

South Harris Community Council – Minutes of Meeting 19th September 2021 at Leverburgh Free Church Hall

Present – Alan Ross, Stephen MacKinnon, John MacLean, Effie MacLeod, Donnie MacDonald,

Apologies - Marion Morrison, Caroline Chaffer, Kathryn Campbell, Councillor Mitchell, Councillor Fulton, Councillor Finnegan

1. Crofting Land – This issue requires everyone working together from Government, Crofters Commission, CNES. There was a lengthy discussion of depopulation within the meeting and lack of services within South Harris. It was agreed radical solutions are required to take action. A public meeting on the future of Harris/Housing/De population was proposed to get the opinions from the people of Harris. It was suggested that the three Harris Community Councils should work together on this. It was agreed to meet next Tuesday to discuss further with the rest of the Community Council who are not present at this meeting.
2. State of Roads – Kathryn sent in photos of near Talla na Mara and single track in Leverburgh glen, Donnie sent in photos of Rodel, Alan has photos of past Lingerbay road-end where a rock is giving way as well as near the Lingerbay fank which is like a skating rink frost which is caused by a drainage issue. Effie to put short note in De Tha Dol? Asking for any road issues to contact Alan. It was suggested that the solution at Nisebost where extra parking at the roadside has been added could be a solution in Northton – this could be put to the Northton Grazings Clerk. A full list will be made and prioritised before being sent to CNES which will be done through our Councillors.
3. Flood and Risk Management – Information regarding this was sent out in advance of the meeting. From our own experience areas which could be added include Clachan corner, Seilebost causeway, and in front of Dunmore Crescent.
4. A.O.C.B – Alan will attend small meeting of the Harris Forum meeting Roddie MacKay, CNES, to discuss Camper Vans and Visitor Levy. Donnie asked that Alan ask why North Harris and West Harris Trust are the only land estates represented with other land owners not being included – Alan will feedback to Donnie.

Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 26 October 2021 at 7.30pm in Leverburgh Free Church Hall.