the AGM on 12 January – minutes available. Meeting on Thursday to discuss Scout Hall – further details on Morvern website.

8. **Items from Councillors** – Nil

9. **Items from the Public**

- **Buses** - rumours that the bus service to and from Drimnin is being withdrawn as are the Friday & Saturday services between Lochaline and Fort William. Further there appears uncertainty over the transport contract for AHS school children in Drimnin. Teresa will contact HC Transport manager David Summers to seek clarification.
- **War Memorials** – work still required on these. Unsure if received monies for this – Teresa will go back through papers & report back at next meeting.
- **Village Maintenance** – need to start looking for contractor soon as had no interest last year.

10. **Any Other Business** – Nil

**Date of Next Meeting – Monday 6 March 2017 at Drimnin Village Hall at 7.30hrs (Davy Shaw to book)**