

Applecross Community Council Meeting

Held via Zoom

MINUTES (Unapproved) – Monday 28 September 2020, 8pm

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

1. Apologies: Jacqueline Liuba

Mackenzie Sutherland of Highland Council also extended his apologies.

2. Future Meeting Date: Tuesday 13 October 2020, 8pm via zoom

3. Bealach and parking JG had been in communication with Mackenzie Sutherland of the roads department regarding motorhome access and parking on The Street. It would be possible to put single or double yellow lines on The Street; a traffic order would be required to change the rules on motorhomes using the Bealach.

The possibility of adding white boxes outside the houses on The Street was discussed.

ACTION: Informal consultation to be conducted with homeowners on The Street.

ACTION: JG to invite Iain Moncrieff (Road Operations Manager) and Mackenzie Sutherland to the next ACC meeting.

Alex MacInnes confirmed that Alison Clark would be returning to the car parking/management/benefit initiative.

4. Treasurer's Report

Opening balance: £3,399.28

Closing balance: £3,836.72

A Highland Council grant of £427.44 had been received.

5. Update on Tourism Group

JG updated the council on the Tourism Group. Signs had gone up around the Bay; bins had been removed from various locations; work had been done to create barriers along the side of the Bay area of the road; Applecross Trust had appointed a warden for a 6-week trial period. The Trust was reportedly pleased with the results of these actions.

There seemed to be less litter at the head of the Bay, the warden had worked well and it was hoped this post would be reinstated early next season.

It was agreed that concrete data on the number of campervans and vehicles would be useful. Estimates ranged from 180 to 250 per day.

Alex MacInnes mentioned that the Highland Council Tourist Committee meeting on 14 October would lead to papers and further consultations.

6. Covid Response update

JG reported that this was starting to wind up, although there was potentially more funding in the pipeline.

7. Helipad update

JG reported that this was in the planning permission phase, which was being managed by Applecross Trust. The funding was essentially in place.

8. Bealach signage

As there was still no replacement sign at the foot of the Bealach, it was agreed that the council would look at temporary signage as it was felt this was a safety issue. **ACTION:**

SP and JB to collaborate on potential wording/symbols. **ACTION:** AB to speak to Highland Council about existing sign.

9. Alt na moine hydro

In original discussions, Applecross Trust had negotiated with E.ON a £5K contribution to the community fund. The Highland Council guidance on best practice suggested a £5K contribution per megawatt, and that negotiations should be directly with the community.

ACTION: JG to raise a note on the planning application.

10. Any Other Business

Ali Brown wanted to express the council's thanks to the road workers around the coast. Following a road traffic accident, they had put sand on the road and made signs to warn oncoming traffic. This was greatly appreciated.

Meeting Closed: 9.30 pm