

Minute/Note of Meeting	TITLE	SCALPAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING		
	DATE	02 Feb 2023	TIME	7.30PM
	VENUE	Scalpay Community Centre		
	DISTRIBUTION	SCALPAY CC, CNES, CLLR FINNEGAN, CLLR FULTON		

Present:	Margaret Morrison (MM), David Morrison (DM), Kenny MacLeod (KM), Mary MacKay (MMK), Cllr Paul Finnegan,
Apologies:	Catriona Marshall, Cllr Grant Fulton, PC David Fraser

Item	Summary and Action	Who?	When?
1	Welcome MM welcomed all present and thanked them for coming out on such a wild night.		
2	Matters Arising Nil		
3	Roads KM gave an update. He had met with Murdo MacRitchie from CnES and they had gone round Scalpay looking at a variety of issues. The Comhairle had looked at buying the garage in Bun na Feidhe but the owner wasn't willing to sell. They had identified a need for signage at Donald and Catherine MacLeod's house in Ardnacille and this will be actioned by Mr MacRitchie. He also identified two areas where there was encroachment onto the road by the relevant crofters. The Comhairle will write to the two crofters involved and ask them to remove the materials from the verge in the places identified. There were also a number of potholes beginning to worsen and he will be contacting the Comhairle at the end of this month so that repairs can be carried out once the icy weather is over.		
4	Harris Transport Forum MM advised that they had met on 5 th Jan (minutes attached). They had discussed the issues with the mezzanine deck and had been advised by CalMac rep at the meeting that there had not been the demand this year. HTF had asked for the figures to back this up. MM advised that she had been contacted after the meeting by CalMac and told that those figures were "commercially sensitive" and would need a Freedom of Information request for them to be released. MM also mentioned the problems faced by travellers with the Equalisation of Fares arrangements. Information on the new medical protocol for travellers had been circulated by CalMac. It was pointed out that it would be impractical for most patients to pay for a taxi from Uig to either Glasgow or Inverness and then have to wait to claim back. MM advised that the HFT had been asked by HVS if they would take on responsibility for the new wheelchair accessible vehicle that was being purchased. A number present questioned why this was being asked and the suitability of HTF for this role. KM asked whether the second Scalpay CC representative on the HTF was going to be appointed. MM advised that a decision had been taken for only one rep from each organisation to attend meetings.		

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5	<p>Councillor Updates</p> <p>PF gave an update. Budgets for the Comhairle have been severely cut. They had sought £127M for roads and infrastructure but only received £25M. Scalpay Bridge was due works and they had sought £10M for it but only given £2M. This meant that the shotblasting and painting would not go ahead as planned. They would be limited to essential repairs such as replacement of bearings. Education had asked for £38M for buildings etc but only got £0.5M.</p> <p>Gritting is already over budget for this winter and still two months to go. The Comhairle had purchased a portable hot tar machine which will make road repairs easier and less costly.</p> <p>On Crown estates PF advised that the next round should be coming out for bids soon. Approx. £100K per ward. They were tightening up on the criteria for projects, looking at more substantial ones and also there needed to be a maritime aspect to them.</p> <p>RSHP – Edict from Scot Gov that the full LGBTQ+ spectrum has to be taught from age 6. They Comhairle have a working party looking at the syllabus and how it can be taught with the best fit for our communities.</p> <p>Housing – SHIP had £43M allocated in April 2022. To date HHP have earmarked £30M. There ahs to be a 55/45 split between rural and Stornoway allocations. Planning permission being sought for 24 house son the Scott Road site for 24 houses. The Leverburgh development had proposed 12 houses but only 6 currently being built.</p>		
6	<p>Police Update</p> <p>DF was not present but had provided an update. He is moving to Sy to live. There will be a replacement appointed but nothing def yet.</p>		
7	<p>Reports from Goups</p> <p>MM gave an update from Harris Forum. David MacDonald had been appointed as the new Development Officer and will be starting on 01 March for a two year period up to 31 March 2025. The only other item of note highlighted was the increase in deer culling that NHT needed to carry out. Minutes of the last HF meeting are attached.</p> <p>KM updated on the Scalpay School which HDL are in the process of purchasing. Plans involve mainly housing with business/retail units as well.</p> <p>DM gave an update on Scalpay Community Association. There had been a great turnout for the presentation on the proposed hall development, they are ready to look for funding now.</p>		
8	<p>AOCB</p> <p>MMK asked about the Pensioner's Lunch. A number of options were discussed. MM to check with Catriona Marshall on her approach to Harris Hotel.</p>		
5	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>14 March 2023 at 1930 in the Community Centre.</p>		