

South Harris Community Council – Minutes of Meeting 9th January 2017

1. **Apologies** – Catherine MacDonald, Phillip MacLean, Caroline Chaffer, John R MacLean
2. **Present** – Alan Ross, Marion Morrison, Neil MacLean, P.C Phil Bertin, Kenneth Angus MacLeod, Stephen MacKinnon, Francis MacLeod, Hamish Taylor, Kathryn Campbell, Lisa MacDonald
3. **Minutes** - Approved by Kenneth Angus and Stephen

4. Matters Arising

4.1 **Rodel Hotel** – Officially been sold

4.2 **Mobile Phone Coverage** – letter has been written to Donnie Morrison (HIE) regarding the upgrade of masts in East Harris (Bays area) to ask if this area will have the coverage improved. Donnie Morrison is hopeful that the area will be improved. There has also been communication for the Comhairle regarding the Emergency Services Mobile Communications Programme which involves the upgrade of the existing mobile masts.

4.3 **Community Emergency Plan** – An add-on to the existing plan is to be put in place regarding who will complete certain tasks in the event of an extreme weather event/emergency. The home is to be used as an emergency rest centre/information point for the provision of soup/hot water for households that require extra assistance. There will be an emergency account set up for the SHCC in the Clachan so provisions can be purchased in the event of an emergency if required.

4.4 **Loss of Bus Waiting Room** – The toilets and waiting room at Tarbert have been changed to a toilet only facility. This will have a significant impact of residents of South Harris who use the bus service and rely on shelter in Tarbert whilst waiting for an onward connection. A petition is being circulated to reverse this decision.

4.5 **Sheep in Leverburgh** – This has been an ongoing issue raised on numerous occasions. Kenneth Angus and Alan will investigate the concerns in the village of Leverburgh.

4.6 **LMS Public Meeting 30th January** – The community now has formal written confirmation that the old block will come into community ownership. A public meeting will be held in the gym at the school on the 30th January 2017. It is hoped that 2 companies will be formed, potential names for the companies are “South Harris Community Trust” and “Leverhulme Memorial Trading Company” Directors and members to be selected/chosen.

4.7 **Leverburgh Moorings Association** – There has been an application for funding for a feasibility study.

4.8 **Harris Plan** – It has been proposed that the chairpersons of the 3 community councils and the North and West Harris Trusts will oversee the Harris Plan which is in place for 2016-2020.

Next Meeting Date – 20th February 2017