

**MINUTE
of
APPLECROSS COMMUNITY FORUM**

Date: 1 September 2021, 7.00pm

Venue: Online, Zoom meeting

Attendees: (17)

KM Kathrine Mackie (Chair)
DM David Mackie
RHJ. Rodger Harvey-Jamieson (Chair Applecross Trust)
AM. Archie MacLellan (Applecross Trust)
SV. Saara Viitanen (Applecross Community Company)
FM. Fiona Mackenzie
VM. Valerie Macpherson
KW. Kalie Wilkinson
HG. Hugh Gosling (Secretary Shieldaig Community Council)
GM. Gerry McPartlin
AMc. Anne Macrae
JW. Jessica Whistance
GW. Gregor Watson
OK Owen Kilbride (Chair Applecross Community Company)
RC. Roslyn Clarke
AG. Alan Gillies
BG. Barbara Gillies

1. Welcome and Apologies

KM welcomed everyone. Apologies were noted from Chris Ward and Jon Glover.

2. Minute of the meeting held on Wednesday 21 April 2021

The minute was accepted as true and accurate, proposed by RHJ and seconded by GM.

3. Action Tracker and matters arising

Item 3 – SV confirmed that the paid entry system had been installed to the public toilets and the upgrading was completed. Residents could apply to ACC for exemption from payment.

Item 5 – SV advised that funding for the Covid response had now ended. Lunch club at the Village Hall had resumed. GM complimented those who had delivered the meals on wheels service. The response of the whole community was noted.

Item 8 – SV advised that funding had been received for a further feasibility study using the renewable energy from Applejuice. Report expected in December.

Item 12 – AM advised that an insurance claim had been opened but not progressed. Discussion to take place between OK on behalf of Archeological Society with AM about future use and maintenance of Round House.

Item 14 – no one available to speak to internet issue. Continue to next meeting.

4. Update Reports

a) Community Council

The [CC Minute](#) of 28 June 2021 was received without comment. GW advised that he had forwarded to the CC information about funding for paths. He had raised the issue of a path from Shore Street to Milltown.

b) Community Company

KM noted that RC had moved on from ACC and offered her best wishes for the future.

The [ACC update](#) was received without comment.

c) Applecross Trust

The Trust [update](#) was received. RHJ advised that the Trustees meeting would take place in the week beginning 11 October 2021. The usual invitation to observers from the Forum would be issued.

RC enquired about procedure and timescales for noting interest in Trust properties becoming available for rent. AM advised that a number of notes of interest had been received and considered by Trustees on the basis of their housing policy and practice. Preferred candidates have been identified for Torgarve Cottage and 8 Milton and will be informed in the course of next few days.

d) Helipad

The [Update Report](#) was received without comment. The work of everyone involved from raising funds to constructing the site was commended.

e) Community Fund

An oral update was provided. The draft constitution and form of application had been approved. The papers were with the Solicitor for submission to OSCR. The timescale is dependent upon OSCR.

HG spoke to the inconvenience and disruption felt keenly by residents of the Shieldaig end of the coast road caused

by the traffic from the Alt na Moine hydro development. There followed a discussion about how those residents might be compensated from the payment of £5,000 made by the developer to the Applecross Community Fund. DM clarified that the area which may benefit from the Fund was west of the A896 road from Tornapress in the south to the junction with the C1091 road to the north. AM advised that in his discussions with the developer it appeared that the developer did not want to become involved in how the money was distributed. The mood of the meeting was that the sum of £5,000 should be paid for the benefit of those residents adversely affected without further delay. RC commented that the amount of community benefit paid by the developer was inadequate having regard to the proposed output of the scheme.

It was agreed that KM would approach the developer to seek a resolution which failing RHJ would pay the sum of £5,000 out of the community fund held meantime by the Trust to Shieldaig Community Association (as advised by HG) subject to obtaining an indemnity from the developer.

f) Tourism Management Group

JW presented an [update report](#). The work done to improve the quality of life for tourists and residents was noted and commended. KM raised questions about public safety, particularly around the Inn, and parking on Shore Street. JW was not sure this fell under the remit of the Group but agreed it could be put on the agenda for discussion. It may be matters for Highland and Community Councils. FM

suggested that there were a range of issues that needed consideration for the future including public safety. GW suggested that there was a need to take a long term view about safety measures. He was aware that some areas were adopting pedestrianisation others a park and walk scheme.

5. Future of the Chair

KM reminded everyone that December 2021 would be the third anniversary of her appointment as Chair. In November 2020 the Forum had approved a period of office for the Chair of three years with a possible one further period of three years. KM advised that she would not be seeking re-election. Accordingly, it would be necessary for other candidates to be found. RC expressed thanks to KM on behalf of the Forum and the community.

6. AOB

No one in attendance had any other matter to raise.

7. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Forum will be on 8 December 2021