

Morvern Community Council Meeting held on  
Monday October 9th 2023 at 7pm Lochaline Village Hall

Present: Annie Tordoff, Janette Cameron, Angus Robertson, Henriette Laidlaw and  
Members of the public x 9

1. AR welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. AOB requests were taken by the chair
3. Community Council update and transfer to new Councillors. AR announced 4 elected councillors are India Boulton, Henriette Laidlaw, Jenni Hodgson, Clara Montgomery. HL outlined that an elected HC councillor will come to an inaugural meeting. In the meantime the new council will continue to meet informally as per normal schedule. AT /JH/IB to meet on Thursday at 7.15pm. AT to let Clara know.
4. Corran Ferry update – as per weekly published update. HL reported back from steering group meeting (also held 9th Oct) Part identified for Maid of Glencoul – likely 8+ weeks lead in time. MV Corran muted to be in service w/c 23<sup>rd</sup> October. Damage to cars on the lochside road can be claimed by HC. Bid for new electric ferry not submitted as yet as funding application time not open yet - this is likely to be November with a view to knowing the outcome in early 2024. If (and a big if) the bid is successful, procurement would begin July 2024.

Surveys that have been distributed are to be completed and returned by the end of October.

HL updated on Corran Narrow Action Group. The group has suggested that individual expenses/small claims (ie less than £10k) use invoice template to be uploaded to Morvern.org. as a mode of legal protest which could potentially be pursued through the small claims court. HL raised that support is required to continue representation on Corran Action Group – please contact [morverncc@gmail.com](mailto:morverncc@gmail.com) if you would like to help – and continue to support Morvern residents. HL will continue on with MCC and Corran Ferry Steering group.

ACTION: MCC to write to Corran Action group to withdraw at the present time.

5. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising – AT noted that she was at the last meeting which was not recorded as such. Note of NHS Highland meeting was inaccurate - A doctor is present in Lochaline for 3 full days and on the other 2 days telephone consultations are available. It was pointed out that previously surgeries were only held each morning so actually Face to face appointments are greater now ( 6 sessions ) compared to 5 sessions pre the merge with the other practices.
  - a. Place based planning - Session was well received and a proposal from PAS has been received. MCC decided to pursue the proposal to secure community ownership of Morvern – AT to draft application to MCT. The cost of the proposal would have to be sourced. (no funds available from HC). A video recording of the training session is available – please email [morverncc@gmail.com](mailto:morverncc@gmail.com) if you would like to receive this.
  - b. School update – minutes to follow from Andrew Raven Trust meeting for action. JC agreed to continue update the council regularly on school issues..
  - c. Lochaline village maintenance – Steve Hardy, Em Rossier and Kevin Laurie agreed to take this work forward. A map of Lochaline area will be put up in the hub and on local social media to get suggestions for areas that local people would like to see protected , cleared etc. with due

consideration of timing. Notes of the meeting held regarding Lochaline village maintenance can be viewed at Morvern.org. AR noted that MCC hope that this area will extend beyond Lochaline to Drimnin and other places in the fullness of time. ACTION – MCC to write to HC again to ask if they would consider transferring local contracts to the community to do on their behalf. MCC would like to thank everyone who attended the meeting and to the team who are going to lead the work.

6. West Pier - Callum unable to attend in person. Meeting to be arranged once village consultation has taken place.
7. Planning applications
  - a. Scottish Sea Farms Fiunary Fish Farm expansion - response received.
  - b. Planning applications examined –
    - i. Carnacallich – no objection,
    - ii. Acharn upgrade to Cat C listed building – no objections.
    - iii. 2 dwellings at the old PO – no objections ,
    - iv. Glensanda quarry. AR updated the meeting on meetings held regarding arrangements with Glensanda on funds for the future. HL will attend next meeting with AR and MCT chair.
8. MCDC Update – MCDC will be putting forward at AGM a change to the constitution to alter the change of 3 directors each year standing down to 2 directors. AGM will be held 1<sup>st</sup> week of Dec. Large grant is being pursued by Scotland Rainforest who have contacted MCDC for support , in tandem with RSPB work.
9. Christmas pensioners lunch will be held 9<sup>th</sup> December. A tender letter to local caterers will be sent out and volunteer helpers and musicians needed – please let Susan Taylor know if you can help.
10. Clach na Criche - response received from FLS who said they would observe the area and put signage up following incidents of human waste.
11. Lochaber National Park – agreed to invite a rep to our CC meeting – ACTION AT to invite.
12. Village telephone box – there is a desire to restore the phone box – included in village maintenance action plan. KL will source prices to fix.
13. Road damage following recent heavy rain – Drimnin road, Achnaha, Killundine, West Pier, Ardtornish road, drainage. ACTION - AT to take photos and write to HC to ask for repairs.
14. Treasurer’s Report. See below.
15. HL thanked outgoing councillors.
16. Steve H reminded MCC that he sent a letter to regarding the climate crisis. Resilience for residents and local flora and fauna have been highlighted this week with flooding and heavy rain.

<b>MCC Treasurer's report for period</b>		<b>£</b>
Opening Balance at:	6/8/2023	<b>£6,275.29</b>
INCOME	Ecoplastic lumber for snackbar notice board	-£272.30
EXPENDITURE	Village Maintenance - cut 5 of 7 up to 31/18/23	-£750.00
Closing Balance at:	7/9/2023	<b>£5,252.99</b>

## 2023 Meeting dates

13th November

11th December