

Tiree Community Council

Date	2 nd November 2016
Time	7.30pm
Venue	An Talla
Present	Councillors Present: John MacCaskill, Jessie Gray, Ian Gillies, Rhoda Meek, Aisling Milne, Donnie Campbell Trust Staff Present: Shari MacKinnon 10 Members of the Public

1. Welcome and apologies.

- In the absence of the Convenor, the Vice Convenor **JMC** welcomed all present to the Community Council meeting. Particular welcomes were given to Rhoda Meek, Jessie Gray and Aisling Milne, who join Tiree Community Council as elected members. Rhoda Meek having also been a co-opted member.
- Apologies were received from John Holliday, Paul Le Roux and Rosemary Omand. Thanks, were also given to Paul Le Roux for his period of co-option to Community Council, which is now at an end. A letter of thanks will be written. **JH to action.**

2. Declaration of Conflict of interest

- Donald Campbell, Education.

3. Previous Minutes and Matters Arising

- The draft lease for the proposed chapel of rest site at the Met office building has been given to TCDT for feedback.
- A letter has been written to CMAL to request involvement in the planning process for works to be done to the carpark at the pier. The request has been passed onto the relevant department. A letter has been received from the bus operator on the island and they would like to see a suitable bus stop area at the pier.
- An invitation has been sent to Humza Yousaf (Transport/Islands Minister) to attend a visit to Tiree. This has been accepted and it is the hope a meeting will take place in early 2017.
- It is the hope to meet with TCDT soon to discuss matters of common interest as well as the recent Charrette process and the outcomes from it.
- A letter has been sent to Graham Wilkes, Head Teacher of Tiree High School with regards to a new Youth Representative for the Community Council. The Head Teacher is pursuing this and has approached staff. There have been two interested parties identified. THS Management Team is dealing with this request.
- It was previously agreed to write to the Ranger for advice regarding access to Salum Beach and invite him to the next meeting. However, Steve Nagy has now left his post, TCDT are currently advertising for a new ranger, it was agreed to take this up with the new Ranger once in position.
- Argyll & Bute Council will be making postal information packs/calendars available to the public regarding the new bin collection schedule. The change in collection days for Tiree will begin 28th of November. It was noted under special circumstances, such as number of people in house, medical conditions etc. that a second bin may be provided.

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- There has been no further interest in the proposed works to Dr Buchannan's monument. The council has been contacted regarding the possibility of having the railings replaced at the War memorial; however a reply is still awaited. The remembrance service has been advertised.
- A letter of support has been written to the Tiree Tots with regards to their proposal of an indoor youth facility.
- It was noted that Martin Dorchester will resign as the managing director of CalMac in March 2017. It was agreed that a letter of thanks will be sent at the appropriate time in 2017. **IG to action.**
- The signed contract for the red phone boxes have now been exchanged between TCC and BT. Meetings with both the school and Tiree Techwave have taken place to gather ideas and there are several people interested in joining the steering group.
- When the library opens, its use will be monitored, and if the opening hours aren't working then it was agreed to contact Roddy McCuish.
- **Beach Hut**
 - The councillors have agreed to leave this off the agenda. A formal decision will be made by Argyll and Bute Councillors on the 28th November.
 - TCC acknowledges the concerns regarding the wording of the ballot and this will be discussed at the next TCC meeting as the ballot is still live and does not close until 19th November.
 - It was noted that to make a comment at the planning meeting, you must have registered a comment on the planning application on the council website.
 - The results of the local ballot will be made available to the planning officer.
- *There being no other matters arising the minutes of the previous meeting were proposed by RM and seconded by IG.*

4. Correspondence

- There is a Scottish Community Council Twitter hour taking place on 8th November, it was agreed to participate. **RM to action.**
- Police Scotland has issued a nationwide campaign regarding dog attacks on livestock. It was agreed to highlight the matter in An Tirisdeach, on the website and investigate if it is possible to issue posters and leaflets with potential assistance from Discover Tiree. The full police report will be made available on the website. **RM to action.**

5. Ministerial MSP Visit

- As Humza Yousaf (Transport/Islands Minister) will be visiting the island next year, it would be good to make the most of his visit and give him clear messages which represent the needs of the community.
- Items for discussion include the upcoming Islands Bill, mobile phone signal, vessel deployment plan, ferries plan, airport infrastructure, pier infrastructure and the economic future of Tiree.
- Michael Russel MSP has also indicated he is interested in attending this meeting.

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- It is unsure if there will be time to meet with TCDT and other groups on the island, however it was agreed to discuss and progress this.
- A member of the community suggested this would be a good opportunity to discuss the idea of Team Tiree and a more joined up island approach.
- **IG to Action all.**

6. Transportation

- There is a Tiree Transport forum meeting taking place next week on Thursday 10th November. Representatives will attend from Loganair, Transport Scotland - aviation department and CalMac Ferries Ltd.
- It was noted by a member of the public that the summer ferry schedule on Tuesday and Wednesday, (back to back later sailings), is not ideal.
- It was also questioned if the Coll day trip sailing could happen more frequently.
- It was noted that the numbers for Wednesday sailings to the island have decreased slightly.
- Loganair is hoping to do some promotion of day trips to Tiree.
- **IG/JMC Action**

7. AOCB

Pre-5

- The Pre-5 Unit has recently gone from Gaelic Medium to Bilingual. It's not yet known if there has been an evaluation of the pilot.
- It has also now been split into two sessions.
- It was agreed to write to the new head teacher and invite him to the December meeting. **IG to action.**

Charrette

- A member of the public gave a brief overview of the charrette outcomes meeting.
- It was noted that the turnout was disappointing as only around 10 people were in attendance. Another public meeting will be held in the future to give more people an opportunity to attend. This will be advertised in An Tirisdeach.
- It would be useful if members of the Community Council could also attend. I.G. pointed out that TCC had made frequent input to the charrette process.
- It was suggested that the presentation and the report be put on the Community Council website. **RM to action.**
- It was noted by another member of the public that it might not have been advertised enough.

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 9.00 the date of the next meeting will be the 7th November.