

## **South Harris Community Council – Minutes of Meeting 5<sup>th</sup> February 2018**

1. **Apologies** – Caroline Chaffer, Lisa MacDonald, Marion Morrison, PC Bertin, Hamish Taylor, Councillor Finnegan
2. **Present** – Alan Ross, Stephen MacKinnon, John R MacLean, Neil MacLean, Councillor Cunningham, Councillor Mitchell, Kathryn Campbell, Kenny MacLeod, Margarita Williams (Harris Development Limited)
3. **Minutes** – Minutes were approved by Alan Ross and John R MacLean
4. **Matters Arising**
  - 4.1 **Rural Internet** – David Mundell has never replied to question about every road in the Western Isles to be covered by superfast broadband. There is the issue of whether the C79 will be covered. There was the suggestion that the Bays could get 5G through the mast at Rodel but Alan pointed out that the mast does not reach most houses in Bays and suggested that masts could look across from Skye to Bays.

### **5 Additional Matters**

**5.1 – Kilda Project** – Margarita Williams was in attendance representing Harris Development Limited to answer questions regarding the St Kilda project they are taking forward. There was unhappiness expressed that this could help Uig but it was agreed that we cannot let it stop us. Margarita said that there is the possibility the building at the pier could be shared by lifeboat, fire brigade and St Kilda Centre. There were questions raised about where land would come from at Pier for St Kilda Centre/Lifeboat Station as well as parking concerns. It was also pointed out that it would be at least four years down the line before RNLI would be moving out of current building. In summary, SHCC would like clarity about land at Pier and funding. Alan will report back from Harris Forum.

**5.2 Life Saving Attempt** – SHCC has been asked if Len, the Tesco Driver who attempted to save Colin, would be put forward for an award. Tesco acknowledged Len but it is felt the community should as well. Alan will check with PC Bertin if police can do so and will also check with Humane Society.

**5.3 Affordable Housing** – Ideal site on Peat Road past Grimsdale which is owned by Bays of Harris Estate. There is a meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> February.

**5.4 CC Insurance Policy** – We are now insured and now deal directly with insurers rather than through Highland Council.

**5.5 Community Energy Scotland** – Meeting on March 8<sup>th</sup>. If we get involved we could see a share of the profits.

**5.6 Community Asset Register** – This is a register of any skills people have that could be used in emergency. We already have this through our emergency plan.

**5.7 Funeral Association** – No AGM for three or four years after office bearers walked out. Alan may call an EGM

**5.8 Sheep and Dog Problems** – A dog or dogs attacked sheep on way to Rodel. This was reported to police. Kenny wants to raise awareness within community about keeping dogs on leads and letting visitors know. The possibility of putting signs up in village was raised.

**5.9 Flag for Harris** – There may already be a Harris flag which may be with John Murdo Morrison.

**5.10 Finsbay Grazings** - £850 for Finsbay Grazings.

**5.11 Clipper Ranger** – Lewis want this ship back but it was pointed out that Harris is the busiest port of entry for camperans. There is a meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> February at 4pm to talk about new ferry terminal.

## **6. AOCB**

**6.1 Paypoint** – Paypoint coming to Clachan from next week.

Next Meeting Date –