

# **SANDWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2016 – 7.30pm**

**Sandwick Community Room**

## **MINUTES OF MEETING**

<b><u>SEDERUNT</u></b>	Mary McCormack, Duncan Mackay, Willie McFarlane, Bob Walker
<b><u>COUNCILLORS</u></b>	Angus McCormack, Charlie Nicolson, Angus Campbell
<b><u>APOLOGIES</u></b>	Michael Smith, Cllr Alasdair Macleod, Cllr Rae Mackenzie, Cllr Zena Stewart

### **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

Minutes of the inaugural meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> November were approved. Proposed – Duncan Mackay  
Seconded – Willie McFarlane

### **MATTERS ARISING**

#### *Community room cupboard insurance, water heater, Wifi and laptops*

Angus McCormack intimated Gordy Smith has been tasked with addressing these requests by the Director of Education. Charlie suggested the Community Council consider low rates other community councils benefit from for insurance cover and suggested looking at some Residents Associations affiliating with Sandwick Community Council. Angus McCormack agreed to speak with Gordy Smith on the matter.

#### *Community Co-ordinator Representation*

The EOI for Leader funding has been completed and Mary agreed to keep the Committee informed on the situation.

#### *Mackenzie Estate*

Charlie gave a verbal update on the following:

- Signage tidy up – This is now completed.
- Gritting – The Comhairle are looking into this and provided gritting to the main road areas from September to December.
- Bus shelter – The Residents' Association have spoken with John Maciver and Cal Max around the possibility of providing a bus shelter with community support.
- Grass contracts – Areas of concern are Mackenzie Park and Mackenzie Crescent and HHP are going to look into this.
- Hedging – Only one quote received so far from Maybury Gardens for £3,990 (inc VAT). Once a further quote is received a decision will be made.
- Bus services – Comhairle due to meet and discuss bus provision at Mackenzie Park and Transport Officer and David Smart are due to visit the area and look at the bus shelter provision at 'old' Parkend side.
- Environment, bins and recycling – Cleansing Department and Cal Max are expected to put some bins in to the area.

Mary thanked Charlie for his update.

#### *Alasdair Allan MSP Visit*

Mary confirmed Alasdair Allan MSP visited the Community Council meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> January and summarised the Minute of that meeting. No communication on any of the issues has yet been received from Dr Allan.

Angus McCormack intimated the Poverty Action Group have asked Iain Watson from the Comhairle's Housing Department to carry out an analysis of SSE's response to their visit.

Angus Campbell confirmed fuel poverty will be on the agenda at the next Convention of the Highlands and Islands held in Stornoway with Amber Rudd MP, Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change, invited to attend.

#### **IOLAIRE PROJECT**

Email correspondence between Malcolm Burr, Comhairle Chief Executive and Mary McCormack confirmed that SCC Chair is to attend the Iolaire MOWG on a regular basis and other SCC members may attend when deemed appropriate.

The first meeting is due to be held on 9<sup>th</sup> February. Diane agreed to seek minutes of previous meetings and the membership list and furnish to board members on receipt.

#### **OUR ISLANDS OUR FUTURE BILL**

Angus Campbell intimated a consultation has taken place with responses gathered and a final meeting of the Scottish Government Island Working Group in Shetland is due to take place on 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

Angus Campbell intimated some issues around the Crown Estate have been difficult and a case is being made for Shetland, Orkney and Outer Hebrides to be differentiated.

Mary confirmed Diane responded on behalf of the Community Council to an online consultation.

#### **COMHAIRLE CUTS**

Angus Campbell summarised the Comhairle budget where public consultations on budget cuts have been held and confirmed he attended 7 meetings throughout the Outer Hebrides during November and December.

He went on to say COSLA (Convention of Scottish Local Authorities) has estimated budget cuts of c£120m are required.

Mary thanked Angus Campbell for bringing the SCC members up to date on these issues.

#### **AOCB**

##### *Meeting dates*

Charlie requested a scheduled calendar of meeting dates. Mary agreed to look at this.

*Road issues*

Bob Walker expressed concern that Mossend Road and Constable Road have experienced flooding from water running off the fields in the surrounding areas. It was also noted that there is concern at the heavy vehicles lorries using these roads for no apparent reason. Angus McCormack agreed to follow this up.

*Bob left the meeting*

*Town Centre Parking*

Duncan Mackay expressed frustration at scaffolding situated at the Harbour building at Perceval Square/Cromwell Street to allow for the installation of a new roof and suggested, as the scaffolding has meant 12 parking spaces have been out of use for a period of time, a compensation fee should be paid to the Council for this.

*Social*

Charlie suggested the members arrange a social evening. Committee members agreed.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is due to be held on Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> March 2016 at 7.30pm.

The meeting was brought to a close.

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