

## **Morvern Community Council meeting 9<sup>th</sup> September 2025, Lochaline Village Hall 7pm**

Present: Henriette Laidlaw (HL), Jenni Hodgson (JH), Douglas Taylor (DT), Rowan Willis (RW)

Apologies: Clara Montgomery (CM), Rob Capell (RC), Helen Jones (HJ), Miles Welsh (MW), Henry (Ardtornish)

Quorate: yes

Members of public: 1

1. No declarations of interest. The Board congratulates Clara and James with the birth of their baby girl. Warm welcome to Rowan Willis, our second youth councillor (**HL proposed, JH seconded**).
2. AOB requests: no
3. Matters arising
  - a. West pier: HL has spoken to MCDC re lodging community interest. Will be done when MCDC's articles have been changed to allow them to do it.
  - b. Beach access: Ardtornish are working on sorting out beach access.
  - c. Telephone box issue: ownership still not clear, but Attic has rota for cleaning it. Gillian will make sure that if any problems are noticed, it will be reported to Callum or Keith.
  - d. Corran ferry: HL has contacted the other community councils regarding giving carers priority access to the ferry. They all agree that this would be a good idea. **Action: HL** will send message on behalf of all Community Councils. (Stewards can implement this during summer, when it is most needed).
  - e. Japanese knotweed on Drimnin Road: no news from Highland Council (HC).
  - f. Maintenance of land Kirk Brae: no news from HC.
  - g. Public toilets by ferry: toilets are now in use again. MCDC had opened up Hub in meantime to provide service to passing traffic. MCC and MCDC will contact CalMac regarding the need for toilets and suggestions to improve the area around the ferry port (e.g. shelter around bins).
  - h. Pensioners Xmas lunch: HL and BJ will be meeting tomorrow. Happy to receive any ideas for the event. Want to make sure everyone gets the invite (not just Facebook, but proper invite). Primary school to be involved as well.
  - i. Wind farm: **Action: MW** to speak to MorVolts about possibilities for wind farm consultation.
  - j. Clearing of shrubland Lochaline:

- i. Ardtornish: has started to take down sycamores and some other bigger trees. **Action: HL** to contact Henry about what else will be done this season.
  - ii. Hazelwoods: tender has gone out locally for maintenance of Hazelwoods.
  - iii. Forestry Land Scotland: FLS have come back with a price for community to buy 2 pieces of land (allotment and near hazelwood). **Action: HL** to liaise with MCDC regarding possible land purchase.
- k. Roads: no update. Undergrowth on Drimnin Road now also needs to be addressed, as it is affecting visibility and road safety. Morven Gemmill has offered to take on the correspondence regarding the roads and be co-opted onto the Board. Decision: JH proposed, DT seconded.**
- l. Memorial benches on Morvern: HL spoken to landowners and Grassmen (re maintenance and installation costs). **Action: HL** to circulate example policy regarding memorial benches, for approval at next meeting.
4. Care homes – Dail Mhor update: After further conversations with new manager NHS Highland, Dail Mhor is being included in NHS Highland’s strategic plan for improving adult social care, which means we can be included in transformational funding.
5. Planning applications: None
6. MCDC update: No meeting last month.
7. Treasurer’s report: **Action: JH** to send thank you to MCT for their contribution to the Local Place Plan costs. **Action: JH** to order 2 poppy wreaths. **Action: HL** to meet with Kingairloch Hydro Fund, regarding possible funding.
8. AOB:
- a. Police posted information about young driver scheme on social media. Parents are encouraged to come as well. No date as yet, so keep an eye on FB.
  - b. Overly bright streetlights on Kirk Brae. **Action: HL** to contact HC again regarding dimming/switching off streetlights on Kirk Brae.
9. Other correspondence: no

Upcoming meeting dates:

14<sup>th</sup> Oct Lochaline Village Hall, 11<sup>th</sup> Nov (Zoom), 9<sup>th</sup> Dec Lochaline Village Hall