

DRAFT MINUTES

MORVERN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday 4th June 2015

Held 7.45pm Lochaline Village Hall

Present: John Hodgson (Chair/Acting Sec), Jenni Hodgson (Treasurer), R Capell, J G Casey, A Sinclair, and representatives from the Police (WPC AC and PC KS)		
1.	Introduction by Chairman: The Chairman welcomed and thanked all for attending.	Actions
2.	Apologies: Sarah Jones	
3.	Minutes of Meeting Wednesday 6th May 2015: Adoption of minutes Proposed Jenni H, Seconded JGC approved as correct and signed by Chair.	
4.	Matters Arising: (not otherwise on the Agenda)	
4.1	4.3 Adoption of Telephone Kiosks. Interest had been shown by Whitehouse Restaurant and Morvern Heritage Society in their adoption. A commitment will be sought for the upkeep of Kiosks in Lochaline, Drimnin and Larachbeg with a view to their adoption by the MCC.	JH
4.2	4.5 The issues of a dog roaming off the lead, and dog fouling, continues. PC Angela Campbell offered to ask Dog Warden to assist.	
4.3	5b.4 Petrol Pumps will be out of action 15 th June for up to three days whilst automated service is installed.	
4.4	11.1 Recycling containers; sign to be erected by Glass Recycling Containers stating that when bins are full, bottles are not to be left outside the containers and that other materials, eg paper, plastics not to be left at the site.	????
4.5	10.2 Footbridge at Drimnin; Public meeting to be held 17 June 2015 to progress the Reinstatement of Mungasdail Bridge. Estimated cost materials and labour £1,800 towards which Drimnin Community has raised £600. JGC proposed balance from MCC. JH counter-proposed £600 from MCC Common Good Fund, together with an undertaking that a further loan of £600 would be made available if required urgently but that "Reinstatement of Mungasdail Bridge" Committee should request remaining £600 grant from Morvern Community Trust – a request which MCC would support. This counter-proposal was approved <i>nem.con</i> .	
5	Reports:	
5.1	A meeting had been held 11 th May with Lochaline Harbour Users and Ross MacDonald, Area Harbour Board, at which the future of Lochaline Ferry was discussed, and implications if current CalMac service were to be taken over by Serco. It was noted that when Serco took over North-East Island ferry routes they had cut staff by 40% and reduced the service by 33%, at the same time offering Islander discounts.	
5.2	MCDC Petrol Pumps; Approval for automated service given by Merchant Services; on 15 th June pumps will be out of service for three to four days whilst tanks are cleaned and necessary wiring installed.	
5.3	MCDC Rural Housing Development; Feasibility studies ongoing into potential sites identify areas behind petrol pumps, at Steading at Morvern Crescent, and on land at Dail Rannoch.	
5.4	MCDC / MCTC; Lochaline Harbour (pontoons) re-opened in Spring and is being well utilised.	
5.5	MCDC Hydro-electricity; consideration of sites at Barr and Achafors is ongoing.	
5.6	Police Report: (A Campbell) Morvern remains crime free.	

5.7	No sheep worrying reported though some believed to occur.	
5.8	Threatened dog abduction in Strontian area was successfully thwarted.	
5.9	Road Safety ... Roadpainting anticipated in Strontian area; MCC to request roadpainting in Morvern to coincide, including "Slow / 30mph" entering Lochaline, and white middle-of-road line at road-bend at Keil. Also suggested to ask HC for a road sign at Kingairloch road end to avert drivers following satnav which directs via coast road to Lochaline instead of Carnoch Bridge route.	JH
6	Corran Ferry Update: Jenni H described Ward Forum Meeting 18th May in Strontian as very positive. William Gilfillan, Director of Community Services represented HC and represented 10-year figures. The need for a full Socio-Economic Impact report was accepted. Input of ideas to solve financial problems	
7	Planning Applications: No issues to discuss	
8	Financial Report. MCC General Fund stands at £10,736.96; MCC Common Good Fund at £7,287.51	
9	Correspondence.	
9.1	Highland Archaeology Services Ltd; info re services offered including community project development, planning advice re historic buildings/archeology, development of local historic trails/walks, interpretation signage, heritage craft events, accessing grant funding.	Jenni H
9.2	Feis Nan Garbh-Chriochan requested financial support; MCC agreed to donate £100 this year in recognition of this being the Feis' 25 th Anniversary.	
9.3	Erskine charity; MCC agreed to donate £50	
10	Any other business: Councillors AS noted that Lochaline resident Toby Roff, frequently seen cycling across Morvern, takes it upon himself to pick up any litter found on the way. MCC extend their thanks for this fine example of community spirit.	
11	Any Other Business: Members of the Public None	
12	Date and Venue of Next Meeting: 7.30pm, Thursday 2 nd July 2015, Lochaline Village Hall	
	There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9pm	
	Signed: John Hodgson (Chairman) 2 nd July 2015.	