

SOUTH HARRIS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting 12th September 2016

1. Present

Alan Ross

Chair

Kenny Macleod

Vice Chair

Hamish Taylor

John Maclean

Francis Macleod

Stephen Mackinnon

Phil Bertin

2. Apologies

Lisa Macdonald

Secretary

Marion Morrison

Treasurer

Kathryn Campbell

Neillie Maclean

3. Minutes

The minutes of the 22nd August were read and approved.

4. Matters Arising

- 4.1 Mill Pond – AAR reported that we now had sufficient finance to commence with this project but further finance would be sought to enlarge the project. Best time to start would be early spring 2017. AAR to meet with KA on site to consider work necessary and siting of benches.
- 4.2 Rodel Hotel – HT reported on the outcome of his meeting with DMcD regarding the future of the Hotel. All that can be established was that an offer was being considered but the vendor would have no say on the future of the hotel. AAR to make further contact and try and establish what is happening.
- 4.3 LMS – AAR updated the Committee on the progress of the LMS Steering Group. The planning application for change of use will go before committee on the 27th September. The major difficulty has been the position taken by some of the Officers in relation to the access but it is hoped that this has been resolved although there are still objections and onerous conditions to be dealt with.

- 4.4 Winter Gritting Policy – AAR reported on his attendance at a consultation meeting in SY relating to this issue – there was a very poor attendance (2 Community Councillors and one Councillor). AAR raised concerns relating to the prioritisation of the A859 and the C79. AAR also submitted a written response on the 29th August – not acknowledged or responded to. Still major concern over this issue, AAR and HT had travelled the whole length of the C79 and there are parts which are difficult without snow and ice. AAR to communicate with Councillors.
- 4.5 Plan for Harris – AAR reported on meeting at which the Plan for Harris had been finalised and would soon be published. The project was to be ongoing and a sub-group would be formed who would be responsible for updating the Plan.

5. New Matters

- 5.1 Health Board – HT reported that there appeared to be a suggestion that the WI Health Board was to be amalgamated with Highland & Islands. To be investigated.
- 5.2 Mobile phone coverage – HT also reported that someone from Vodafone was coming to the isles at the end of September and that EE were involved with helping emergency services which might mean an extension of those services – this matter is ongoing.