

Morvern Community Council 13th September 7pm
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Present: Angus Robertson, Tom Finley, Janette Cameron, Kenny McLaughlin, Morven Gemmill, Annie Tordoff, Sally Semple, Peter and Gillian Llewellyn, Keith Laidlaw, Gill Foulis, Jane Stuart Smith, Louise MacLean and Rebecca Morris (our new Lochaline primary school teachers)

Apologies: Douglas Taylor

1. AR welcomed everyone to the meeting - particularly Louise MacLean and Rebecca Morris from Lochaline primary school.
2. Minutes (agreed by email circulation) & matters arising
 - a. Community Plan - AT described that contract has been signed with Planning Aid Scotland (PAS), steering group set up representative of constituent organisations of MCT, MCDC & MCC. Next step is to appoint a Project coordinator whose contract will be with PAS. (2 applications received)
 - b. Drimnin road - Morven described that it has been extremely difficult to contact council officers and elected members over the last 3-4 months. Issue escalated and MG will be writing to the council leader, chief officer for roads and CEO of Highland Council. All agreed that escalating to senior officers was the appropriate next step. MG to draft a letter and send to AR before sending off.
 - c. School roll/update. AR welcomed our new teachers. Louise reported that pupil numbers will increase to 13 from 11 in the next couple of weeks and the nursery numbers will increase too. AR offered ongoing support from MCC in the future. Rebecca said that there will be a number of community projects in the future including nature conservation. Both teachers are very keen to engage the children in the forthcoming community planning exercise
 - d. Barr hydro scheme will be officially opening on 26th November hopefully with Kate Forbes in attendance.
 - e. Electric car charger has been delayed and date of arrival tbc.
 - f. The Doctor's wood housing application has been withdrawn.
 - g. New BT infrastructure work has been completed on Mull
 - h. New bins are at the pier with one extra and if anyone has larger household items to book those online via Highland Council.
 - i. The Morvern Practice was discussed and the meeting was informed that the practice contractually will be advertised - councillors proposed seeing the tender documentation to ensure documentation meets the needs of the community as discussed at the previous meeting with NHS Highland. AT to ask for tender information.
 - j. Phone box in village - Tom to update at a future meeting.
 - k. MG raised a question over commercial use of the Lochaline Old Pier. Noted that it is being used for old cars which may damage the pier, fishing, camper van parking etc. Councillors agreed that asking the Lochaline Old Pier Association and those who are involved how MCC could help might be helpful. - Action AR
 - l. Festive winter ideas - MG discussed potentially businesses getting together to plan for decorating the village for Christmas including a tree as well as lights on the lamp posts. GF said that outdoor carols are being discussed at Drimnin. JC suggested contacting Tobermory for ideas. All councillors supported Morven's suggestion of coordinating this. JC offered support.
 - m. A member of the public noted the recent successful landing of an emergency helicopter. Councillors thought we should ask emergency services which is

the designated landing area (thought to be Knock Park) and if anything needs to be done to maintain it.

- n. Grass cutting at Keil Church, war memorial and some bits of Torr na Farr discussed - action AR with MG
 - o. Games and Gala week consultation discussed and councillors have been notified of survey results. These will be shared with the local community this week. Discussion held about the responses of Morvern residents in particular and whether this information could be extrapolated. Public drop in sessions will be held in order for local people to find out more.
3. Planning applications
- a. Forestry Carnacalliche - no objections to this particular proposal but wider discussion held about the much needed diversity of forestry. Councillors agreed that contributing to the long term forestry plan is important.
 - b. No other new applications
 - c. NcNean Distillery, Drimnin. Sally Semple, as a member of the public, raised a question of the Council over the recently approved planning application for the distillery's proposed new malting barley store. She is concerned that the application is faulty in its interpretation of change of use. She has a personal interest in the current and previous use of part of the site and wants to be sure that everything is done correctly. The Community Council agreed to raise this concern by reporting a potential breach of planning control to the planning authority - **ACTION KM**. An additional concern was raised that the significantly increased malt storage capacity allowed by this development may add pressure on traffic and safety of the Drimnin road. This will be explored as part of our Drimnin Road campaign, once the outcome of the planning issue is determined.
4. Police update - PC Joan has been very responsive and kindly has offered support to manage traffic for Mull Rally and been in contact with Keith and Calmac. PC Joan will be monitoring the situation at Lochaline and Corran. Kate Forbes' office has also been informed and will be asking Calmac for their response to village traffic, and driver frustration, due to increase in ferry traffic. Morven to pass contact details for Mull Rally Committee to Keith.
5. MCDC Update
- a. Hydro scheme, hub and miners court all going well. Full minutes of all MCDC meetings will be available on Morvern.org. PL asked about the artwork competition that took place before the building was opened. Project is ongoing and yet to be completed. AR to check with MCDC Hub sub-group. Possible date for official opening might coincide with opening at Barr on 26th November.
6. Treasurer's Report - see below

Date and time of future meetings

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:	13/09/2021	£11,667.57

Financial Commitments @ 13/09/2021: Village tidy up(2021) £3,800 plus fuel etc costs. Also costs for Community Plan.