

## **Stromeferry and Achmore Community Council**

Minutes of the meeting held on the 27<sup>th</sup> of March 2024 at 7:30 pm. Achmore Hall

**Present:** M Macrae, D Lupton, John Taylor, Claudia Weegan, Joe Grimson, Lynn McLaughlin,  
Members of other organisations: Biz Campbell

**Apologies:** Josie Meyer

### **1. Formal formation of new Community council and election of Office Bearers:**

Chair - Joe Grimson, nominated by Dawn Lupton seconded by John Taylor

Secretary - Mhairi Macrae, nominated by Lynn McLaughlin seconded by Dawn Lupton

Treasurer - Dawn Lupton, nominated by Lynn McLaughlin seconded by Joe Grimson

The secretary's job will be split into three parts as follows.

Communications: Mhairi Macrae

Web: John Taylor

Minutes shared by Lynn McLaughlin and Josie Meyer

A new shared email has been created to deal with Community Council correspondence,  
[achmorestromecc@gmail.com](mailto:achmorestromecc@gmail.com).

### **2. Treasurers report:**

Balance        £1500.65.

Payments to come out shortly £84 to pay for the Zurich annual CC insurance policy and £35 for the ICO (Data Protection).

The signatories on the bank account will need to be changed, Dawn is already a signatory, and it was agreed that Mhairi and Joe will be the new signatories. There was discussion regarding changing the type of bank account to make banking easier. *Dawn will investigate.*

### **3. Date and time of meetings**

There was discussion considering the day of CC meetings, as one member is unable to attend on Wednesdays due to work commitments, it was agreed to trial having a meeting on the last Tuesday of the month. Biz Campbell has limited evenings that she can attend but said that she could do that day. Cubs meet in the hall on Tuesdays so Cub leaders will be contacted to ask if they would be okay with the CC meeting in the Gallery. *Lynn to ask Andrew McGrath*

### **4. Local issues**

#### **4.1 Local housing and housing survey**

Mike Shucksmith from the housing association is looking to gather the views of the Stromeferry and Achmore community on housing requirements in the local area. This will be

gathered through a survey, and it was agreed that the survey and a poster would be put onto the website. The posters will also be put up on the notice boards in Achmore and Strome ferry. The deadline for the survey will be the 14<sup>th</sup> of April. *Action Joe and Mhairi*

#### 4.2. Scottish water issues

Issues with the water pressure in Strome ferry has been an ongoing problem for about four years. Mhairi has had new information from Gavin Steel that they have now connected the sensor that detects low pressure to two pumps rather than just one, he thinks this will sort the problem out.

#### 4.3. Handover of CC Archive from previous secretary

Dawn, John, and Mhairi will meet with previous secretary Mary MacBeth. John Taylor will take responsibility for the CC mailing list. *Action Dawn, John, and Mhairi*

### 5. Update from counsellor Biz Campbell

1. Biz confirmed that all departments within Highland Council were working on a shoestring due to the limited budget they have.
2. CC and other organisations can apply for small amounts of money from the Discretionary grant and the Regeneration grant. Enquiries and applications go through Kirsty Ellen.
3. Biz warned that there should be no parking on the pavements, the two new parking wardens are giving £100 fines to people. This is something to keep in mind in the village as they have recently fined people in Plockton.
4. Skye and Lochalsh will be the last place to receive the new recycling bins in around a years' time.
5. New ward manager is Lewis Hanna, and the support officer is Kirsty Ellen.

### 6. AOB

As there was no other business the meeting finished at 8:45 pm.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday the 24<sup>th</sup> of April at 7:30 pm in Achmore hall.