

SANDWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Tuesday, 24th March 2016 – 7.30pm

Sandwick Community Room

MINUTES OF MEETING

SEDERUNT Mary McCormack, Duncan Mackay, Willie McFarlane, Bob Walker, Michael Smith, Alison Carty

COUNCILLORS Angus McCormack, Charlie Nicolson, Zena Stewart

APOLOGIES Anne Macfarlane, Cllr Alasdair Macleod, Cllr Rae Mackenzie

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETINGS

Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd February were approved.

MATTERS ARISING

Community room cupboard insurance, water heater, Wifi and laptops

Angus McCormack will update the Community Council when he speaks with Gordy Smith.

Community Co-ordinator Representative

Mary McCormack will make an appointment to meet with David Macleay, CNES.

Mackenzie Estate

- Bus shelter – Under community interest, Cal Max have agreed, in principle, to erect a bus shelter at the opening of the road at Mackenzie Estate and will supply the Parkend, Holm and Mackenzie Estate Residents Association with costs.
- Grass cutting – The grass areas at Mackenzie Park have been added to the current grass cutting contract.
- Hedging – Alison Carty declared an interest at this point. Only one quote has been received and that Maybury Gardens, despite requests for other companies to quote. Bob Walker proposed proceeding with the current quote and Duncan Mackay seconded.
It was previously agreed the Community Challenge Fund, together with £1k from Angus McCormack's ward fund will cover these costs. It was agreed all 4 Ward Councillors will be asked to contribute £250 towards the outstanding amount.

The Committee gave Charlie Nicolson permission to approach Maybury Gardens to ask them to proceed with the project.

- Environment, bins and recycling – Discussions between Cleansing Department and HHP are taking place on providing 5 dual purpose bins in the Mackenzie Estate area.
- Gritting and Bus services – No decision has been made.

Alasdair Allan MSP Visit

Following his meeting with the Community Council, Dr Allan wrote to SSE and received a response which was not helpful.

Angus spoke to a report on fuel poverty in connection with the Environmental Services Committee and Sustainable Development Committee at the Comhairle and agreed to forward it to Diane for distribution to all members. Any further relevant information from these ongoing committees will be reported back to the Community Council.

IOLAIRE PROJECT UPDATE

Mary summarised the suggestions and discussions that took place at the two Iolaire MOWG meetings she attended on behalf of the Community Council. One important issue emerged from these discussions was: who owns the monument? If any improvements are put in place, the ownership of the monument will require clarification. The next meeting of the Iolaire MOWG is scheduled for the 18th April.

COMMUNITIES' COUNCILS EVENING REPORT

Alison reported there weren't many representatives from other Community Councils at the meeting. The purpose of the evening was to give guidance on running community councils.

Each Community Council is entitled to have 4 co-opted members on their Board - regardless of their location.

The Community Council Challenge Fund of £2k will be open for applications in June and each Community Council will be given 2 months to submit their application.

It was agreed that on receipt of planning application notices by email, Angus will forward them on to Diane for distribution to the Community Council for discussion where appropriate.

Michael Smith told the Community Council the LEADER Programme has now opened and suggested sending the community appraisal report together with an application for a Development Worker and/or Community Co-ordinator. Mary agreed to meet with David Macleay at the Comhairle on this matter with an EOI to be submitted for Development Worker.

SY PERSONALISED TRAVEL PLANNING PROJECT

Mary read out an email from John Pinkard, Contract Project Manager at the Stornoway Personalised Travel Planning Project regarding an active travel project within Stornoway town centre. Diane to reply to his email asking where they're located and suggest a Community Council representative visit.

CENTRE FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING DEMONSTRATION EVENT REPORT

Mary gave a verbal report of attending the Independent Living event and spoke highly of the facilities and services now available to enable the elderly, those suffering from dementia and/or those with mental health issues, to remain living independently at home.

Zena left the meeting

Duncan left the meeting.

QUEEN'S 90TH BIRTHDAY COIN INFORMATION

The commemorative coin was distributed to the Community Council for viewing.

PST RESPONSE FROM SCC MEMBERS

Mary thanked the Community Council members for responding quickly and positively to Calum Macdonald's request on behalf of the Point & Sandwick Consortium for the Community Council to sign their application for planning permission for a wind farm to enable a reduction in planning costs, but unfortunately the rules don't apply.

COMMUNITY PATHS GRANT FUND

Information on this fund has been forwarded to Calum Mackenzie at the Comhairle.

AOCB

Road Issues

Bob Walker noted the drains have now been filled in at Mossend Road and Constable Road but they are still to be cleaned. Angus intimated the ditches are expected to be cleaned in due course and there are long term aspirations of widening the road in this area.

Stornoway Amenity Trust Report

Charlie intimated the Amenity Trust are looking to add further environmental projects and suggested adding the airport plan to the Community Council's Appraisal Report for consideration. Members agreed.

Queen's Birthday Celebrations

Diane to contact Christina Maciver with the Community Council's suggestion that as no community Christmas party was held at Sandwick Hall, a party to commemorate the Queen's 90th birthday take place on 17th June at Sandwick Hall.

Dog Fouling

Charlie intimated he will be speaking to Angus about the ongoing issue of complaints around dog fouling within the area.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting, which is the Annual General Meeting, is 18th April at 7.30pm.