

# MORVERN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Draft minutes of meeting held at Lochaline Village Hall on Monday 1st July 2019 at 7.00pm

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**Present:** Martin Sampson (Chair), Alasdair Firth (Secretary), Sally Semple (Treasurer) (by phone). and 5 members of the public.

**1. Apologies:** Cllr Andrew Baxter, PC Angela Campbell, Cllr Iain Thornber

**2. Minutes of Last Meeting:**

Approval to be carried forward to next meeting as not quorate.

**3. Matters Arising.**

**Appointment of Minutes Secretary.** No interest as yet. AF suggested it may be of interest to young people at the high school. Broad agreement from those present that the Headteacher at Ardnamurchan High school should be sounded out to gauge interest and any possible barriers.

**Co-options to MCC.** We would still like to be able to fill the two spaces. Interested people could contact any of the councillors or express interest to the [morvern.cc@gmail.com](mailto:morvern.cc@gmail.com).

**MCC representatives on MCDC.** MS had attended the last MCDC meeting and explained that the MCC nominations to MCDC as directors were a matter for MCC to make, and the decision had been made on this occasion. Also it was in his opinion after consultation with Dot Ferguson, Ward Manager for Highland Council, that the articles of MCDC were clear that any nominations or changes were subject to stated notice prior to the next meeting.

**Finance.** SS has the financials ready and has sent them to Kirsty Macintyre for audit. It will be ready for the AGM.

**Proposed Joint Community Strategy Plan for MCT, MCDC, MCC.** Some progress is being made.

**Roads.** AF suggested we write to Highland Council and suggest October would be a good time for essential improvement work on the A 884 and B 849 roads as it will be quieter due to the ferry being off. There was broad agreement among those present.

B Mealand had raised with the council the poor condition of many of the access paths and tracks in the area. The members present expressed their support to help get maintenance carried out. The initial thought was to identify the paths and rights of way in the area and register the condition so that it could be brought to the attention of the relevant people.

**4. Finance:** under Matters Arising

**5. Daill Mhor:** There are proposals to set an incorporated group to support Daill Mhor into the future. SS as MCC rep would encourage other members of the public to become involved.

**6. Highland Councillor Report:** As apologies

**7. Police Report.** As apologies

**8. Planning Items:** 12 metre mast and infrastructure to be erected at the Telephone Exchange just outside Lochaline. Cllrs have raised concerns as to its siting.

An application has been received for access from the A884 into the Doctor's wood. Members of the council present expressed concerns that the entrance should be sited to ensure that traffic from the site uses the Forest Road network as much as possible.

**9. Correspondence.**

**10. MCDC.** Community strategy consultation. Ongoing.

**11. Items from Councillors:** Killundine estate: potential community purchase. A feasibility study for MCW is expected to be complete on the 12<sup>th</sup> July.

RSPB are to return with their Life bid to the village hall on the 19<sup>th</sup> July focusing on rhododendron clearance.

**12. Items from members of the public:** The members of the public who attended the Lochaber Transport Forum (Peter and Gillian) managed to get Morvern included in the Highland Railcard scheme, where any residents can get 50% discount on rail travel in the region and young children travel for £2.00. Many thanks!

**13. AOB.**

**14. Date of Next Meeting. The AGM will be at 7.00pm on 5<sup>th</sup> August Lochaline Village Hall. A council meeting will follow at 7.30pm.**