

Morvern Community Council
Notes of meeting held Monday September 7th 2020 7pm by ZOOM
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Present: Cllrs: Kenny McLaughlin, Annie Tordoff, Alasdair Firth, Morven
Gemmill, Angus Robertson (Chair)
Sue & Stuart Layton, Councillor Andrew Baxter, Linda Martin

1. Welcome including updates from last month. MCC agreed to send letter to Ardtornish regarding woodland planting (action AR/AM). BT openreach informed MCC that upgraded broadband is on schedule for implementation during September. Minute of the last meeting was discussed and noted it was omitted to acknowledge the contribution of the local shop which is very much appreciated. During subsequent discussion it was noted that there are deliveries coming to the area from supermarkets.
2. Minutes (agreed by email circulation) & matters arising
3. Treasurer's report

MCC Treasurer's report for period to 03/09/2020		
	06/07/2020	£10,561.50
INCOME	None during this period	£0.00
EXPENDITURE	None during this period	£0.00
	Balance at 3/9/2020	£10,561.50

4. Date of MCC AGM - date set for November 2nd . Kirsty McIntyre has kindly agreed to prepare accounts in advance of the meeting.
5. Police update

COVID- 19

Over the recent weeks there has been a rise in the daily positive tests and we are seeing an increase in the Highlands which is concerning. Please adhere to the guidelines and regulations that are put in place by shops and licensed premises and complete any Contact/Trace paperwork that is there. We have done so well to keep the virus away from all the peninsulas and we want to keep it that way so lets keep doing the right things well!

THEFTS

In the wider Lochaber area (the other side of Loch Linnhe) and other areas of the Highlands there has been an increase in vandalism and thefts from cars, caravans, sheds etc, certainly several in Fort William over the weekend. I know a lot of people think that it won't happen to me or because of where we live we are safe from that sort of crime but we are not. It can happen anywhere, so please keep your cars, vans, tractors etc secure if you are not using it. Lock your houses and your sheds and outbuildings and do not leave expensive equipment out.

New Police Officer

PC Joan MacIver starts working in the area on the 14th September. MCC would like to welcome PC Joan MacIver to her new role.

6. Resilience Update. 10 x 5 litres of sanitiser to be ordered. Rota to be emailed weekly. Clarity to be sought on longevity of funding and if it could be used for health intervention - **action MG**.
7. Corran Ferry - no update. To be included in MCC agenda 6 monthly rather than monthly. Cllr Baxter informed the meeting that that capital funding had not yet been confirmed for the project.
8. Planning Applications
 - a. **Ref Number** 20/02533/FUL **Application Type** Full Application **Validation Date** 18/08/2020 **Grid Reference** 167844 744651 **Description of Works** Change of use of part of part of the community building to incorporate a cafe of up to 16 covers

Discussion held about the viability of numbers of covers, particularly in the light of COVID restrictions, MCC noted that the business model is responsibility of people running the leased business and that MCDC will be responsible for financial sustainability of the hub. AF/MG to discuss with MCDC at next meeting. Whilst MCC councillors wanted to ensure longevity of a cafe the community council supported having a cafe in the centre of the village.

9. Community Plan - expression of interest. Finalised document reviewed and Cllrs to send names of people to AT by Thursday 10th September as well as advertise through a public contract portal to ensure fair process of recruitment.
10. Meeting with RSPB and Sunart CC - agreed to have 30 mins at start of meeting in October. AT to inform RSPB
11. AOB - Communication between MCC and MCDC. MG proposed having a standing agenda item of MCDC updates on MCC agenda to improve communication to the community and as a way in which the community can feed back via MCC reps on MCDC. All supported this proposal. AR thanked AF and MG for thinking through how communication can be improved with timing of meetings and councillor elections to MCDC etc. It was also noted that paper based updates can be made available if needed.
12. Crown estate funding. The Highland Council allocation of funding was discussed and all agreed that MCC should act to ensure that the council follow Scottish Government Guidance to ensure benefit to coastal communities. Lochaber under proposed arrangements are likely to lose over £130K and Inverness area will gain. MCC supported Cllr Baxter in pursuing better localised funding for coastal areas and consider how this revenue could be devolved more locally. MCC agreed to write to Margaret Davidson (Leader Council) and Highland council CEO, our MSP and MP prior to 9th September. Action AT/AR.
13. Letter in De tha Dol regarding community councils - AT to circulate.

