

DRAFT MINUTES OF MORVERN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MONDAY 8 May 2017 at 7.00pm, LOCHALINE VILLAGE HALL

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Present : Jim Bolton (Chair), Teresa Bolton (Secretary) Martin Sampson, (Treasurer) Davy Shaw, Susan Taylor, Lesley Smart (mins)
Alistair Firth (Associate Member) John Hodgson
8 members of the public

Apologies : Cameron Bolton, PC Angela Campbell

1. Minutes of the Last Meetings

Minutes of the last meeting held 3 April 2017. Amendment ¹ MCDC should read Assistant Harbour Master.²Project officer not aware of a Sub group to be formed to ensure no cross overs occur with the new community building. ³ Living landscape steering group. Chair still to be elected.

Teresa explained to the meeting that the minute was an accurate record of what was said, however sometimes what is said at a meeting is not factually correct.

Proposed: - David Shaw, Seconded: -. Susan Taylor

2. Matters Arising

- Phone boxes – John Hodgson. Drimnin -The Drimnin Community are taking this project forward. It will house a Defibrillator and associated information. Larachbeg – The Heritage society will take this forward, explaining Larachbeg's historical connection with the St Kildan evacuation. No interest as yet in the Village Phone Box, It was suggested that MCDC could take this forward.
- **Roads** – Torr-Na-Faire has been patched, as has the area outside the Village shop. The road at Ullin and Laudale will be stripped in June or July. The cattle grid outside the village on the main road has been taken away for repair.
- **Bus Shelter Achabeg-** Has been removed by Highland Council
- **Ardtornish Estate Long Term Forest Plan** Report has been circulated and a meeting will take place to form a committee.
- **Drimnin Bus Service-** Term time - every day. School Holidays Tuesday & Thursday by request.
- **Boardwalk-** Kirsty Mann has been invited to come and talk to community, mutual date to be arranged.
- **Riverbank-** Hugh Raven intends to erect a board walk on a temporary basis at Acharn where the cattle have damaged the river bank
- **Village Maintenance-** An application has been accepted for grass cutting, however, an Insurance document is required. Once this has been submitted to the CC 6 cuts over the summer months will go ahead, the first cut will be £300, subsequent cuts will be £200.
- **Village Clean up.** No adult interest, was agreed to carry this forward.
- **Ivan Woolley** Has done a skip collection, some contributions to the cost have been made. Moneys donated will be paid into the common good fund account.
- **Kinlochteacus** no plans for repairs

3. Finance

- General account after expenses of £732.37 the account stands at £10288.23
- CGF-£65

4. Police Report

- Hope to meet with Ardtornish Estate regarding cows and fencing.
- Speed checks will be carried out in the next few months
- Additional support has been sought from Trunk road policing regarding the Mull Rally traffic.
- 22-29 May is Operation Monarda. This operation is designed to combat crime /rogue traders. Any information or concerns get in touch, police will check this out.

5. Planning

- Ardtornish Estate Formation of track 90 meters East of Craigendarroch. No comment.
- Application for grant of provisional premises Licence, Drimnin Distillery. No comment.

6. Correspondence

- **HM Fire Service Inspectorate.** This is independent of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and the Scottish Government. The Inspectorate are asking for CC view, along with the wider community of our fire service. More information can be found on the website www.gov.scot/fireinspectorate CC encourage community to support our local firefighters and the excellent job they do.
- **West Highland Development Plan** This plan will guide the council where development should and should not occur in the next 10 to 20 years in the West Highlands and Islands more information can be found on the website www.highland.gov.uk/whidp
- **Lochaber Transport** minutes tabled
- **Erskine** pamphlet tabled
- **Invitation to visit Drimnin Distillery.** Accepted
- **Village Hall** re work on toilet, it is thought that the water will be off for the duration of the refurbishment

7. MCDC

- Pontoon Extension now in place
- Project officer in training to takeover running of the website.

8. Items from Councillors

- **Kate Forbes MSP** – Met with Councillors and MCDC, the meeting was most informative, one of the points made to Ms Forbes is that funding for local projects could come from central government.
- **Living Landscape** A discussion took place regarding the way forward. There will be a meeting within the next few weeks to organise a steering group. A long discussion then took place regarding the Local Deer management Committee

Items from the Public

A member of the public asked advice on a police complaints matter, the person was advised that the way forward is to go up through the ranks, copying the local MP in all correspondence.

Any Other Business None