

## **South Harris Community Council – Minutes of Meeting 11<sup>th</sup> December 2017**

1. **Apologies** – Kenneth MacLeod, Caroline Chaffer, Kathryn Campbell, Lisa MacDonald, Marion Morrison, PC Bertin, Neil MacLean, Councillor Mitchell, Councillor Cunningham
2. **Present** – Alan Ross, Stephen MacKinnon, Hamish Taylor, John R MacLean, Councillor Finnegan
3. **Minutes** – Minutes were approved by John R MacLean and Hamish Taylor
4. **Matters Arising**
  - 4.1 **Post Office – Leverburgh** – Mobile Post Office now operating quicker.
  - 4.2 **Sheep in Leverburgh** – More complaints from public about sheep were discussed. Alan and Paul to take it further.
  - 4.3 **Leverburgh Memorial School** – On schedule to be finished by May.
  - 4.4 **Flodabay Pier Project** – The project is able to begin after receiving funding.
  - 4.5 **Harris Forum** – HDL presented a plan at the last Harris Forum meeting for a St Kilda Centre project involving Seallam! Visitor Centre in Northton and a building at Leverburgh Pier to act as a gateway to St Kilda. The Harris Forum was in agreement that HDL should proceed with this plan. Everyone in attendance at SHCC meeting was also in agreement.
  - 4.6 **Rural Internet** – Councillor Finnegan will investigate David Mundell's position on rural internet.
  - 4.7 **Tourism Infrastructure** – Disappointment expressed that the Outer Hebrides Tourist Association refuses to discuss how increased parking, toilets etc. that is needed to support tourism infrastructure will be funded. There was also similar disappointment that there was not much support at Harris Forum for some form of tourism tax.
  - 4.8 **Coastguard** – The coastguard are looking for more people to join rescue teams with age no barrier. Having a driving license is required. Word will be spread.

4.9 **Road Gritting** – There are ten houses in Finsbay where the road is not gritted which means they cannot move in icy conditions. Councillor Finnegan encouraged SHCC to make submissions to CNES.

4.10 **Extreme Weather Scheme** – SHCC's plan is up-to-date. Stephen Mackinnon will be added to Leverburgh contact details.

## 5. **AOCB**

**5.1 St Kilda Race** – The organisers of the next St Kilda race leaving from Lochmaddy would like to include South Harris. Alan Ross and Neil Campbell, Chair of Leverburgh RNLI will meet Gus Macaulay.

Next Meeting Date – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2018