

SHCC 11/4/22

Present – Alan Ross, Andrew Harvey, Stephen MacKinnon, Marion Morrison, Donnie MacDonald, Councillor Mitchell, Councillor Finnegan (by phone),

Apologies – Effie MacLeod, John MacLean, Councillor Fulton, Caroline Chaffer

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting – Proposed by Cllr Mitchell and seconded by Donnie MacDonald.
2. STPR 2 – Cllr Mitchell presented draft report based on last Thursday's meeting.
  - Report has highlighted short term issues which need dealt with first and then on to the medium term. This is a 20 year project but if next 5 are not right, there will be no point in the next 20.
  - Cllr Mitchell was asked if he could approach Jenny Gilruth, Scot Gov Transport Minister to ask for a meeting with the First Minister. He replied that this request would be better coming from the Harris Transport Committee as Council elections are happening soon. The seriousness of the issue was communicated last week to Jenny Gilruth.
  - Cllr Finnegan said that cash neutrality should not be the main consideration. **He will send all his views to Alan by midday tomorrow.**
  - No islanders on Cal Mac Board highlighted as a series issue. There is the Cal Mac Community Board but feeling is that it has no real power.
  - **Everyone to read report in detail and come back with feedback.**
  - **Cllr Mitchell to add new points to report and send to Alan. Alan will then circulate to SHCC. Margaret MacKenzie of the Harris Transport Forum will be contacted as well.**
3. Community Skip – We are responsible for Community Skip. White goods are being fly tipped which jeopardises its future. **Marion will clarify details for next meeting.**
4. Seasonal Wardens – South Harris at present will not be covered this year as WHT and NHT dealing with their own areas. Carolyn MacPhee from HVS happy to draft application if SHCC was willing to be lead on Warden for South Harris. Agreed in principle that we proceed but line management is the biggest concern as there is not capacity within the group for this. Donnie happy to support from his position as owner of the Rodel Estate and will approach Derek MacKenzie who deals with the Bays of Harris Estate. **Donnie will ask Carolyn for a meeting.**
5. Sheep in Leverburgh – Alan getting a lot of calls about sheep in the village. He spoke to Grazings Clerk Willie MacLean who said that there is a fence which runs into the sea in Kyles Glen and if normally fenced falls down. £1,162 cost to properly repair. Alan asked if SHCC could provide the money. Decision was that SHCC should not provide money as it is the crofters responsibility, and it would set a bad precedent. Cllr Mitchell suggested that if action is not taken by crofters to resolve, the two new Councillors should be contacted after the election to write to the Grazings Clerk. Parent Council should be approached about sheep in the playground.