

MORVERN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Draft Minute of Meeting held at Lochaline Village Hall on Monday 4th March 2019 at 7pm

Present: Dot Ferguson, Highland Council (Chairman); Alasdair Firth; Martin Sampson; Sally Semple; Iain Thornber

Apologies: Andrew Baxter (Highland Councillor)

1. **Welcome** – the Chairman welcomed those present and thanked the Community Councillors for undertaking a key role in the community. All present confirmed they were content to share their e-mail addresses with each other.

2. **Overview of Scheme of Establishment and roles / responsibilities of Community Councillors** – a comprehensive discussion about the existing Scheme of Establishment took place as well as on the review of the Scheme which has just been launched. Further information on the following is to be provided by Highland Council:

- personal liability of Community Councillors – is this the same for Highland Councillors?
- existing insurance schedule to be circulated, particularly noting that it will now be for each CC to arrange its own cover with Zurich (or other provider)
- links to Scheme review to be circulated
- contacts for further information on Local Plans (for possible creation of a community plan) plus planning applications (for support from Planning Team Leader)
- GDPR document to be circulated
- Contact to be made with previous Secretary / Treasurer for most recent Minutes and financial information
- The Chairman confirmed she was happy to help at any time both in relation to specific Community Council issues, but also in terms of wider community engagement, priority planning etc (Morvern Trust governing document to be shared (if found) in order to help with future community engagement)
- Noted that the CC grant for 2019/20 is anticipated to be around £450

3. **Call for nominations for appointment of Chairman**

Martin Sampson – proposed by Sally Semple, seconded by Alasdair Firth
Iain Thornber – proposed himself, no seconder

Martin Sampson appointed as Chairman.

4. **Handover to duly elected Chairman**

- a. Call for nominations for appointment of Vice Chair – decided not to appoint at this time
- b. Call for nominations for appointment of Secretary – Alasdair Firth – proposed by Sally Semple, seconded by Martin Sampson

- c. Call for nominations for appointment of Treasurer – Iain Thornber - proposed by Martin Sampson, but role was declined. Sally Semple proposed herself, seconded by Martin Sampson

It was noted that office-bearers can be re-elected or otherwise at the next AGM (to be held before the end of June)

5. Set the Date/Time of the next meeting

The next meeting will be held at 7pm on Monday 1st April in the Village Hall, Lochaline.

Establishment meeting concluded.

A short meeting was held after the establishment meeting to consider a draft agenda for the next Community Council meeting, as follows:

- minutes of last meeting of previous MCC
- co-options to MCC (2 places available)
- MCC financial reserves and their allocation
- consultation with MCT/MCDC/local community
- MCC representatives on MCDC
- roads (weight/speed limits on Drimnin road)
- planning
- aob

Discussion also took place around advertising meetings in advance (notices, Lochaline facebook page and morvern.org) and future meeting dates (meetings planned for April, May and June and TBD after this).

A minutes secretary is required and the council will be looking for applications for this. The councillors agreed that this position will be paid per meeting at a reasonable rate.

Following the meeting a new email address: morverncc@gmail.com was set up and should be used for future correspondence with the council.