

Morvern Community Council

Meeting notes August 16th 2021 at 7pm

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Present: Annie Tordoff, Angus Robertson, Janette Cameron, Tom Finley, Douglas Taylor

Apologies - Morven Gemmill, Kenny McLaughlin, Members of the public attending: Derek Lewis, Keith Laidlaw, Peter and Gillian Llewellyn, Debbie Walter

1. AR welcomed everyone to the meeting. No declarations of interest noted.
2. AOB/matters arising
 - a. Electric car charging points- fast charger to be installed at the hub in the next couple of weeks. We have been surveyed by the Scottish Government funded initiative for a rapid charger which is likely to happen in the coming months. AR will report back to MCDC about the requirement to improve the cleanliness of the car. It is hoped that the car could be used to transport people by volunteer drivers for hospital appointments etc.
 - b. Electric bikes - MCDC are coordinating this initiative for Morvern but it was noted that the bikes will require maintenance.
 - c. Cal mac - Keith reported that there has been ongoing discussion about pier management and traffic not using the lanes correctly. Kate Forbes' office has been informed. Noted that Mull rally was likely to exacerbate traffic in the village. MCC to write to police to ask if there are traffic management plans in place.
Action AT
 - d. Community Plan- contract agreement underway with a view to starting our consultation at the end of September.
 - e. Village tidy- positive feedback about the improved tidiness of the village and thanks to Kevin and John. An application has been submitted to MCT to sustain the tidiness of the village and the soldiers well. It was discussed that local businesses might sponsor the tidy of particular areas and/or with support of local volunteers. MCC would like to thank all who have looked after particular areas of the village. Community members have emailed councillors about Ardtornish being able to maintain their own land in the village, including overgrown trees. Councillors agreed that the content of the letter to be sent to Ardtornish chairman and Hugh Raven - **Action TF.**
 - f. Path from the Hub to the school has been cleared thanks to Operation Raleigh volunteers.
 - g. Drimnin road - MCC understands that Highland Council has Drimnin road on a plan to be surveyed this year which is a requirement before the road is potentially included in a capital programme next year. However the relevant person has been very difficult to contact and slow to respond. MG will write to CEO of Highland Council to escalate the problem. AR to ask MG on behalf of councillors to pursue this. **ACTION MG.**
All councillors agreed that pursuing a weight limit for the Drimnin road and speed signs would be advantageous. Discussion held about implications for local members and business at Drimnin. All members of the community should phone police for any incidents on Drimnin road to help support the case for road improvement.
 - h. Hedges, trees and bracken are invading line of sight on some roads - Drimnin road, Morvern Crescent entrance and others- to be included in the letter to Highland Council. - **ACTION MG**

- i. DL suggested that local people could provide an overview survey of the road if helpful. DL reported that the pier at Auliston has been completed and ships will be coming in over the summer to take the timber out and bring in heavy plant.
 - j. School roll/update - school returns tomorrow with a new headteacher and principal teacher in place. JC to invite new teachers to join a meeting in the future and thanks to Keith and Sue for all their hard work over recent times. - **ACTION JC**
 - k. Memorial bench for Alasdair Scoular - MCC agreed to support the purchase of the bench for the family to maintain. Further discussion to be held with family **Action AR**
 - l. Climate change and climate resilience for emergencies in Morvern- all councillors agreed that this needs to be a key theme within the strategic community plan and all need to give thought to what specifically can be done in Morvern.
3. Village rubbish bins - Bins at pier are overflowing so whilst Highland Council have refused to provide more bins. Bins at pier are being used by camper vans coming off the ferry and by local people with large items to dispose of (to avoid trip to Fort William refuse centre) and the combination of both is causing the bins to overflow. AR requested that a letter to go to the rubbish department of Highland council with photographic evidence. - **ACTION AT** (with TFs photos)
4. Telephone box update - a number of suggestions for use of the telephone box have come forward including the idea of a gift box which changes each month. Gillian L offered to write up the idea and try to assess interest to take the idea forward. Tom offered to do a 'survey monkey' to further understand what ideas are most popular. **ACTION GL & TF** Repairs and accessibility of telephone box also require to be considered. It was noted that the position of the phone box is on the corner.
5. Planning applications
- a. Forestry - Drimnin & Carnacalliche - application received for forests to get accreditation. Approved
 - b. No objections for other applications received. (21/03407/PNO | Erection of shed (housing of animals and hay store) | Cala Lochaline Morvern Oban PA80 5XU , 21/03076/FUL | Erection of 6m telegraph pole for mobile communications | Land 455M NW Of The Studio Ardtornish Morvern , 21/03075/FUL | Installation of telegraph pole and ancillary equipment | Land 75M NW Of Ardness Lochaline Morvern) AT declared interest in relation to Drimnin broadband applications.
 - c. Social club extension of hours
 - i. Increase off sale opening hrs on Sunday to 11am (from 12.30). - no objections
 - ii. Add seasonal variation in relation to festive season - requires clarification before agreement- **action AT**
 - iii. Provisions of bar meals. - no objections -

Noted that Doctors Woods letter from MCC not publicly available - **action AT to check progress**

- 6. Police update - none received.
- 7. MCDC Update provided throughout the meeting - more detailed update next meeting
- 8. Treasurer's Report - see below

Date and time of future meetings - all agreed that in person meeting with ZOOM option was preferable. AT to book

13th September
11th October
15th November
13th December
17th January 2022

MCC Treasurer's report for period		
Opening Balance at:	12/07/2021	£11,667.57
INCOME	Nil	£0.00
EXPENDITURE	Nil	£0.00
Closing Balance at:	10/08/2021	£11,667.57