

Minutes (unapproved) of the Meeting held on 11th October, 2005 in the Community Hall at 7.30pm

Present : Murdo Finlayson, Ishbel Ferguson, Ruairdh Cameron, Jonathan Hedges, Annie MacDonald, Gerry McPartlin.

Apologies: Councillor Ewen MacKinnon.

Four members of the public and PC Campbell.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

These were approved. Proposed by Murdo Finlayson, seconded Ruairdh Cameron.

Treasurer's Report

Receipts: interest-£1.87

Balance: £2066.57

Matters arising from previous minutes

Housing Sites :

Robin Phillips will attend the next meeting (November) to explain the results of the Housing Needs Survey.

Wild Camping around the bay :

Following an investigation by a member of the Community Council it was confirmed that the area around the head of the bay is subject to Article 4 Directions: prohibiting camping but encouraging appropriate use of the land, such as picnicking. However it was felt that this would be difficult to enforce.

'Dead' telegraph poles :

BT has not yet started work.

Rubbish at Toscaig :

A notice is to be served by SEPA for the removal of the rubbish. Alistair MacLeod made the comment that instead of being contacted initially about the problem, the Community Council had first contacted SEPA. The Community Council apologised for this.

www.applecrosscommunity.org.uk :

The Community Council would like to state that while they fund the costs of hosting the site, the site was created and is maintained at no cost.

Sheep in the Hall Playground :

Councillor MacKinnon is to be asked for an update at the next meeting.

Agenda Items

Improvements to Clachan Church :

Alistair McCowan has volunteered to survey the church and estimate the sum needed for a complete renovation of the building. Richard Wills has been contacted and is going to investigate possible sources of funding for the work. This would need to be alongside fundraising by the community.

It was also suggested that after the initial remedial work is completed that the building would benefit from cleaning.

Recycling and composting :

There was concern that there was no paper recycling in the village and that the current green glass container was full. Highland Council are to be contacted.

Training is available on how to use the new compost bins effectively. A date is to be arranged.

Public Toilets :

Money is available to expand the provision of toilets in the area. Councillor MacKinnon is to be asked about the practicalities.

Out of hours nursing service :

The Community Council has been informed by NHS Highland that “from 1st October 2005 Community Nurses will be on call only when indicated by the needs of patients who require terminal care. The Community Nursing Service will be available 7 days per week, but between the hours of 5pm and 9am it is envisaged that calls to the Community Nursing Service will be directed to NHS 24. NHS 24 will prioritise calls, identify and inform the appropriate health professionals to respond to the needs of the patient. In this area, response will be from the Ambulance Service or GP out of hours service.

The Midwifery Out of Hours Service is currently being reviewed and women will be informed of any changes by their midwifery team as part of their antenatal care in due course.”

Dr Cargill is to be contacted for her views on the implications of changes to the Out of Hours Midwifery Service.

Subsidised bus service :

There is the possibility of a subsidised bus service being introduced in the area. This is to be investigated further. Concern was noted that any demand for further public transport provision should not affect the Community minibus or the Postbus.

Water tap at Toscaig :

This is getting damaged due to the housing preventing the filling of containers without twisting the tap. Councillor MacKinnon to be contacted regarding this.

Thanks to retired council members :

A tea is to be organised at the Community Hall to thank retired council members.

Any Other Competent Business**House sites :**

Dudley Barnes asked for and received the support of the community council in his wanting to find an affordable house site to build on in the area.

Planning application in Toscaig :

In the community council's opinion there would be no negative impact on the community from the proposed plans.

Availability of Broadband :

The community council would like to hear from those who cannot access broadband. Please contact Jonathan on 755350.

Next meeting: Tues 8th November at 7.30pm in Applecross Community Hall.

Agenda points to the Secretary by 1st November please.
