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| **Date** | Wednesday 6th November 2019 |
| **Time** | 7.30pm |
| **Venue** | An Talla |
| **Present** | **Councilors Present:** John Holliday, Phyl Meyer, John Patience, Gerard McGoogan  **Trust Staff Present:** Shari MacKinnon  **Public:** 10 |

# Welcome and apologies

* + The Chair welcomed all present to the meeting, apologies were received from Alison Clark.

# Results of Election

* + Following the recent election the results were as follows: Alison Clark, Phyl Meyer and Gerard McGoogan stood for election and were elected.
  + The office bearers were agreed as follows: Secretary – Phyl Meyer. Treasurer – Alison Clark.
  + A discussion took place regarding the cooption of Ian Gilles. This was agreed and the proposal will be included on the agenda for the next meeting.

# 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 years figures. ***JH TO ACTION.***
  + It was reported that Tiree Community Business are in the process of submitting an application to Scottish Land Fund to purchase the area of land for sale at Pier View, Scarinish for a community garden project. They are in touch with the designers of the Kelpies.
  + 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. Representative from Argyll & Bute Council are due to visit Tiree this month to meet Tiree Community Business to discuss this further.
  + A member of the public reported that they had been advised that Argyll & Bute Council are paying someone to clean the toilets. The member of the public stated that they will no longer assist with the cleaning of the toilets on a voluntary basis. It is hoped that this issue will be resolved when Tiree Community Business become involved with the project.
  + Draft text re cycling/road users protocol to be placed in An Tirisdeach. ***JH TO ACTION.***
  + The minutes of the previous meeting were approved. Proposed by JP and seconded by JH.

# Correspondence

* + It was noted that the issue with the telephone in Baugh phone box has now been resolved and the box is once again operational. The box itself is damaged and needing repaired, this has been reported.
  + It was noted that a conduit has been laid to Hough, but the cable has not yet been installed.
  + Following correspondence with representatives from Mull & Iona Community Council, they have indicated they would be keen to come to Tiree and discuss common issues.
  + Transient Visitor Levy consultation is currently taking place and due to finish on 2nd December. TCC will respond to this. Information regarding this will be made available on the TCC website.
  + It was noted that a pre-planning application has been submitted to install a mast on the Island Centre for smart energy meters.
  + It was noted that a Rural Housing exhibition will take place in Glasgow on 29th November.
  + A letter of complaint was written to George Leslie regarding plastic contamination. It was noted that the company have now addressed this issue.
  + The draft output from the Islands Plan consultation has now been published. The closing date for consultation on the draft is 28th November.
  + It was noted that in 2021 the deposit return scheme will be implemented. This will mean that people will pay a small deposit of 20p when they buy a drink in a single-use container and then get the deposit back when they return the empty bottle or can.
  + The Police Scotland report was read and it was noted there were 19 incidents in the period, including an arrest and one road traffic incident.

# Paid Secretarial Post

* + The Councilors expressed thanks to Robert Trythall for his work as secretary while on the Council.
  + It was noted that there is a large burden of work for the secretary.
  + A discussion took place regarding the possibility of submitting a proposal to Tiree Trust regarding funding to pay for a post that would cover admin, minutes, email etc. An estimate cost for this would be £1200/year.
  + It was noted that this would allow the Councilors more time to focus on the issues as they would be spending less time working on admin.
  + A member of the public made a comment: Be very clear on the job description for this post. Letters and responses could lose their clout coming from a paid secretary rather than a Councilor.
  + It was noted that all responses and letters would be run past and signed off by the councilor secretary (Phyl Meyer).

1. **Phone Boxes**

* Scarinish and Balephuil boxes have been progressed. All the materials have now been obtained. Balephuil has been stripped out and is ready for renovation.
* Images will be printed onto the glass that is either historical or relevant to the local area.
* Information boards relating to the pictures will be displayed inside the boxes.
* An ‘audio experience’ is currently being investigated.
* Graphics to replace the ‘TELEPHONE’ boards at the top of the boxes have been ordered. Each box will display the township name.
* Argyll & Bute Council have been approached regarding insurance but as yet no response has been received.

1. **Linkspan Update**

* The linkspan in Coll has been replaced but is not operational as yet. It was reported that the process went smoothly and the community coped well while the works were taking place.
* It was noted that there is a time pressure while the freight boat is in. This is due to the containers needing to be unloaded, emptied and then reloaded back onto the boat before it departs.
* A suggestion was made to CMAL that a joint meeting regarding the marshaling area should take place with input from local businesses in the area – Yellow Hare, MacLennan Motors etc. The response received from CMAL does not suggest they are keen to coordinate this. CMAL are planning to come to Tiree and meet with TCC regarding the marshaling area.
* A member of the public commented that they think it is very important that CMAL meet with the businesses based in the pier head area.

1. **Flights**

* Tiree Transport Forum have agreed to a banked flights schedule for next year, based on the same way it operated this year. Due to the short notice for this it was not possible to carry out any consultation on this.
* A discussion took place regarding fuel at Oban airport. It is thought that aircraft are needing to refuel at Paisley as it cannot be done in Oban at the present time.
* There are reports that there may be a capacity issue on the Oban – Tiree service since it has been reduced to one flight per week. It is not clear whether this is correct.

1. **Planning**

* A discussion took place regarding TCC’s role in planning application. It was noted that the Councilors should be aware of the area guidelines and checking application and making a response when something does not fit with the guidelines.
* A member of the public commented that they think people on Tiree would like to know what is viewed to be acceptable to the planning office.
* It was agreed to ask if there are any plans to update the ‘Isle of Tiree Sustainable Design Guidance’ document. ***PM TO ACTION.***
* It has been brought to the attention of TCC by Tiree Trust that if TCC were to submit a planning application on behalf of a community group on Tiree there would be a discounted fee for this. It was agreed to investigate if this is correct. ***JH TO ACTION.***

1. **Future Proofing**

* A discussion took place regarding how Tiree can prepare for the phasing out of diesel/petrol cars.
* It was agreed this is something to discuss with Tiree Trust.

1. **Food Bank**

* A discussion took place regarding the possibility of a food bank on Tiree and how this would operate.
* It was suggested that a different name for this service may help with the stigma around this. Would it be possible for it to be run anonymously? Could the organisation in Oban arrange for packages to be sent over to those who require the service on Tiree?
* A member of the public commented that the packages could be wrapped discreetly and delivered by Royal Mail.
* A member of the pubic commented that there could be a possibility to make use of products being disposed of by the Coop. Could Tiree become a zero waste island?
* It was agreed this should be investigated further.

1. **Meeting with TCDT**

* A meeting is due to take place with Tiree Trust and will be scheduled.

1. **AOCB**

* It was agreed to request an update from Tiree Trust regarding the Fuel Project. It was noted that the study is due to be released soon.
* Website – PM will take over the maintenance of this.
* Email hosting – currently looking at alternative options to reduce costs to TCC.
* It was noted that there is a public meeting being held on Mon 25th November hosted by the Scottish Land Commission.

1. **Date of Next Meeting**

* Wednesday 11th December | 7.30pm | An Talla (to be confirmed)
* There being no other business the meeting was closed at 9.30pm