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| **Date** | Wednesday 11th December 2019 |
| **Time** | 7.30pm |
| **Venue** | An Talla |
| **Present** | **Councilors Present:** John Holliday, Phyl Meyer, John Patience, Gerard McGoogan,  Alison Clark  **District Councilors Present**: Mary-Jean Devon (phone)  **Trust Staff Present:** Shari MacKinnon  **Public:** 8 |

# Welcome and apologies

* + The Chair welcomed all present to the meeting, and thanked Mary-Jean Devon for joining the meeting by telephone link.

# Proposal of Ian Gilles as Co-opted Councilor

* + This proposal was discussed and it was unanimously agreed to co-opt Ian Gilles.

# Conflict of Interest

* + None.

# Previous Minutes and Matters Arising

* + Get comparison figures from Police Scotland regarding the number of incidents May – Sept 2018 to compare with this year’s figures. ***JH TO ACTION.***
  + Tiree Community Business is continuing to look at community ownership of the public toilets in Scarinish. They are currently looking at a short term lease. It was agreed to speak to Ross MacLachlan about how this is being progressed. ***MJD TO ACTION.***
  + Draft text re cycling/road users protocol to be placed in An Tirisdeach. ***JH TO ACTION.***
  + Transient Visitor Levy consultation response has been submitted. A copy of the full response is available to view on the TCC website. A discussion took place about how this levy could be collected. It was noted that MJD wrote a paper suggesting that a levy (£1 for Oban – Mull) could be added onto the price of ferry tickets purchased at mainland ports, and this would be passed onto the communities, and it would be up to each community to decide how they spent the levy. This paper did not receive the backing of Argyll & Bute Council. It was suggested that this may work for Tiree, and an agreed percentage could be added onto the cost of ferry/plane tickets.
  + A member of the public asked how the number of visitors to Tiree is calculated. It was explained that Discover Tiree has come up with a formula based on ferry/plane ticket numbers to calculate the number of visitors.
  + A member of the public commented that unless we have assurance that the levy collected on Tiree tickets is passed back to the community of Tiree, then there is no point in this process.
  + It was agreed to write a letter to CMAL regarding safety issues in the marshaling area at Gott Bay pier. Concerns to be passed onto MJD, and MJD will write to Kevin Hobbs, CMAL. ***JH/MJD TO ACTION.***
  + It was noted that since Robert Trythall stood down from TCC, Tiree has no representation on Highlands and Islands Transport Partnership (HITRANS). HITRANS meet twice a year and the next meeting will take place in June 2020.
  + It was agreed to ask if there are any plans to update the ‘Isle of Tiree Sustainable Design Guidance’ document. ***PM TO ACTION.***
  + Confirmation has been received that TCC can submit planning applications on behalf of other community groups, at a reduced cost.
  + The minutes of the previous meeting were approved. Proposed by GMG and seconded by JH.

# Correspondence

* + A report from Police Scotland was received and read out by JH.
  + Health Service consultation has been received and a response will be made. It was noted that comments are welcome from the public to be included in the response.
  + A joint meeting with Tiree Trust took place in November. The main points discussed were marshaling/parking area at Gott Bay pier, Scottish Parliament reception, Transient Visitor Levy consultation and future proofing Tiree.

# Highlands and Islands Patient Travel Scheme

# Reports have been received that due to changes to the way the travel scheme is operating that some people have been unable to make a booking, and have had to make their own booking and pay for their own travel.

# It was noted that the scheme had previously been operating through Chambers travel agents, and this is now being done in-house by the medical records team.

# Contact has been made with the medical records team, who have explained this was due teething issues, and they are working to address the issues.

# MJD requested further details regarding this to investigate further. *JH/MJD TO ACTION.*

# Streaming of TCC Public Meetings Online

* + It was agreed that having the ability to dial into meeting is very useful. As PM works away from Tiree it will be useful being able to attend remotely. Beneficial having MJD dialing into the meeting tonight.
  + A councilor commented that having meeting streamed online could work against TCC, some people/councilors may not be comfortable on stream. Audience participation may be reduced as they may not feel comfortable speaking on stream.
  + A member of the public commented that they believe this is a terrible idea, if people don’t want to attend meetings in public, why would they want to watch it online?
  + A member of the public commented that if they were unable to attend the meeting in person, the chances are they wouldn’t be able to watch online, as they would have other plans/be on holiday etc.
  + A councilor noted that online streaming would give disabled people who cannot attend in person the chance to become involved. People with children who aren’t able to arrange childcare while they attend a meeting in person would also benefit from online streaming.
  + It was noted that it would be possible to tailor the way the online stream worked, for example set up pre-registration prior to meeting and private links can be issued. Listening rights only can be granted. It is not the intention that the meeting would be open to everyone, anywhere in the world to watch. The meeting would only be streamed as live, and would not be available to playback at a later date.
  + A member of the public commented that there might be people who would not feel comfortable attending TCC meetings in person, but may like to listen in from home.
  + A member of the public commented that when there is a big item on the agenda, the meetings tend to have a better turn out. Were it possible to stream the meeting from home, people may be less likely to attend standard agenda meeting in person, and just watch from home.
  + It was agreed to investigate this further, and gather more information on how the stream could operate for next meeting. ***PM TO ACTION.***

1. **Secretarial Post**

* The proposal for this post has been discussed with Tiree Trust, and confirmation has been received that funding will be provided for the post.
* Investigations are ongoing to decide whether the post will be an employed or self-employed position.

1. **Linkspan Update**

* CMAL will be holding consultation on Tiree on 16th January.
* A member of public commented that 6 weeks before the works to the linkspan begin is too late to be holding a consultation event.
* It was noted that Calmac are providing free parking in Oban while the works are taking place.
* A member of public had a number of questions they would like TCC to ask CMAL. This was discussed and it was agreed that the member of public should submit their questions to TCC for consideration, and if the questions are suitable, they will be passed onto CMAL in advance of the consultation event, in the hope that they will provide answers at the consultation event.

1. **Visit from Mull & Iona Ferries Group**

* Joe Reade, chairperson and another member of Mull & Iona Ferries Group are coming to Tiree on 11th January and will meet with TCC to discuss shared ferries issues.
* MJD commented that she would be keen to see a reinstatement of the link between Tobermory and Tiree.

1. **‘Land Below The Waves’ - Scottish Parliament Reception**

* A group of representatives from Tiree will attend a reception at the Scottish Parliament on 18th March.
* Tiree Trust have committed to proving funding for this visit.
* The format of the event will be a presentation to Ministers followed by handing out samples of local food/drink along with performances from musicians and choir.
* A member of the public commented that they would be very keen to be involved with this project and would be happy to self-fund their place.
* A member of the public commented that they felt that ‘Land Below The Waves’ was not a suitable name and ‘Tiree’ should be mentioned in the name of the event.
* It was agreed that the group attending need to be very clear what they are asking for from Ministers.

1. **Scottish Land Commission Meeting**

* It was noted that around 30 people attended the public meeting hosted by the Scottish Land Commission in November.
* It is assumed that there is not a strong desire from people on Tiree to get involved in community land ownership on Tiree at the present time.
* It was suggested that Hugh Nicol, Factor of Argyll Estates be invited to attend a TCC meeting. This was agreed. It was suggested that an annual presentation could be made to the community to show what they have achieved in the year, and any future plans. Invite Hugh Nicol to attend a meeting. ***JH TO ACTION.***
* A member of the public commented that they had written to Argyll Estates requesting information on what investments they had made on Tiree. The response received only gave details on investments they had made on the mainland.
* A member of the public commented that they believe the relationship between Tiree and Argyll Estates is very good, and more presence from Argyll Estates on Tiree can only be a good thing.

1. **Food Bank/Food Project**

* Argyll & Bute Council have secured a funding package from the Government to purchase fridges and freezers for food projects.
* MJD reported that in Mull there is a community freezer that members of the community can hand food in to. Out of date food from the Coop is taken to the freezer by volunteers.
* A councilor commented that TCC are unsure of what the demand for a food bank on Tiree would be.
* It was noted that this is a big project, which would require a lot of volunteer time. TCC and Tiree Trust discussed this at their joint meeting and both groups agreed that they do not currently have the capacity to take on this project.
* It was suggested to advertise for volunteers interested in the project.
* It was suggested that if the main aim of the project was to set up a food recycling service, there is a possibility that a food bank could be a byproduct of the project.

1. **AOCB**

* A member of the public made a comment that they would be happy to stand as a coopted Councilor should the current Councilors be looking to fill any coopted vacancies. The Chair thanked the member of the public for this offer and TCC will consider this.
* A discussion took place regarding the way the plastic bottles deposit return scheme could operate on Tiree. It is assumed that there will be consultation carried out before this scheme is introduced.
* A member of the public commented that Norway, a country with many small remote islands, have operated a deposit return scheme successfully for a number of years.
* It was noted that Stewart MacLennan is currently the Tiree representative on the Calmac Communities Board and as Stewart is leaving Tiree a replacement representative will be required.
* A member of the public commented that they had applied to become a member of the new Health group?, but they have not received any response to the application.

1. **Date of Next Meeting**

* Wednesday 12th February 2020| 7.30pm | An Talla
* There being no other business the meeting was closed at 9.30pm