

DRAFT MINUTES OF MORVERN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MONDAY 5 February 2018 at 7.30pm, LOCHALINE VILLAGE HALL

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Present : Jim Bolton (Chair), Teresa Bolton (Secretary) Martin Sampson, (Treasurer) David Campbell, Alastair Firth, Susan Taylor, PC Angie Campbell, Lesley Smart (mins) 13 members of the public

Apologies : Andrew Baxter, Highland Councillor

1. Jim apologised for the December minutes not being published in the Da Tha Dol? The minutes were submitted to DTD before Christmas.

2. Minutes of the Last Meetings November and December 2017

Minutes of the meeting held 6th November. David Campbell commented that he is not the landowner at Achnasaul and would like the Minute amended. However after discussion it emerged his wife is the landowner. Jim stated that this a grey area with regard to a Community Councillor's position re. conflict of interest issues and he would like to research this matter further. The minute was accepted as a true account of the meeting; proposed Susan Taylor, seconded David Campbell.

Minutes of the meeting held on the 4th December, which was not quorate, were accepted as a true account of the meeting. Proposed Alistair Firth, seconded Teresa Bolton.

3. Matters Arising

- **Phone boxes** – Lochaline Quartz Mine are interested in turning box outside shop into a museum.
- **Dal Mhor** - Highland Council have completed the repairs. A date for a meeting still to be arranged. A joint inspection with NHS Highland and Highland Council is imminent.
- **Forestry Boardwalk** - no advance on this matter as work is still on going.
- **Peninsula meeting** has not happened as yet.
- **Over 60s Lunch** was a resounding success, with a number of notes of thanks received. Jim thanked all those involved in making it such a good afternoon.

4. Finance

- Christmas Party Total cost £1265.22, half of which will be met by Morvern Community Trust.
- Drimnin Village Hall £20.00 (Dec. MCC meeting)
- Balance £8036.37
- Email from Highland Council regarding the discretionary budget. There is money for our ward to help support and improve community environments. The grants are between £500 and £2000 .100% funding would not be

available. The village gateways project may fit this criteria. Ideas to be submitted asap so a decision can be made at March meeting.

- Morvern Community Trust are looking for new directors.

5. Drimnin Haul Road

- Jim stated that the CCs only remit was the road, the road is sacrosanct and must not be damaged or impeded in any way.
- The CC would not interfere with private landowners.
- Highland Council have been informed of the CC position.
- Areas of a commercial nature are outwith the CC position.
- Mr Lewis, Drimnin Estate, stated that he hoped to have a limited report on the feasibility of the sea option e.g. a floating pier or landing craft within the next 2 weeks. This would not be a definitive report.
- Jonathan Moseley, Glen Morvern Estate took the view that the coast line between Lochaline and Auliston Point is unspoiled and should be left as a virgin coastline. In his view a long term sustainable solution should be sought.

6. Highland Councillor's Report

- Via email Councillor Andrew Baxter reported an increase of 3% on council tax
 - No Corran Ferry fare increases
 - No school cuts
- These are proposals and due to be voted on in the next few weeks.

7. Police Report

No crime reported in Morvern.

- A campaign to prevent sheep worrying as the lambing season approaches, signs can be obtained from the police to attach to appropriate gates and fences.
- The subject of common grazing between Carnoch Bridge and Corran ferry was discussed. There are Red Triangle warning signs on this stretch of road.
- As from 7am Tuesday 6th February the police call room will now be in Dundee for all 101 calls .Please ensure when calling and giving the post code that Dundee understands that it is Strontian Police required. For emergencies dial 999.

8. Planning

- 2 applications from Glensanda "Extraction of Rock and the Erecting of a power plant." Alistair Firth will write to Highland Council looking for assurances that there would be some kind of carbon offsetting, as the removal of huge amount of peat is of concern.
- Forest Enterprise – Three forestry related building work on land west of Ardantiobairt, Savary and Kinlochteicus School house - No Comment
- Kiel House removal of window, replacing with a door and steps.- No Comment
- Land east of Drimnin Mill House - Change of use from steading to self catering accommodation and erection of an extension – No Comment
- Lochaline Quartz Mine continuation of extraction of silica sand –No comment

9. Correspondence

- Bus user group minutes.
- Highland council – move to new accommodation has resulted in surplus filing cabinets and furniture - offered to community groups.
- Scottish Government – consultation on electoral reform.
- Consultation on Inverness East Development Plan.
- West Highland Line, freedom of information regarding the problems on the line, particularly between Crianlarich- Fort William line.
- Opportunity for a Development Consultant for West Highland Community Rail Partnership.
- Highland Council and Police Scotland, on line safety campaign – posters to put up.
- Scottish fire and rescue assets register, have you skills or assets to use in times of crisis?
- Dale Meegan . Litter pick on beaches; could we get all the community involved? – Agreed this could be something all community groups could get involved in instead of the usual Village Clean Up . Also could be done on a number of different days – Teresa to contact various groups.
- Anyone wishing more information on any of the above contact the CC secretary.

10. MCDC

- Marina has had a successful year. Fire safety improvement has been implemented after a small fire in the loft of the building.
- Plans for a business hub on the scout hall site.
- Quotes being sought for housing plots.
- Hydro schemes are moving forward.
- AGM , Thursday 8TH Feb , the chairman is stepping down, the board are looking for new members.
- Sailing club is well supported and a 10 strong open water swimmers club going well.
- Doctors Wood is not deemed a viable option.
- Possibility of a camper van stop, to be discussed.
- Jim asked that at the AGM, can MCDC define how the community has benefitted and how this can be maximised. What are the profits from this year? Perhaps a more simplified set of accounts could also be prepared.

11. Items from Councillors

- Jim reported that Mr Thornber has written to Highland council regarding the state of the roads and the week long broadband outage. Mr Thornber has the CC's full support.
- Drimnin Broadband - all planning permissions now in position.
- BT Box is in the village for microwave broad band, hope to be up and running in April.

- Trailer run to dump by Ivan Woolley will now take place on 9 April (waste can be deposited on 8 & (April) in Lochaline.
- Mattress at allotment will be reported to the police as fly tipping person is known.
- Drimnin skip - a precise time is required for next delivery, in order that an email can be sent round the Drimnin Community. Also skip was allegedly only in place for 2 days. Jim to contact Bowmans.
- Morvern Community Woodland Trust have submitted a note of interest for the community purchase of Killundine Estate under the community right to buy scheme. A discussion took place as to how this would proceed. Morvern Community Woodland Trust will approach MCDG for assistance. Jim offered his full support for this venture.

12. Items from the Public

- How to buy a defibrillator? – suggested speaking to Nicky Jones.
- Pot holes on Drimnin road and at Bonavullin. Advised to contact Highland Council direct. The police have reported issues in some instances and also the A82 pothole group.
- PC Campbell advised to take photographs, keep invoices and claim for any damage done to cars. PC Campbell says she will email roads department.
- Jim stated that he emails or phones Highland council at least once a month. He will keep the pressure on. This paid off in the past keeping pressure on Highland council resulting in the improvement on the road at Uillin. Road outside Lochaline Stores should definitely be prioritised as very deep and wide.

- **Any Other Business**

None

Date and Time of Next Meeting - Monday 5 March. Lochaline Village Hall 7.30