

Applecross Community Council Meeting

Held via Zoom

MINUTES (Unapproved) – Tuesday 20 October 2020, 8pm

Present:, Julie Baird, Ali Brown, Ewen Gillies, Jon Glover, Sarah Paramor

1. Apologies: Jacqueline Liuba, Councillor Alex MacInnes

2. Future Meeting Date: Tuesday 10 November 2020, 8pm via zoom

3. Minutes of previous meeting: proposed by EG; seconded by JG

ACTION: SP to circulate to those members of the council who had not been able to attend.

4. Treasurer's Report

Opening balance: £3,836.72

Closing balance: £3,836.72

5. Winter Resilience

The level of council work on the Bealach looked set to be the same as in past years.

ACTION: JG to request grit for all townships, especially for the homes of older residents, and for the shop and surgery.

6. Tourism Group

Dumping of rubbish: It was noted that kitchen waste had been dumped by the coast road and, following guidance from Animal Health, the livestock in the area could not be moved for a number of weeks.

ACTION: The community council would recommend that the bins that were removed during the summer be replaced for the time being, and the issue be revisited in spring.

Litter sweep: The possibility of this being added to the role of the ranger was discussed, along with the possibility of the community council contributing towards the cost of this. The Highland Council's Coronavirus resilience fund might be another source of funding, as well as local businesses. Might campervan hire companies also contribute?

Bottle banks: the possibility of moving these to the public car park was raised; if not, it was felt that signage to indicate where to find the bottle banks would be useful to visitors. **ACTION:** JG to speak to Jess Whistance at the Tourism Group.

7. Postal Service

AB explained the current situation, in which the number of people able to sort mail was reduced by Coronavirus restrictions; it was also not possible to train new staff as they were not able to share a vehicle.

8. AOB

Bealach signage: The Highland Council were due to replace the Tornapress sign. The possibility of having a replica sign at the Applecross end of the Bealach was discussed.

Meeting Closed: 8.54 pm