

Date	10 th October 2018
Time	7.30pm
Venue	An Talla
Present	TCC Councillors: Alison Clark, John Holliday, Robert Trythall, Ian Gilles Trust Staff: Shari MacKinnon (Minutes) Members of Public: 8

- **Welcome & Apologies**
 - The Convener (JH) welcomed all to the meeting.
 - Apologies were received from William Angus MacLean, Jim Lynch and Roddy McCuish.
 - It was noted that Andy Wright has stood down as a TCC councillor.

- **Declaration of Conflicts of Interest**
 - None.

- **Correspondence**
 - Letter received regarding ‘WWI Beacons of Light’ - World War 1 Remembrance. It was noted that registration is necessary if going to participate. It was agreed to speak to Tiree Community Development Trust regarding this event. **RT to action.**
 - Health & Social Care Review - strategic plan review - covers health improvements etc. Questionnaire awaiting response. It was agreed that it was not relevant so a response will not be submitted.
 - Inclusive Travel Document - It was agreed to research this further and a post will be added to the website regarding this. **RT to action.**
 - A letter was sent to Kevin Stuart, Minister for Local Government and Housing Scottish Government suggesting that, under the Islands Bill, Community Councils on Islands should potentially be given additional funding due to the remote location and additional costs incurred. A response was received stating that Community Council funding is not to do with Scottish Government, and that the budget comes from Argyll & Bute Council (ABC), and that Community Council’s funding is based on their electoral register. It was noted that ABC currently pay £400/year. It was agreed to write to ABC regarding this. **JH to action.**
 - World War 1 centenary - it was noted that Remembrance Day - 11th November falls on a Sunday this year. Baptist Church are in touch with Church of Scotland regarding the Remembrance Service. A discussion took place regarding the possibility of having the service on the Sunday this year, as opposed to the regular Saturday service at the war memorial. It was suggested to look through previous TCC minutes as there had been previous discussions regarding a change from Saturday. The councillors agreed that they would be in favour of having the service on Sunday this year as a one off, to tie in with the 100-year anniversary. It was agreed to purchase a wreath. **JH to action.**

- **Previous Minutes & Matters Arising**
 - The bank signatories need to be updated to remove Andy Wright. It was agreed to add AC as a signatory. **RT to action.**
 - An update was received from Highlands & Islands Airports regarding the runway. They are awaiting costs for repairs to the runway. It was noted the response did not clarify whether the runway was currently out of use.
 - It was agreed to write a letter of support for Loganair regarding installation of a lift at gate 1 in Glasgow Airport. It was noted that there is currently lift facilities currently available at gate 7. **RT to action.**
 - A date in November has been confirmed for the rescheduled meeting with Fergus

- Murray (Head of Economic Development for Argyll and Bute Council).
 - An update was received from EE regarding the 4G masts. The Scarinish mast is due to go live shortly but no date was given for the Garaphail mast. Members of the public noted they were receiving a 4G EE signal today for the first time.
 - All documentation regarding the Seaweed harvesting development is now on the website and RT gave a verbal update. A member of the public commented that they thought Marine Biopolymers original plan was only wanting Tiree and Skye anyway.
 - A submission to Rural Economy & Connectivity Committee (REC) has been made. Documentation regarding this this is available to view on the website.
 - The minutes of the previous meeting held on 5th September were approved, proposed by RT and seconded by JH.
- **Ferries**
 - A meeting with representative of Calmac (Robert Morrison - Area Manager, Finlay McCrae - South Area Manager & David Gibson - Service Delivery Director) and Tiree Transport Forum took place earlier in the afternoon. IG gave a brief verbal update.
 - A new reservation system, and its budgetary constraints are under review with Transport Scotland.
 - It was confirmed that Calmac will provide statistics for Tiree only, the format they are currently provided in groups Tiree and Coll together.
 - Calmac confirmed that they do have contingency plans in place, but they do not allow for multiple events i.e. Clansman issue earlier in the year.
 - The request to have the joined-up sailing with Barra moved back to Thursday may not be granted. It was agreed that this will be requested annually in case the situation may change.
 - Spring 2020 will see an upgrade to the linkspan at Scarinish, this will mean vehicles will not be able to leave or arrive on Tiree for 4 weeks. Freight will arrive by container which will be lifted on and off the ferry with cranes. A member of the public commented that a freight boat has been mentioned previously, and wonders if there has been no more mention of this as it would be too expensive.
 - Caledonian Maritime Assets Ltd (CMAL) representative will be on Island at the end of the month. Will be raising issues such as abandoned cars and lack of marshalling at a meeting with them.
 - Road Equivalent Tariff (RET) review outcome is that RET does not benefit local people, it encourages tourism.
 - 2020 will be the year of Coasts & Waters. Calmac were not aware of this. TCC wants to see some support for Tiree in this.
- **Tiree - Oban Air Service PSO**
 - A letter was written to ABC requesting clarification re the time-line of the tender and a discrepancy on subsidy but no response has been received as yet. Chase up response. *RT to action.*
- **Highlands & Islands Airports (HIAL) - Disabled Access**
 - A letter was sent to Mark Stewart, HIAL regarding reduced mobility access to aircraft at Tiree and the weight limits. No response has been received, but it was noted that Mr Stewart will be on Tiree in November. It was agreed to chase up response. *JH to action.*
- **Highlands & Islands Enterprise (HIE) Land**
 - A letter was received from Jennifer Nicol, Area Manager for Argyll & the Isles, HIE regarding the HIE land at Scarinish. Ms Nicol stated she would be happy to attend a

meeting on Tiree regarding the issue.

- **Piew View Housing**
 - AC gave a verbal update. Feedback will be gathered after the October School holidays and a report will be given at the November TCC meeting.

- **Islands Bill**
 - It was agreed that this will be discussed with Fergus Murray at the meeting next month.
 - It was agreed to find out more about the Bill and provide an update at the next meeting.

- **Government Consultations**
 - Councillors expressed concern that TCC are not being consulted on issues they feel they should be getting consulted on. E.g. seaweed harvesting.
 - It was agreed to make representation Lesley Evans, Permanent Secretary to the Scottish Government and to copy to Mike Russell MSP. *JH to action.*
 - TCC are now registered on ABC and Scottish Government's consultation websites.
 - As TCC is a statutory body, it is believed that TCC should be being consulted.

- **BT Phone Boxes**
 - It was noted that the phone boxes project was taken on by a previous TCC. Meetings were held, and a subgroup was set up but the project has now slipped away.
 - An update has been received from Rhoda Meek, previous TCC Councillor and leader of the project. Rhoda is still keen to get the project back up and running and has plans for over the winter.
 - It was agreed that they should not be allowed to deteriorate anymore, and it was suggested to look at maintaining the phone boxes.
 - Discussion took place regarding the possibility of not renovating all the boxes. It was suggested that one or two are focussed on, the rest could be used for spares or sold. Any money made from the sale of phone boxes could be reinvested in the project.
 - A member of public commented that they own a phone box on the mainland and went through the process of short blasting, painting, repairing etc. It was a lot of work and cost a lot of money.
 - It was agreed to do a SurveyMonkey poll to gather view/ideas from the community. *IG to action.*

- **Tiree Flag**
 - The TCC Flag subgroup have agreed to cease to exist. A separate Flag group will be set up that is not tied to TCC.
 - Thanks and congratulations were given to the TCC flag subgroup for the project.
 - It was noted that flags and badges are now available to purchase in Crossapol.
 - Calmac will soon be flying the Tiree flag on the Clansman.

- **Coll Community Council**
 - JH met with the Convener of Coll Community Council (CCC).
 - It was noted that current issues CCC are facing include: roads, ferries, house to house recycling uplifts - currently uplifted centrally at the pier.
 - It was noted that house to house uplifts on Coll would likely have an impact on Tiree.
 - A member of the public commented that Tiree and Coll share a lot of ABC services and the more Coll get, the more it should help ensure the jobs of the local ABC

workers on Tiree.

- **AOCB**

- A TCC Councillor asked if the public toilets at Scarinish were being cleaned by ABC. Members of the public advised that they were not being cleaned and that it was shocking, pathetic and a disgrace.
- It was agreed to follow up previous correspondence with ABC regarding this and ask for a report for the November TCC meeting. ***RT to action.***
- A member of the public commented that there could be a sheet on the wall that is signed every time the toilets are checked/cleaned.
- It was suggested that photographs should be taken before and after the toilets are cleaned.
- A TCC Councillor suggested that we should be looking again at the option of community ownership of the toilets.
- A member of the public commented that it is the wrong people that are employed to clean the toilets.

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 9.20pm.

The date of the next meeting will be Wednesday 7th November 2018.