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| **Date** | 16th June 2021 |
| **Time** | 1900hrs |
| **Venue** | Zoom Video Conference |
| **Present** | **Councillors Present:** John Holliday (JH), Phyl Meyer (PM), John Patience (JP), Stewart Carr (SC) and Louise Reid (LR)  **Minute Taker:** Louise Reid  **Public – Four members of the public were present** |

1. **Welcome and apologies.**

* The Chair welcomed all present to the meeting, apologies were received from Councillor Gerard McGoogan

1. **Presentation of Planning Policy**

* The draft Tiree Community Council Planning Policy was presented, it was noted this is also available online. Several comments and suggestions were then received from the public and are as follows:
* It was suggested that Tiree Community Council have already adopted a planning policy in the past.
* It was noted that the ‘Criteria for Intervention’ mentioned in the policy should be clearly outlined, and that the draft policy should be trailed with a current planning application to gauge the effectiveness of the policy.
* Care should be taken to ensure that the policy conforms with Argyll and Bute Council Planning guidelines, for example the 25-day requirement to comment etc. It was assured that there is still work to be carried out on the draft policy, and it will comply with guidelines before a final vote is made.
* In the case that the draft policy is rejected it was noted that there is still guidance available from the local authority to assist Tiree Community Council on planning matters.
* It was noted that the previous planning policy stated that the community
* council will only intervene if the application has, ‘the potential to raise important matters of principle for Tiree’. It was suggested that it should be clarified what ‘matters of principle’ means.
* Clarification was made that the Community Council will voice the views of the community in relation to planning matters not the opinions of the councillors, and intervention will only take place if there is a need identified by the community. Tiree Community Council has demonstrated in the past the ability to undertake consultations within a short timescale allowing for maximum engagement.
* It was agreed that it is difficult to decide what the level of engagement from the community is before the Community Council will intervene and noted that this will be clarified in the final draft policy.
* At the end of the meeting, all members of the public present agreed that TCC should develop a new Planning Policy.

***There being no other business the meeting was closed***