

BURRA AND TRONDRRA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

A Special meeting of the above Community Council was held on Zoom on Friday 26th March 2021 at 7pm.

Present

Mr. N. O'Rourke
Mr. R. Black
Mr. B. Adamson
Miss N. Fullerton
Mrs. M Garnier

Apologies

Miss A. Williamson
Mr. G. Laurenson

In Attendance

Mrs. J. Adamson (Clerk)

1. Funding

This meeting had been called mainly to discuss late funding applications which needed to be dealt with before 31st March 2021. Three applications had been received and after discussion the members agreed to donate £650 to each of the following groups:

Burra & Trondra Minibus Association

The committee are looking to extend the minibus garage, fit a larger new door, re-roof the garage, install drainage and lay hot tarmac on the driveway. The total cost of the project is £29,940 and they have received a 90% grant from the Crown Estate but have a shortfall of approximately £3,000.

Bridge End Outdoor Centre

The committee members are proposing to make the Outdoor Centre more accessible for all users by creating a suitable outdoor toilet and changing facilities. Also better disability access to the centre and around the site with further activities identified by the trustees to benefit local and wider community users. Currently members are looking at feasibility and design plans as a phase one approach before the next stage. Funding would assist with initial professional fees to help progress to the next stage of the project.

Trondra Hall

The committee are looking for funding towards the cost of a new insulated hall roof, heating system and external glazing for the hall.

COVID-19 Support for Communities Fund - HIE

It was also noted that there is £465.16 remaining from this funding. It was agreed that local halls, churches, centres etc be contacted to see if further PPE is required and use this funding to purchase more if required. The Clerk will look into this.

2. Easing of Covid-19 restrictions on Islands

An e-mail had been received from the Scottish Government on 22nd March asking for our views on the proposed easing of Covid-19 restrictions on island communities with responses needed back by today, Friday 26th March. Due to the timescale it was agreed to discuss this also. They invited our views on two proposals which were discussed. It was agreed to respond selecting the following proposal with additional comments added.

“Island communities move individually to a different lower level of restrictions (and therefore continuing to restrict travel to and from islands for essential purposes only).”

Comments added by members: Our Community Council members would also like to stress that protection measures should still be reinforced i.e. wearing of masks, sanitizing and 2 metre distancing. Also travel restrictions should be adhered to with testing done.