

ARISAIG AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Arisaig District and Community Council

Monday October 16th 2023

7.30pm

Held as a Zoom meeting

- 1. Present:** I Macniven, G MacDonald, M McColl, S Kingswood, H Melville, V Stuart-Orchard
Liz Saggars (Councillor)
Apologies: No apologies
- 2. New Board:** Roles on the new board were confirmed as follows:
Chair – Iain Macniven
Vice Chair – Gerry MacDonald
Treasurer – Sheila Kingswood
Secretary – Val Stuart-Orchard & Hannah Waterston
- 3. Minutes** of meeting held on 20 Sept were approved
- 4. Matters Arising from Last Minutes:**
- Burial arrangements – still no update on ownership of land adjacent to the current cemetery
- 5. Fireworks:** It was agreed that the village fireworks are a good and popular community event as well as serving as a fund-raiser for the primary school, and that, if possible, the event should go ahead if fireworks could still be obtained in time.

Subsequent to meeting, it was confirmed that the deadline for ordering had passed (whilst the Community Council was in abeyance). **IM** notified the community for the reason for a lack of fireworks and invited anyone who may have proposals for running a similar event to get in touch in case the Community Council can offer any support/guidance.

- 6. Christmas Lights:** **HW** volunteered to check whether Christmas Lights were working and to report back. **HW** to contact Highland Council to ascertain how/when lights are put up and turned on

Subsequent to meeting, lights were checked. There are six in total, two of which are broken, three which light up partly and one which works completely.

- 7. Macintosh Centre:** **IM** reported that work is on-going in the Macintosh building. Job adverts have been published by Highland Council – but response has been poor – which means that re-opening as a residential centre will be difficult.

The question of whether the Macintosh Centre could initially re-open for daycare was raised – at least some people in the community would then benefit from it – and getting it open for daycare would be a step in the right direction. **IM** to raise at future meetings about Macintosh Centre.

- 8. Reports:**

Treasurer: No change from last month – balance still stands at £1,131.14

Police: No report

Gower Trust Approvals: need to be checked.

Subsequent to meeting, Gower Trust asked for summary of how money was used in the past year and

indication of any other funds that may be needed for the next year. **Action IM**

9. Planning Applications: nothing of concern

10. AOCB:

Complaint was received from local residents after the Feis held in Arisaig that visitors had 'dirty camped' overnight at the Land, Sea & Island Car Park. There were 6 campervans (with no facilities) and 3 or 4 tents on the shore. Loud music and partying went on all night. The village toilets were closed – so those overnighiting used the shore instead. This has happened in past years and residents are keen that it not be repeated in the future.

Remembrance Day: VS to purchase wreaths for War Memorial and Czech Memorial and liaise with Father Stan and Minister Goudie about arrangements for Remembrance Sunday.

11. Date of Next Meeting: 20 November

All meetings are open to local residents to attend. The meetings can be joined on Zoom or in person. Please contact the Secretary for joining details at info@arisaigcc.org.uk