

South Harris Community Council – Minutes of Meeting 4th January 2022 via Zoom

Present – Alan Ross, Stephen MacKinnon, Effie MacLeod, Marion Morrison, Cllr Mitchell, Cllr Fulton

1. Apologies - Caroline Chaffer, Donnie MacDonald, John R MacLean, Cllr Finnegan,
2. Attendance - Alan Ross, Stephen MacKinnon, Effie MacLeod, Marion Morrison, Cllr Mitchell, Cllr Fulton
3. Items
 - 3.1. Ferry Problems – Mr Drummond from Cal Mac is saying on one hand that the summer timetable has been finalised but on the other hand that they are willing to have conversations/consultations about it. He said he will meet Outer Hebrides Ferries Task Group – no one present has heard of this group, **Cllr Fulton to try and find out more.** Cllr Mitchell has send a letter to the Leader, Convenor, and Chief Executive of CNES regarding the ferry situation and has copied in Uisdean Robertson, Alasdair Allan MSP and Kenny MacLeod, HDL. **This has been forwarded to Alan Ross to distribute to members.** There was a meeting with Finlay MacRae from Cal Mac before Christmas where the communities views were put across regarding the situation.
 - 3.2. Uig Pier – No additional provision of ferries to cover no Tarbert to Uig sailing. Cal Mac is arguing that there is ample space on Stornoway – Ullapool run between October and March to cover the extra demand. There are three days to put in our views – **Alan will draft letter and circulate.** It was suggested that the cost of crossing should be discounted for those who normally travel Tarbert – Uig to compensate the extra journey time. It was discussed that the MSP should be doing a lot more to try and influence a positive outcome here. It was also suggested that Iain Blackford MP may be able to assist as Uig is part of his constituency.
4. Challenge Fund - £1000 available to apply for small local projects. South Harris Historical Society was suggested as well as travel costs for South Harris Sports groups. **Marion and Stephen to pull together application.**
5. New Members – SHCC is now down to 7 members. **Alan to write to Douglas Ferguson who may be interested in joining. There are five spaces that can be filled – everyone to speak to anyone they think may be interested in joining.**
6. AOCB – Effie spoke to PC Fraser before meeting who said that he has not been able to spend as much time in Harris as he would like due to having to work shifts

in Stornoway. Shifts have now been changed to allow greater time in Harris but still not as much as he would like.