

Present: Councillors Angus Robertson (chair), Tom Finlay, Annie Tordoff, Morven Gemmill, Douglas Taylor, Kenny McLaughlin
Sue & Stu Layton, Peter and Gillian Llewellyn, Sally Semple, Sarah Jones, Keith Laidlaw, Jenni Hodgson
Apologies Janette Cameron, Shonah Wood

- Welcome - Angus welcomed everyone to the meeting
- No declarations of interest noted.
- AOB
 - a. Noted that there are Lot of deer on the road between 4 miles past Carnoch towards Inversanda noted that Tom had a recent car accident as a result- Deer management committee to be informed. **Action AT** to write to Deer Management group
 - b. Sheep in the play park causing a mess within the park. KM reported that they are sheep who are very familiar with the area and will be removed. A spring has been put on the gate. MCC would like to thank the fencers who came down to the village to sort the issue. **AT** to write to thank.
 - c. SSE hole in Torr na Farr. Hole which has been left open has been filled but not covered in tarmac. It is anticipated that SSE will finish the job.
 - d. MG reported that parents are concerned that school roll will fall and predicted to be as low as 6 in next couple of years which is of concern to everyone in the community. MG encouraged parents to join MCC. School to be a regular agenda item.
 - e. Fire brigade is currently recruiting. Please contact Rhian Evans if anyone is interested to find out more.
 - f. Sally Semple discussed a dispute around parking arrangements at Drimnin estate which has been a legal issue between Sally and Drimnin Estate and has reached Fort William Sheriff Court to reconcile. Sally highlighted that this will not affect any other parking arrangements e.g. at Distillery etc.
- Minutes (agreed by email circulation) & matters arising
 - a. Drimnin cemetery road. MG reported that MCC have written to the council who are now in discussion with Derek Lewis to find a way to ensure its maintenance and suitable access is kept up. Mr Lewis is also in discussion with Scottish Water to regularise their right of access. MCC will continue to keep the community updated
 - b. A number of local residents joined the meeting to voice serious concerns over the use of the Drimnin road. It was noted that a large stone crusher (estimated weight 52 tonnes), which used the Drimnin road (MAM contractors) on its way to Drimnin estate on Sunday 11th, came off the road and blocked it for 4 hours. The verges have been ruined by the latest incident around Fiunary. 3 wagons have gone off the road recently and it has been noted that large vehicles are driving too fast on the road increasingly causing damage. Also noted that a tractor is driving too fast each day along the road presenting danger to children and cyclists. MCC have written to the roads department and are awaiting a response. Speed and weight restriction limits may now be required. Also noted that, on all Morvern's roads drivers of timber and other commercial vehicles are driving too fast and not respecting other road users or use of passing places MG agreed to lead on Drimnin road issues to speak

to relevant companies and seek advice from Policy Scotland and elected councillors. **Action MG**

- c. Community Plan- EOI sent out and likely that 2 providers will be submitting proposals. Steering group with reps from MCT, MCC and MCDG set up. MCC will be signatory for an awarded contract once a partner is selected. **AT and DT** will keep MCC updated.
 - d. Village tidy. Ardtornish unable to support ongoing village tidying. Discussion held about area opposite surgery and what the contractual obligation for Macgregors is on completion of the village hub. It was noted that MCDG has confirmed that the contractors will landscape the area on completion to leave it safe, neat and tidy. Lengthy discussion held about this as the area has been noted to be an eyesore for over a year. Ardtornish (landowner) have reported that they wish the area to be left neat and tidy on completion of this project. MCDG reps and MCC to review paperwork and clarify contractors obligations. **ACTION MG/KM** MCC will encourage people to put ideas forward for this area when the community plan consultation is underway.
 - e. MG is going to contact Dot Ferguson to check the tidying schedule and will map against what needs to be done. MG to collate local maps and ascertain what landowners can do for the land they own. Potentially a litter pick will be organised pending lifting of restrictions. Noted that the Marie Curie field of hope needs a regular contract for maintenance (owned by CMAL). Keith Laidlaw agreed to raise at the next liaison meeting (date to be confirmed). **Action Keith** It was noted that the standard of trimming on low roads was suboptimal which MG agreed to discuss with Highland Council. **Action MG/KM**
 - f. Succession planning for primary care medical services. AT and AR met with 5 members of Highland health board. It was agreed that a public meeting will be held in July to discuss what the succession arrangements will be. In order to make the most of the meeting in July it was agreed to hold a pre-meeting with the clinical lead within the next few weeks so that potential models of care can be presented. - **Action AT to arrange**
 - g. The new houses will be called Miner's Court - no objections have been recorded. AT to let Highland council know - **ACTION AT**
- Treasurer's report (see below). Also noted that 2021 AGM will be held in June 2021 to meet Highland Council AGM deadline.
 - Planning applications
 - a. Nil of note
 - Resilience Update - Sanistier stations refilled and resilience group formally disbanded knowing that it can be resurrected if needed. MCC would like to thank all volunteers throughout the pandemic. Sarah Jones and Kenny will review visitor charter - **ACTION KM and SJ**
 - Police update - None
 - MCDG Update
 - a. Barr hydro scheme on track and ongoing maintenance being finalised
 - b. Village Hub on track, hopeful that the cafe facility will be operational later this season. The retail outlet is progressing well.
 - c. Discussions took place at length regarding the succession plan with MCDG, these discussions will be ongoing.
 - d. The guys at the harbour are working hard to ensure that it is ready to welcome visitors when allowed.
 - e. MCDG are in discussion with HC regarding the ownership of the public toilet facilities.

Date and time of future meetings (currently booked via ZOOM)

May 17, 2021 19:00

Jun 14, 2021 19:00 including AGM

Jul 12, 2021 19:00

Aug 16, 2021 19:00

MCC Treasurer's report for period to 10/02/2021 to 31/03/2021		
Opening Balance at:	10/02/2021	£11,318.90
INCOME	Highland Council BACS Payment	£448.67
EXPENDITURE	NIL	£0.00
Closing Balance at:	31/03/2021	£11,767.57