

Morvern Community Council Meeting

7pm via ZOOM Monday 6th April 2019

Present: Morven Gemmill, Alasdair Firth, Angus Robertson, Annie Tordoff, Kenny MacLaughlin,

Members of the Public in attendance : Derek Lewis, Vaila Kennedy, Nick Tordoff (tech support), Jenni Hodgson, Sarah Jones, Councillor Andrew Baxter, Ally Nudds.

AGENDA

1. Previous minutes - agreed by email circulation
2. Resilience Plan and Morvern Community Support - KM/AT
 - a. Support service operational, 20+ volunteers for telephone duties, and 15+ practical volunteers.
 - b. Volunteers have laminated ID cards
 - c. Gloves and masks have been supplied and all volunteers inducted.
 - d. Many thanks to Henriette Laidlaw for populating the website with all the information.

AR proposed that the resilience group should be managed as a subgroup of the council, reporting to MCC, empowered to provide support and make quicker decisions. All agreed that would be the best way forward and use the now established Tuesday evening meeting. AT to co-ordinate group - Annie, Kenny, Angus, Sarah, Alasdair and others as required - Action AT.

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3. BT Broadband update

Letter received from Kate Forbes to state weather was a significant problem in fixing the broadband. Kitty Raven is liaising with Kate Forbes/Ian Blackfords office with the appointed case managers. Discussion held around the significance of having good broadband particularly in the current situation. Councillor Baxter agreed to support. All agreed that back up Dongles from Vodaphone were necessary as back up. Detail of how these will be funded and deployed to be agreed at the resilience group. Drimnin broadband is currently reliable but back up also needs to be considered. Resilience group could potentially have one account in the village - to be discussed at resilience meeting.

4. Community Zoom account

Now set up - community groups can use the meeting via Zoom@morvern.org . Leader of the groups will get a link to circulate for their meeting. Only one meeting can be held at time. Discussion held about having concurrent meetings and if it proves popular can be extended if schedule becomes crowded. Info to be published on the LA facebook page. - NT

5. Planning applications

No new applications. Be-ach plantation haul road discussed by AR in relation to Andrew Raven Woodland Settlement and supported . - Drimnin forest haul road and floating pier questions from MCC and answers from Drimnin discussed. MCC want to make sure that there is not a large stack of timber left on the shore in between collections. Drimnin confirmed that at the end of each harvest there will be no timber stacks left at the loading pier area. Traffic on B849 should be limited to initial dumper and medium weight excavator required to create infrastructure to enable heavier plant to come in by sea. It is planned that all future heavy plant including harvesting machinery will come by sea. 12 month access to be made available for walkers and cyclists. MCC in supports the application pending, conditional on all commitments made by Drimnin being upheld. Derek Lewis offered to update MCC as required during construction.

Discussion held about role of MCC in approving/disapproving planning applications. AB noted that there is also a role for community council to add comments. - for all MCC members.

6. Village Tidy - possible steps in current restrictions

Public encouragement to pick up odd bits of litter etc can be collected as part of people's daily exercise. - Action KM to publicise on FB. Discussion held about wider village clearing of brambles etc if this could be done whilst complying with national guidance and/or by local people through payment of an honorarium. Action - discuss with Angie Campbell - KM If supported by police resilience group to formulate a plan.

Public should be encouraged to pick up litter whilst they are taking their daily exercise

7. Police update

None - practice sessions on Zoom available for Angie and Kevin if helpful. 2nd home owners in the area discussed and agreed that, if MCC or resilience groups are approached by others , the public should ring 101.

Treasurers update

MCC has approximately £10K in bank much of which can be spent during the resilience period and , hopefully recovered through grant funding Grant applications will be made by Lilia to currently open bids- HIE/ Scottish Government/ Highland Council, also SSE and Foundation Scotland. All agreed that MCC should spend existing funds - claims for funds spent to go to AR as soon as possible. Council supported AR in pursuing funds.

Dail Mhor working group & Covid Planning

Working group meeting tomorrow. Residential care being provided currently (beds full) with no respite beds available. Lochaber NHS managers have been informed about our plans to date. but there is no information from NHS Highland about how NHS emergency plans will impact on our community. Andrew Baxter to advise who to contact at NHS Highland to ascertain how emergency will impact community plans.

Any other business

LQS - letters received and reply sent to mine. MCC fully support the mine; the steps they have taken during the pandemic and wish the mine staff ongoing good health.

Lochaber Domestic violence support service to be added to the information hub. Andrew Baxter to send details to Morvern CC

Killundine - application submitted prior to pandemic and will await outcome following current circumstances.

Mungosdail cemetery road - noted to be in poor state of repair. D. Lewis advised - Damage caused during construction works by Scottish Water's installation of an emergency generator at the water supply. Scottish Water have committed to repair damage when site works completed. D. Lewis committed to ensure this happens and agreed to keep MCC updated with progress on this.

How we communicate - given that there is no De Tha Dol? It was thought that we could produce a small newsletter - Action AF to develop with volunteers

Noted that school pen pals was working well - thank you to Lochaline Primary School and Annemie Shanks

Date and time of next meeting: Monday May 4th May 2020 via Zoom (tbc)

