

MORVERN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Draft minutes of meeting held at Lochaline Village Hall on Monday 1st April 2019 at 7.00pm

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Present: Martin Sampson (Chair), Alasdair Firth (Secretary), Sally Semple (Treasurer). Iain Thorburn (Cllr) and 4 members of the public.

Apologies: Cllr Andrew Baxter. PC Angela Campbell

1. Minutes of Last Meeting:

Approved subject to minor changes: Cllr Andrew Baxter and PC Angela Campbell were not present, and both had sent their apologies. Proposed SS seconded AF

2. Appointment of Minutes Secretary.

It was agreed to advertise for a person to take and distribute the minutes of MCC meetings. A short discussion was had about the remuneration, particularly in the light of the severe cut in the community council admin allowance from Highland Council. The view was taken that MCC would advertise the position at a rate £35.00 per meeting to gauge interest. Any printing costs would be additional. AF would produce and distribute notices.

3. Update on MCC contact and e-mail addresses.

AF has set up a new account on morverncc@gmail.com which will be the main MCC contact e-mail and will circulate the passwords again to relevant persons. The btinternet account will still be operational during a transition phase.

4. Co-options to MCC.

There are still 2 places available on the council for people wishing to participate. AF will advertise for people who may be interested. It was discussed and noted that it would be good to have representation from Lochaline village as it is the largest settlement on the peninsula, and also if possible from wider community.

5. MCC representatives on MCDC.

AF is already an MCC director. At the last meeting MS had asked IT if he would be interested in being the other director. IT agreed to stand as the second director on MCDC for MCC.

6. Highland Councillor Report.

AB had sent his apologies. AF asked if anyone had made the Corran Ferry meeting. Unfortunately no one had, as we had missed the notification due to setting up the new MCC systems and communications.

7. Police Report

Nothing new reported.

8. Finance.

There has been no expenditure since the last meeting. SS is dealing with the bank and getting the accounts together for the year end and hopes to update the council at the next meeting and AGM. It had been noted at the last meeting that DF recommended caution in donating MCC balance to MCT until the sources of MCC money had been consulted.

9. Proposed Joint Community Strategy Plan for MCT, MCDC, MCC.

A discussion was held in the light of Dot Ferguson's apparent enthusiasm at the last meeting.

MS to contact DF and find out what professional help, experience or funding may be available.

10. Roads.

The meeting learnt from councillors and members of the public that lorries related to forestry activities continue to go through the village. The road between the main haul road on the B849 and the entrance to Kirk Brae is in a shocking state as a result. Timber lorries have also been using the B849 from the Savary and Wishing Stone forest roads and the road is degrading rapidly as a result. IT also stated that the A884 is also suffering badly particularly in the White Glen, as a result regular use by vehicles far heavier than its design capacity.

AF is to write to tech services outlining the issues with a request for action to be taken.

11. Planning.

One item of planning: Settlement ponds at Glensanda quarry. IT declared an interest and took no part in the discussion. The meeting agreed to make no comment at this stage.

12. Correspondence. One item from a community group on Skye seeking support to oppose Highland Council spending £170,000 on a proposed airport on Skye, when there were many more pressing issues. The meeting decided it was for the people of Skye to decide.

13. AOB.

Jenny Hodgson updated the meeting on the situation with Daill Mhor and the latest community meeting. Many thanks to Jenny.

It was agreed that SS would attend and report for the council with this group.

IT raised the issue of a register of interests for the councillors. There were no objections, and AF said that he would circulate a generic form of the type which he uses.

There was a discussion surrounding the archiving of MCC documents as there seemed to be a considerable quantity, and members had little space available. MS to speak to DF.

14. Date of Next Meeting.

6th May Lochaline Village Hall.