

## **Morvern Community Council Meeting**

**7pm Lochaline Village Hall. Monday 3rd March 2020**

### **Minutes**

**Present : M Sampson, M Gemmell (chair), K McLaughlin, A Robertson, A Macleod**

**PC K Swift and 15 members of the public**

#### **Apologies: A Firth**

- 1.Meeting informed that previous minutes were agreed by email circulation within one working week
2. Matters arising - see action log
3. MG has established facebook page. Requires a named person - which was agreed to be Morvern Community.
4. Update from PC Swift – request to keep animals under control for road safety. Please also be aware of scamming calls – use a different phone if in any doubt when phoning someone back.
5. Doctors Wood Planning application (forestry commission). Road safety discussed with PC Swift but police can only influence. Noted that whilst an extension of consultation had been extended until 5<sup>th</sup> March, work had already commenced. Traffic on road discussed and negative impact on road. MCC would expect to have substantial broadleaf planting or at a minimum enough on the fringes to ensure a good windbreak - feedback to be given to forestry commission - Action AT
- 6.Derek Lewis application – on forestry road and pier. Concern about the road being maintained to sufficient standard therefore A grade forest roads are appropriate. MCC approval is subject to this condition. MCC expect the floating pier only to be there at 12 weeks of harvest time and not kept on the shoreline in Morvern at alternative times. MCC would also like to know what marine impact assessment has taken place. Feedback to be given to planners - Action AT
7. Broadband Outage. GP surgery has been off – unable to access medical results/letters in a timely way resulting in enormous additional workload to the surgery to ensure continuity of service. Community is unable to access ‘near me’ services. Key services are without communication. The outage has affected businesses, individuals and noted to be unacceptable. Kate Forbes has spoken to CEOs of Open Reach and BT. Members of the public agreed that it would be useful to invite a senior member of BT/openreach to understand what sustainable infrastructure can be put in place and try to secure a named senior contact when there is a problem. OFCOM also need to be informed. Noted that senior members

of complaints team from BT were also unable to find out more information. All agreed that

- a. Infrastructure needs to be fixed – ask for name via MSP office
- b. Explore what other community broadband options there might be
- c. Find out who is 'go to' person in BT and OfCOM via K Forbes office and Ian Blackford – I Thorber to send draft letter to MCC for AT to send to MSP/MP offices and a template letter to be available for community members to write individually - Action AT
- d. Dr Taylor will raise with healthboard

8. Recycling Bins are temporarily sited on the West Pier – business hub contractors now on site, potential sites were discussed. 2 preferred sites – beside social club or by ferry. Social club supportive but need to clarify land ownership around the public toilets. MG has spoken to the recycling officer at HC who will appraise the 2 sites for health/safety/emptying etc. It was thought preferable to move bins after work on the pier has been completed. Meeting advocated keeping the textile bin as well. Could the community please take their recycling to the bins on the West Pier and not leave on the former site.

9. Village tidy/grass cutting. A map has been developed to show what is meant to be covered by HCC, other land owners and what requires to be done. Subgroup formed and will draw up scope of work for interested contractors – action AR. In addition

-Ardtornish offered 1 day per week of time from an employee for 6 weeks -start date to be agreed.

-MCC to apply to hydro fund for additional £1k at Ardtornish annually . Discussion was held about other business's locally contributing including funds from MCC. - Discussion around mandatory services from HCC and it was thought that grass cutting was not therefore MCT would consider contributing.

-MCC will contribute £1K in 2020. MG to write to Ardtornish hydro fund and other businesses locally to see if they want to contribute. Noted that Marie Curie field of hope requires attention.

10. Village tidy up discussed – sailing club will potentially organise beach tidy on the same day. Date in September to be identified for scrub clearing. Saturday March 21<sup>st</sup> identified 10 -12 and/or 1-3 for litter pickup and general tidy. MG will contact Highland Council, Sarah (pta) and Keith to let the children know. Volunteers to be galvanised to come – action Kenny to organise event and obtain equipment. AM to book hall. The community noted and wanted to thank members of the community who are observed to be picking up litter every day.

11. Dail Mhor, Lochaber health & care. Dail Mhor working group met last week to discuss site. All invited to open day on 31<sup>st</sup> March 11am – 7pm to gather ideas. Partnership working with highland hospice for homecare packages are being explored. Respite bookings are good and lunch club going well. Homecare from Highland council for Morvern area noted to be poor and senior member of NHS Highland to be invited to a future meeting.

12. Community Plan - a workshop is planned for April and is being planned by MCC, MCDC and MCT. It was noted that there will be cross over with the feasibility work done for Killundine which can feed into the planning process. Date and details to be arranged - Action MG

13. Condition of road to cemetery in Drimnin - item to be carried over to next meeting.

14. AOB - MCC wanted to formally congratulate Keith Adams on his new year honour and also Helen Jones in her prize winning cooking.

Date and time of next meeting: Monday April 6th Lochaline Village Hall. May meeting to be booked in Drimnin.