

South Harris Community Council – Minutes of Meeting 16th October 2017

1. **Apologies** – Kenneth MacLeod, Caroline Chaffer, Kathryn Campbell, Lisa MacDonald

2. **Present** – Alan Ross, Neil MacLean, Stephen MacKinnon, Hamish Taylor, John R MacLean, Marion Morrison, PC Bertin

3. Matters Arising

3.1 **Post Office – Leverburgh** - The Mobile Post Office is now visiting Leverburgh on a Tuesday and Wednesday morning from 9 30 until 11 30. A satellite has been fitted to the side of the hall but the van hasn't been able to receive a signal as of yet. Alan Ross has complained to David Duff (Network Operation Manager North Scotland). He was told that it would need an off island engineer to come and fix it. Paypoint will be coming to the Clachan soon.

3.2 **Sheep in Leverburgh** – Ongoing discussions regarding sheep in the village and how this can be resolved. There is also a problem with cows on the road at Scarista which could result in accidents, especially with it being darker early at this time of year.

3.3 **Leverburgh Memorial School** – Omac have the contract, work is scheduled to last 25 weeks and is due to start on the 23rd October.

3.4 **CALMAC Committee** – Neil unfortunately missed the deadline for submitting an application due to Fire Brigade commitments but has been added to their email list which will keep him informed of developments.

3.5 **Gunnera Project** – SHCC signed a cheque for £300 to be paid to the North Harris Trust to assist in the gunnera project.

3.6 **Flodabay Jetty** – A request was received for funding to assist with the concreting of Flodabay Jetty to allow easier access. Local residents are contributing and a request for £300 from SHCC was received. This was unanimously approved.

3.7 **Speed Limit** – There was a discussion regarding a suggestion by a local resident on the west side of Harris about reducing the speed limit of the whole of the west side to 40mph. It was felt by those present that if

brought in, that it could create further problems such as driver frustration and lead to other areas of Harris demanding a reduction to 40mph as well.

3.8 Hook Up Sites – There are only 22 hook up sites in Harris for Camper Vans in total. There was a discussion about possible sites in South Harris where more hook ups could be opened with land at Rodel being a possibility as well as the possible expansion of Horgabost camp site.

3.9 Chemical Disposal Point – Alan said he had been told that Leverburgh Pier Users Group would object to another chemical disposal unit being put on the pier. Neil, who is also a member of that group, will clarify as he was not aware that this was their position.

3.10 Affordable Housing – HHP have a total budget of £40m for development of affordable housing for the next 3 years and anticipate building 300+ houses. Alan stressed the need to identify possible sites in Leverburgh or it will be by-passed. There was discussion about this and whether more houses were needed without the jobs being here. A possible site past Grimsdale Guest House on the Peat Road was suggested. Alan was asked to contact John MacIver to come and visit Leverburgh for a walk around of potential sites.

3.11 Harris St Kilda Centre – The possibility of there being a St Kilda centre in Harris as part of a link between Uig, Harris and North Uist. Various sites for where a centre in Harris could be located and their merits were discussed.

Next Meeting Date – Monday ?