

Morvern Community Council Meeting. Monday 3rd August

Attendees: Morven Gemmill, Martin Sampson, Annie Tordoff, Angus Robertson(chair), Alasdair Firth, Kenny McLaughlin. Keith Laidlaw.

Apologies: Andrew Baxter

1. Treasurer's Report:

MCC Treasurer's report for period to 06/07/2020		
	Balance at 1/6/2020	£8,359.80
INCOME	MCTC resilience costs to 30th June refunded by MCDC/MCTC/HIE	£2,201.70
EXPENDITURE	Nil	£0.00
	Balance at 6/7/2020	£10,561.50

- Minutes of last meeting approved by email. Matters arising: MCDC and MCC has prepared a report for HIE with a summary of spend to date. AT reported that she and Dr Taylor had met, and an initial meeting will take place with the practice and NHS Highland clinical leads with a further meeting to plan with MCC thereafter - timing tba. MG met with the council officer regarding the playground. Maintenance will be every fortnight. Village tidy - KM will check if any support for village tidy is still available at Ardtornish. MCC would like to thank and support any ongoing tidying of the village by local residents. **MG** to draft an EOI with input from AR to offer an ongoing contract to tender for ongoing maintenance in the village.
- Police Update - no update
- Resilience Group update- Group now meeting fortnightly and community helpline will be 9-1pm from Monday 10th Aug. Test & trace discussion held with Kate Forbes' office as advice from NHS inform has been inconsistent. Programme is improving and testing facilities are available in Fort William on a regular basis. If anyone is in doubt, please contact Morvern Medical practice who will be able to signpost (testing does not take place at the local surgery). Councillors noted that there have been reports of people not following guidance e.g. use of facemasks in shop and noncompliance in social distancing in local hotels etc around the wider peninsula. Visitor charter discussed. Through the resilience group, MCC will offer to host a meeting of those working in the tourist industry to facilitate sharing of experiences of those using the visitor charter and support those in the tourist industry. AT to send an invite, to those who previously attended, to our next resilience meeting on 18th August. Discussion held around planning for Covid resilience this winter - to be discussed at resilience group meeting at the end of August. AR has been in touch with the mine - All councillors agreed that we want MCC to continue to support Lochaline Quartz Sand and all other industries in Morvern, where we can.
- Planning applications - nil for Ward 21

6. Corran Ferry - No update since last meeting. KM contacted Murray Bain
7. Community Plan
 - We agreed our desired output for the plan - an inclusive strategy for the community, documenting our aspirations in all important fields which will assist in coordinating our available resources to best achieve our aim
 - We discussed how to get there. We agreed that in preparing the plan, independence is important as well as involving younger members of the community potentially in doing some of the work and/or through a steering group, which should be widely representative of all community interest groups.

Action: AT to draft a request for expressions of interest for a contract to work with the community to prepare such a report. The draft EOI to be circulated amongst councillors in Mid-August. Meanwhile AR to lead on work to secure finance for this project.
8. Killundine Update – AF updated the meeting along the lines of MCWs recently published Community update (De tha Dol?-August 2020). AF confirmed that MCWs were very keen to hold a ballot before the end of October working towards a ballot in October as this was important for the success of the project. The projected cost of the ballot had increased by £1200, for Covid related reasons. MCW are hopeful of getting this additional cost funded by Highland Council but AF asked if MCC would consider grant funding this. MCC discussed and agreed that it continues to support MCW's Killundine project, think that a ballot is a must, think that funding for the ballot should come from elsewhere, but would consider and grant application from MCW as a last resort and at a later date.
9. RSPB - Life bid, discussed at the last meeting, has been submitted. No update from RSPB with the proposed joint meeting with Sunart re Glencripesdale. It was noted that the woodland is currently owned by Scottish Government through SNH and that independent market valuation would be required before any transfer from State ownership.
10. AOB- MG proposed MCC facilitating supermarket delivery. It was noted that Morrisons have started to deliver to the area, although the service is currently oversubscribed. Click and collect also available.

Date and Time of next meeting 7th September 7pm