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| **Date** | 11th August 2021 |
| **Time** | 1900hrs |
| **Venue** | Zoom Video Conference |
| **Present** | **Councillors Present:** John Holliday (JH), Phyl Meyer (PM), John Patience (JP), Gerard McGoogan (GMG), Stewart Carr (SC)  **Minute Taker:** Louise Reid/Iona Campbell  **Public – Approx. 7 connected to the call including the above** |

1. **Welcome and apologies.**

* The Chair welcomed all present to the meeting, apologies were received from Councillor Louise Reid. It was noted that the meeting was being recorded for minute taking purposes. Some basic Zoom etiquette was explained.

1. **Conflict of Interest**

* **None**

1. **Previous Minutes and Matters Arising**

* It was noted that Discover Tiree have yet to discuss the payment for the renewal of the ‘Driving on Tiree’s Roads’ poster outside the co-op, it was agreed to wait until the new bike stands have been installed before progressing this. It is hoped that this will be in place for the start of the 2022 season. Tiree Ranger Service is handing out paper copies of the leaflet and these have been well received.
* A new dentist for Tiree has been appointed, however this is yet to be formally publicised.
* The issue with the pavements in Crossapol is ongoing. ***PM to action c/fwd.***
* The grass has now been cut on the verges of the road, it was agreed to try and action this sooner next year as visibility on the roads is greatly reduced, specifically at the school area. ***JH to action.***
* An architect has visited the West Highland Housing properties in Pier View, recommendations have been made to the housing association based on this visit. Feedback is still awaited.
* There being no other business the minutes were approved. Proposed by **GMG** and seconded by **SC.**

1. **Correspondence**

* A phone call was received regarding a current planning application in place for a bothy in Balemartine, it was agreed to discuss this under planning.
* Yellow Hare are currently in the process of applying for an alcohol licence.
* Progress has been made with regards to the phone box at Baugh, the door will be replaced, the unit painted and the phone mechanism reinstated.
* Correspondence has been received regarding dog fouling; it was noted that in line with the Dog Fouling act of 2003 act 2003, up to an £80 on the spot fine can be issues. Legislation allows for an individual to make complaints, this also applies to small communities by letter campaign to all residents in a localised area following a report made via the website.
* It was noted that there is an increase in rubbish at Scarinish Harbour which is owned by Tiree Trust. The Trust are currently investigating a commercial bin arrangement for the harbour.
* Community Councils have been invited to the pre-release of the Dynamic Coast report in relation to Coastal Erosion. The report will be released to the public in September. It is hoped that two students undergoing thesis work on climate change will visit Tiree to carry out various seminars in relation to the Dynamic Coast report findings.
* The Police Report has been received from Police Scotland there have been 26 incidents reported , two of sheep worrying, one of hare coursing, one minor and one major road incidence report, one charge of drink driving and assault; driving on a provisional and unsafe carriage of passengers. Investigation is ongoing regarding reports of littering and the carrying of passengers unsafely in a vehicle. Correspondence has also been ongoing received regarding cover for the island whilst for PC Tanner is away, a letter written to Police Scotland, and it has been noted best efforts will be made to ensure cover where practicable. A resource plan is underway for September.

1. **Meetings Attended**

* Tiree Community Council met with Tiree Community Development Trust on 7th July. The meeting was thought to be beneficial by all in attendance. ***JH, PM*** *and* ***IC will meet to discuss future joint sessions.***
* A meeting took place with MSP Jenni Minto and Parliamentary Secretary Heather Wolfe on 21st July. Topics discussed included boundaries commission findings, representation for Tiree and Coll and the cost of telecare in Argyll and Bute.

1. **Consideration of the Final draft of the Tiree Community Council Planning Policy**

* The minutes of the public meeting held 16th July were made available on the website. Pending one agreed change to state that the Community Council does have a past planning policy, the minutes were approved, proposed by **SC** and seconded by **PM**.
* The current draft planning policy was presented and the amendments outlined. This includes the option for members of the public to write to the Community Council with regards to planning matters and remain anonymous out with the council.
* It was also noted that ‘Matters of principle’ to be discussed in detail, and agreed, at meetings held in public. These may be subject to consultation with emphasis on how these applications might impact on the wider community.
* It was suggested by a member of the public that a trail run of the policy is required before a final vote takes place, and that the draft policy should not be passed until further community consultation takes place.
* It was further noted by a member of the public that the meetings are not very well advertised and a better advertising campaign may increase the level of interaction from the community.
* It was noted that there have been a number of recent planning events that the planning policy may have been useful for.
* It was proposed that that the approval of the planning policy be postponed until the September meeting to ensure the community have had a full opportunity to respond to the document and allow for maximum public attendance and transparency. This was agreed by all present.
* It was lastly noted that planning can still be acted upon and discussed by the Community Council in the meantime.

1. **Transport**

* It was noted that Donnie MacInnes has put his name forward to become a member of the CalMac Communities Board.
* CalMac capacity is now running at 100% with no social distancing in place.
* Campervans are no longer allowed in standby lanes unless belonging to an island resident.
* Arrangements to re-instate the transport form are ongoing.

1. **Community Garden**

* A Facebook page and website is now set up for this project and an article has been placed in An Tirisdeach. **IC** will continue to work on the website. ***IC to action.***
* Risk assessments are underway for the site which will ensure compliance with the insurance policy.It is thought that there may be a cost incurred with water rates, however this is get to be confirmed.
* An application has been submitted to the Woodland Trust for trees to surround the area and make it more sheltered.

1. **Domestic Rubbish**

* The public bin at the pier has been withdrawn due to the facility being used irresponsibility, meaning the only area to dispose of domestic rubbish is at the landfill site.
* It was noted that when Holiday Home owners pay for a commercial uplift service the funds raised do not go towards local government or the improvement of services but to nation government funds.
* It was suggested that the issue is not only caused by visitors to the island but locals too. It was put forward that this is not a demographic specific problem but an issue with the level of service being provided for Tiree.
* It was agreed to continue discussions on how to improve provisions for the island, possibly taking this forward at government level.

**AOCB**

* It was previously discussed that a number of comments had been received with regards to a planning application currently in process for the Bothy in Balemartine. It was suggested that this scenario could be an opportunity to use the draft planning policy in a trail run, as it meets the criteria and a high number of representations have been made by the community. This was agreed by all present. It was agreed to write to the planning authority to allow for extra time for the Community Council to gather evidence and put forward a view. ***JH/JP to action.***
* It was noted that **PM** will be taking on the role as General Manager with Tiree Community Development Trust.
* The minutes of the 2021 AGM were approved, proposed by ***GMG*** *and seconded by* ***PM.***

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