

# NEWSLETTER AUTUMN 1999

## NEW COMMUNITY COUNCIL

This is the first Newsletter of the new Community Council for Point.  
Your Community Councillors are:

### ELECTED MEMBERS

Alasdair Macleod	17 Aignish	870622
(Chairman)		
Robert J M Frater	47 Upper Bayble	870268
(Vice-Chairman)		
Martin R Palmer (Clerk)	12 Sulaisiadar	870322
Mairi Macleod Mackenzie	24 Upper Bayble	870669
(Treasurer)		
Matthew L Bruce	Achnaha, Upper Garrabost	870273
Emelin Williams Collier	2 Garrabost	870192
Donald F Crichton	21 Swordale	870288
Iain D M Maciver	15 Lower Bayble	870637
Donald M Mackay	9B Upper Bayble	870562
Donald Macleod	4 Upper Bayble	870474
Donald J Smith	39A Lower Bayble	870614

### CO-OPTED MEMBERS

Linda Cunningham	Suilven, 10 Sheshader	870760
Donald M Macleod	9 Aird	870895
Murdo Macleod	2 Broker	870304
Charles B Nicolson	Community Education	703773

### LOCAL COUNCILLORS

Norman M Macleod	16 Eagleton	870707
Donald J Macsween	Cnoc na Cidhean,	870145
	49 Lower Bayble	
Donald I Nicholson	28A East Street, Sandwick	705207

## SKIPS AND RUBBISH

The big square skips are a free service for the community that has been getting good reception – with a number of problems created by the carelessness of users.

The skips are provided by the Comhairle, and Point Community Council does all the day to day running of the system. Each skip has a regular pattern of sites to be left at, and it stays there until it is full, and then gets emptied and left at the next site.

The problems that there have been with the skips are normally that rubbish has been left outside the skips, and rubbish gets blown around causing a mess. Parents are reminded that they should not let their children play in or close to these skips.

The rules for the skips are:-

- No contractors, only householders to use them
- No dead animals
- No engine oil
- No asbestos slates or sheets
- Nothing to be dumped outside the skips

Anyone breaking these rules is breaking legislation and could be prosecuted.

For more details about locations of the skips please phone Matt Bruce, evenings and Saturdays on 870273.

Derelict cars can be removed by the Comhairle free of charge. Contact Environmental Services on 703773.

## CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

The new Point Community Council has met twice since the election in May and already we are seeing hefty agendas. This is a good indication that the people of Point recognise the value of the Community Council and see it as a positive organisation which has a special role to play in improving the quality of life for residents in Point. Although the Community Council will be asked to address many issues in the three years ahead, the main agenda has already been set from the responses received via the Community Appraisal. A remarkable 97% of residents returned their Community Appraisal forms and the picture painted by the report, which will be distributed shortly, will indicate quite clearly what the aspirations of the Point community are as we move towards the millennium. One of the primary tasks of the Point Community Council, working in partnership with the three local councillors, will be to translate the aspirations of the community into solid, practical achievements.

A cordial invitation is extended to all members of the public to attend the Community Council meetings. The next meeting is in Knock School on Monday 6th December at 7.30pm.

Alasdair Macleod, Chairman

## SOCIAL FUND

The Community Council has £500 for social activities for, mainly, the young and the elderly. If you have any suggestions for how this should be spent please speak to your local Community Councillor.

## DROP IN CENTRE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Point Grove Drop in Centre is open to all secondary pupils on Friday and Saturday evenings 7.30pm – 10pm in Knock Hall – Games, music, TV, videos or just chatting with friends. Membership £2.00 per year.

People are wanted to go on rota once every three to four weeks to help at the drop in. Anyone interested in helping phone Jacky MacKay 870806.

## COMMUNITY APPRAISAL

The Community Appraisal Report is in the process of being sent out. The Community Council has arranged for a public meetings on **Wednesday 3rd November** in each school and an overall meeting in Bayble School on **Wednesday 10th November** to listen to views and to look at taking matters forward. All organisations are particularly invited to the second meeting.

## SCHOOLS IN POINT

This is expected to be a major issue over the next few years. The Community Council is setting up an Education Sub-Committee including representatives of School Boards to work on this.

## MILLENNIUM

If you know of any events planned in point please let your local Community Councillor know as soon as possible.

## UI CHURCH

The Comhairle appear to be the owner of the Ui Church at Aignish. However as it could be one of the main visitor attractions in Point there have been suggestions that a local trust should be set up to preserve and develop it. A trust could get grants that are not available to the Comhairle. The Community Council will support a local trust.

## OVER 60's DAY CLUB

It is hoped that the idea of a weekly meeting for all over 60's in Point, which was discussed by the last Community Council will be achieved over the next few months. A Public Meeting to set up a steering group is to be held on **Wednesday 17th November** so watch the local press and listen to the local radio for details.