

Maryburgh Community Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 31st May 2017 at 7.30pm

Present:

Morris Colven (MC) Jenny MacLennan (JM) Tom Thomas (TT) Liz Sinclair (LS), Andrew Steel (AS) John Linley (JL), Cllr Alister MacKinnon, Cllr Angela Maclean, Sgt Martyn Turner (Police Scotland)

Apologies for non attendance were tendered by Andrew Matheson, Jamie Dunsmore. Cllrs Margaret Paterson and Graham Mackenzie

1. Chairperson's Remarks.

The Chairman opened the meeting, with the majority of those present being in attendance at the AGM held immediately prior to this regular meeting, he welcomed the addition of John Linley, Cllr Angela Maclean and Sgt Martyn Turner and also accepted apologies on behalf of those unable to attend.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting were duly confirmed and adopted. Proposed by TT, seconded by AS.

3. Police Report.

Sgt Martyn Turner reported that during the period covering 25 April 2017 to 28 May 2017 a total of **736** incidents were recorded and dealt with by Wester Ross and Black Isle officers, of that **08** were reported in the Maryburgh area. Those incidents related to the following subjects:

Incidents of road traffic matters on the A835 and A862 Maryburgh area relating to driver behaviour, several cars racing around Maryburgh (no trace), two vehicle road traffic collisions at the Maryburgh roundabout.

There were also a small number of public disorder calls involving a drunk male staggering around. He was located and taken home.

One call regarding damage to a bench at the river. Enquiries are ongoing.

The other calls attended to by Police were for non- criminal matters.

There were no further calls which would have any community impact.

Sgt Turner conveyed a message from local divisional commander Inspector David Ogilvie requesting that residents remain vigilant regarding bogus callers. Either those 'in person' seeking 'work' at your premises or on the phone requesting your bank details etc. Banks or other reputable companies will never ask for your PIN over the phone, so never disclose it to anyone over the phone. If any 'dubious callers' appear at your premises, contact police, preferably with a description of them and if they have a vehicle, that too would help. If possible, note the registration number – but only if it is safe to obtain it without putting yourself at any risk to do so.

4. Matters Arising

With regard to **Action Point 01/17** the Treasurer had received an application form to complete in order to formally apply for the money to be allocated to MAC. This has been submitted and awaits further action and response for the allocation and payment of the funding

Due to local council elections, covering the period of the May CC meeting, with councillors being in 'purdah' for the duration of the electoral period, the outstanding **Action Points 02/17, 03/17** and **04/17** can now be further addressed and/or finally resolved at the August meeting.

5. MAC Update

The business plan has been submitted to HC for assessment prior to the Asset Board meeting at the start of June. The MAC Ltd AGM will be held shortly and will be advertised at the gala. At this time a display will try to encourage volunteers to offer their services.

6. Financial Report.

JD was unable to attend due to work commitments; however having now stepped down as the CC Treasurer, a hand over of documentation would hopefully take place before the next meeting.

7. Correspondence

All correspondence has been circulated by email. No issues upon which a consensus of opinion was needed were highlighted. Members were invited to submit their own comments if they had strong feelings on the issues.

8. New Business.

MAC is to run 'promotional' events during the Gala Week in order to highlight what MAC and the CC can 'do' for and on behalf of local residents. Volunteers to man a table on both days are required.

9. AOCB.

Memorial Garden

The above is due to be 'officially' opened on Tuesday 20th June, by Lt. Col. Any Mackay MBE, a local 'soldier' who has risen through the ranks to reach his current commissioned rank. It will be his last engagement in uniform as he is due to retire the week afterwards. Local dignitaries and representatives from interested organisations will be advised.

10. Date of next meeting.

Wednesday 30th August 2017 at 7.30 pm in the Portacabin

ACTIONS REQUIRED FOR NEXT MEETING

Action Point Ref Date Raised	Issue Arising	Action Required	Responsibility	Remarks
AP01/17 22 Feb 2017	Formal Letter of offer for £47,000 from HC required by MAC/CC	Formal application for funding to be completed and submitted to Highland Council	Treasurer	Application submitted and awaits subsequent payment of funding by Highland Council
AP02/17 22 Feb 2017	Crash Barrier at junction Dunglass Rd/Back Rd	Highland Council responsible for installation	Cllr Mackenzie to follow up (See item 7b March Minutes)	Awaits update. Cllr Mackinnon to make further enquiries (First raised 2015)
AP03/17 22 Feb 2017	Stile Crossing at foot of Stuarthill Drive	Stile x-ing to be replaced by Gated x-ing as this is a public right of way.	Abelio/Scotrail Cllr Mackenzie liaising (See item 7c March Minutes)	Awaits update (First raised 2016)
AP04/17 29 Mar 2017	Dunglass Road Overgrowing Verge between j/w Rosshill Drive towards Maryburgh for approx 100 m	Highland Council to undertake removal of excess growth	Highland Council (See item 8a March Minutes)	Cllr Mackinnon to make enquiries as to when/if this can be implemented within the current financial year.
AP05/17 26 Apr 2017	Old 'Roundabout' dormant bank account	Enquiries into 'Roundabout' old bank account/residual funds	AS	AS has made enquiries and it has been established that there are two options available. (i) To change the signatories on the existing dormant account OR (ii) To close it and open a new account, either at the same branch, or another bank.
AP06/17 26 Apr 2017	AGM	AGM to be set and held (Prior to June 2017)	Secretary	The 2017 AGM took place immediately prior to this CC meeting therefore AP06/17 is now complete and closed.