

# MORVERN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Draft minutes of meeting held at Lochaline Village Hall on Monday 6th May 2019 at 7.00pm

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**Present:** Martin Sampson (Chair), Alasdair Firth (Secretary), Sally Semple (Treasurer). Iain Thornber (Cllr) and 2 members of the public.

**1. Apologies:** Cllr Andrew Baxter. PC Angela Campbell

**2. Minutes of Last Meeting:**

Amended minute approved: Proposed SS , seconded IT.

**3. Matters Arising**

**Appointment of Minutes Secretary.** No interest as yet. Ongoing.

**Update on MCC contact and e-mail addresses.** Completed. Can be removed from agenda.

**Co-options to MCC.** No progress as yet. 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

**MCC representatives on MCDC.** There appear to be some issues over MCC nominees being promptly adopted as directors on the MCDC board. MS to contact MCDC chair to clarify.

**Highland Councillor Report.** Andrew Baxter not present on this occasion. There was some doubt as to whether he knew the meeting was on. We will add Andrew onto the circulation list for the draft minutes in future.

**Police Report.** Action as with Andrew Baxter.

**Finance.** SS is making progress and hopes to have it sorted for the next meeting and AGM.

**Proposed Joint Community Strategy Plan for MCT, MCDC, MCC.** MS had spoken to Dot Ferguson's assistant who had told him that other communities in Lochaber had commissioned similar work and would probably be able to advise. Highland Council could possibly assist with a grant to a maximum of £1000. MS to continue to try and move the project forward.

**Roads.** There continues to be concern over the condition of the local road network, with the state of the road reported as being the cause of one accident over the last month. SS explained that Highland Council have a page for reporting potholes and serious issues

[https://www.highland.gov.uk/info/20005/roads\\_and\\_pavements/96/roadside\\_problems](https://www.highland.gov.uk/info/20005/roads_and_pavements/96/roadside_problems), or

<https://www.fixmystreet.com>

MCC would encourage members of the public to use this facility as much as possible to help highlight the case. IT encouraged to council to press for a speed awareness sign on the brae at the entrance to the village. These have had a good effect in Strontian and speeding continues to be an issue.

**4. Finance:** The bank balance as of 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov 2018 was £8445.99. It is thought that there has been little of no expenditure since. Kirsty MacIntyre is to be asked to help put the accounts for the full year together.

**5. Daill Mhor:** SS had attended a steering group meeting, and reported that there are no plans to go beyond respite and assessment care at the unit at present, but they are looking to expand services out to the community, and would welcome and encourage suggestions and ideas.

**6 & 7. under Matters Arising.**

**8. Planning Items:** None. Pre-planning information about plans for a 12 metre mast and infrastructure to be erected at the Telephone Exchange just outside Lochaline. Cllrs will comment at planning stage.

**9. Correspondence.** Lochaber Transport Forum is on the 14<sup>th</sup> May. The members of the public present were co-opted to attend, as no councillors could manage that day. Many Thanks!

**10. MCDC.** AF and IT attended the last meeting. The hydro and housing projects continue to move forward. AF expressed difficulty with keeping the meeting updated as there is a time lag with minutes between council and MCDC meetings. The next MCDC meeting is open to the public.

**11. Items from Councillors:** IT further raised the issue of a register of interests. He has submitted his and encouraged other councillors to do theirs quickly. The councillors agreed.

**12. Items from members of the public:**

**13. AOB.**

**14. Date of Next Meeting.** The council are unable to be quorate on the 3<sup>rd</sup> June, so the next meeting and AGM will be :

**1<sup>st</sup> July Lochaline Village Hall.**