

Morvern Community Council Meeting

7pm Lochaline Village Hall. Monday 6th January 2019

Present: Morven Gemmill (chair), Annie Tordoff (secretary), Angus Robertson (treasurer), Martin Sampson, Alasdair Firth, Kenny McLaughlin

Attendees:

Representatives from : Lochaline Primary School PTA , MDCD , MCT, Burach Choir , MCW, Morvern Sailing Club, Morvern Games & Gala Week committee and members of the public

Chair welcomed and introduced members of the public to the meeting.

- Previous minutes - agreed by email circulation
- Matters arising (also included in action log)
 - a. Bus shelter at Pier might be redundant – to be chased and suggested to Highland Council for moving to Achabeag.
 - b. Corran ferry developments discussed – MCC requires a representative to attend meetings and work with MCC to ensure the community is represented. Kenny McLaughlin agreed to attend meetings to find out more information and work with MCC to ensure Morvern is represented on the Corran ferry developments.
- Creating a community Plan – a discussion was held with members of the public who represented a number of local interest groups to progress a plan for Morvern with the purpose of having a shared vision and framework on how best to use our resources, and bid for resources in our rural community that wishes to grow. There has been a decision in principle to do this over the last couple of years. Martin Sampson described how this process worked in Fort Augustus & Ballahullish where with the support of consultants, a plan was successfully created. Peter Boylan, chair of MCT, stated his support for a community plan to progress as knowing what priorities are is key for ensuring available funds are allocated appropriately. Discussion was held also on potential funds coming in from developing Hydro scheme and how this plus any available match funding would be governed. In the first instance it was suggested that local organisations could be approached for their future plans if they have one. This will be done through facebook and

Morvern.org. It was acknowledged that the importance of involving individuals, businesses, local employers and that the school and medical centre was crucially important. It was thought that an informal 'table top' exercise would then follow depending on what information is initially gathered and whether or not external support (facilitation) is required.

- Recycling Bins – Development at the scout hut site is progressing for housing and business hub and the recycling bins require to be relocated. A variety of sites have been explored for relocation which have to be accessible, approved by the relevant landowner, can be kept tidy and can be emptied by Highland Council. Potential sites approved by landowners that are accessible are going to be made available to the public for their views. Lilia will put on MCDC facebook page, and Lochaline facebook page with some background information. A decision requires to be taken at the next MCC meeting on 3rd Feb. The bins are likely to be temporarily relocated in the meantime.
- Planning Applications Ward 21 - Planning application for change to power house discussed (ref 161679 754832) and approved.
- Planning application for timber haul road at Mungosdail and platform for removing timber at Auliston submitted by Mr Lewis discussed – Highland Council contacted on the day of the MCC meeting who confirmed that the application has been received but not yet registered on the planning site. MCC to check that period of consultation is long enough for consultation including next MCC meeting. Morven to ask Mr Lewis to next meeting to enable further detail to be shared.
- Police update – no immediate concerns and no updates. It has been noted that indicators are preferable at night to acknowledge people passing than headlights. Noted that passing places signs could do with cleaning up.
- AOB- Condition and general appearance of Lochaline Village – Discussion over the apparent decline over years of the maintenance of the village . A tender requires to go out as soon as possible with properly mapped areas for grass cutting and clearing whilst making sure wild areas can thrive. Bill for remembrance wreaths to be paid by treasurer.

Date and time of next meeting: **Monday 3rd February 7pm Lochaline Village Hall.** Record of Actions planned and taken can be found on the community council website page

on Morvern.org <http://www.morvern.org/community/morvern-community-council/>