

Maryburgh Community Council

Minutes of the meeting held Wednesday 30th August 2017 at 7.30pm at MAC

Present:

Morris Colven (MC) Jenny MacLennan (JM) Tom Thomas (TT), Andrew Steel (AS) John Linley (JL), Cllr Graham Mackenzie (GM), Cllr Angela Maclean (AM)

Apologies for non attendance were tendered by Liz Sinclair, Andrew Matheson, Councillors Margaret Paterson and Alister MacKinnon and Sgt Martyn Turner (Police Scotland - unable to attend due to duty commitments)

1. Chairperson's Remarks.

The Chairman opened the meeting, welcoming and thanking those present for their attendance and accepting the apologies of those unable to attend.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting were duly confirmed and adopted. Proposed by JL, seconded by AS.

3. Police Report.

Sgt Martyn Turner was unable to attend due to being on duty at the time of this meeting, however the Police Report covering the period from 30th June to 28th August was circulated to those with email access and further copies were available at the meeting. A total of 1007 incidents for the whole of the Wester Ross and Black Isle areas, with only 17 in the Maryburgh area during the above period regarding under age drinking, minor drug related offences and several road traffic related offences the figures provide a strong indication that we are not inundated with hardened criminals and long may it continue. There were no further calls which would have any community impact. Inspector David Ogilvie previous advice was reiterated, requesting that residents remain vigilant regarding bogus callers. Either those 'in person' seeking 'work' at your premises or on the phone requesting your bank details etc. Banks or other reputable companies will never ask for your PIN over the phone, so never disclose it to anyone over the phone. If any 'dubious callers' appear at your premises, contact police, preferably with a description of them and if they have a vehicle, that too would help. If possible, note the registration number – but only if it is safe to obtain it without putting yourself at any risk to do so.

4. Matters Arising

With regard to **Action Point 01/17** the Treasurer had completed and submitted the application form to Highland Council in order to formalise the money to be allocated to MAC. The funds have been ring fenced for use as and when they will be required by MAC. This AP being complete is therefore closed.

Action Points 02/17, 03/17 and **04/17** still await further updates, which will hopefully be dealt with, bringing them to satisfactory closure at the September CC meeting. **Action Point 05/17** which relates to the old 'Roundabout' bank account with the TSB is also expected to be completed by September, but until such time as all changes are duly confirmed, this will also remain 'open'.

5. MAC Update

The business plan having been submitted to the HC before the asset board meeting in June, no further feedback had been received from HC. Meetings had taken place between Jane Menzies the finance director and Diana Budge, who will be handling daily banking and invoicing. The current priorities were to ensure good structure in place for day to day running of the amenities, Lisa Nicholls having been appointed as the new facilities manager. Quotes for new accountants were being solicited as the cost this year was much higher than expected.

6. Financial Report.

Having only recently assumed the role of Treasurer, Jenny expects to fully be hands on with the finances and prepare a current summary of our account at the next meeting.

7. Correspondence

Two items of correspondence had been received.

1. The Leanaig Centre committee meeting and 2. A Highland Council Survey. Details of both were circulated by email. There were no issues upon which a consensus of opinion from MCC was needed and members were invited to submit their own personal comments if they had strong feelings regarding any particular issues.

8. New Business.

No new business items were raised.

9. AOCB.

Ben Wyvis School Parent / Teacher Council require 4 volunteers – preferably parents, although grandparents were also eligible, to act as Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. Should volunteers not be forthcoming for these roles, the likelihood is that the schools Parent / Teacher Council would disband.

10. Date of next meeting.

Wednesday 27th September 2017 at 7.30 pm in the Portacabin

ACTIONS REQUIRED FOR NEXT MEETING

Action Point Ref Date Raised	Issue Arising	Action Required	Responsibility	Remarks
AP02/17 22 Feb 2017	Crash Barrier at junction Dunglass Rd/Back Rd	Highland Council responsible for installation	Cllr Mackenzie to follow up (See item 7b March Minutes)	Awaits update. Cllr Mackinnon to make further enquiries (First raised 2015)
AP03/17 22 Feb 2017	Railway Stile Crossing at foot of Stuarthill Drive	Stile x-ing to be replaced by Gated x-ing as this is a public right of way.	Abelio/Scotrail Cllr Mackenzie liaising (See item 7c March Minutes)	Awaits update (First raised 2016)
AP04/17 29 Mar 2017	Dunglass Road Overgrowing Verge between j/w Rosshill Drive towards Maryburgh for approx 100 m	Highland Council to undertake removal of excess growth	Highland Council (See item 8a March Minutes)	Cllr Mackinnon to make enquiries as to when/if this can be implemented within the current financial year.
AP05/17 26 Apr 2017	Old 'Roundabout' dormant bank account	Enquiries into 'Roundabout' old bank account/residual funds	LS	LS to contact the existing signatories in order to attend the TSB to close the existing account and open a new one at a bank / branch of her choice, with her being one of the new signatories.