

SANDWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Monday, 26th September 2016 – 7.30pm

Sandwick Community Room

MINUTES OF MEETING

SEDERUNT Mary McCormack, Alison Carty, Bob Walker, Nicola Macsween, Michael Smith

COUNCILLORS Angus McCormack

APOLOGIES Cllr Charlie Nicolson

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETINGS

Bob Walker proposed and Nicola Macsween seconded the Minutes of the meeting held on 29th August 2016. The Minutes were approved.

MATTERS ARISING

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The date of the next meeting is 5th October at 9.30am.

LEADER Application

Due to possible complications from the outcome of Brexit, Cllr Angus McCormack advised the Board to submit a LEADER application as soon as possible.

Challenge Fund

Finance from the Challenge Fund has now been deposited in the Sandwick Community Council bank account.

Locality Planning Group

Alison couldn't attend the recent meeting as she was unwell but will attend the next one.

Events

The Events article has been submitted but didn't appear in the recent edition. Diane to ask Fred Silver when it will appear.

Bonfire Night

As Alison will be away from 14th – 29th October this event will not go ahead this year. It was agreed to reconsider this next year.

Mackenzie Park

Mary intimated a representative of HHP had approached her asking if the Community Council would object to a change of name from Mackenzie Square to Mackenzie Avenue. Mary said she believed there would be no objections, the Committee concurred.

Braigh Boardwalk

Mary wrote to Matt Bruce explaining the Committee's decisions and furnished Council members with a copy of her letter.

Angus intimated the Comhairle were already aware of the issues and had taken some action stating they will keep the area under surveillance.

Letters to Head Teacher Stornoway Primary / The Nicolson Institute – Chrisell MacIennan Cup

According to the wishes of Chrisell MacIennan's family the cup will go to the Stornoway Primary school. Mary has written to Mrs Murray, Head Teacher informing her of the Community Council's decision and suggesting a meeting to discuss things further.

Community Choices Fund / Scottish Heritage Angels Award

Regarding the Chair's letters about the timings of the Community Fund and Scottish Heritage Angels Award applications, Mary is still waiting on responses from the appropriate organisations. The letters, which were copied to the Comhairle's Chief Executive, MSP and MP, were furnished to the Committee members.

Cal Mac Timetables

Mary wrote to the Cal Mac Chief Executive with a copy sent to Iain Mackinnon at the Comhairle. Acknowledgement has been received. A copy of the letter was furnished to Board members.

REPORT ON CHAIR'S MEETING WITH DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION 14.09.16

Mary met with Bernard Chisholm together with reps of SHARE Committee and others involved in the project and gave an overview of discussions that took place around a proposed new build for a respite care building for severely disabled children on the pitch area beside Sandwick Hill school as well as the re-development of Sandwick Hall.

Mary intimated the Director of Education confirmed the Sandwick Community Room will not be affected by any of the plans.

The Committee agreed the idea of a respite care services on the island would be welcomed but noted until a detailed plan is put forward discussion around the potential building work cannot take place.

UPDATE – FIFTH REVIEW OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS

Angus informed the Committee the electoral arrangement for May 2017 will remain the same as they currently are with no boundary changes.

DATE OF MEETING WITH SHARE

It was agreed to invite SHARE representatives to the next meeting.

WW1 PROJECT

Mary gave a summary of her meeting with Karen Macleod, Bob Walker, Nicola Macsween and Claire Macleod where it was agreed to offer Karen the job for the WW1 project. Claire asked the Committee to consider:

- When and what the deliverable outcomes and deadlines are
- Hours and rate of pay
- Start date
- Whether other organisations collaborate

The Committee discussed the matter and agreed Karen will work on a 6 month self-employed contract as part of Phase 1 of the WW1 project. Her work will involve interviewing people, collecting and storing photos and artefacts and cataloguing.

Michael intimated the UHI History department would be interested in collaborating with Sandwich Community Council on Phase 2 of the project.

The Committee agreed to ask Claire Macleod to draw up a contract for Karen.

Mary, Bob and Nicola agreed to meet with Karen again to discuss the project further. The Committee agreed to ask Karen to scope the job, for example how she would like to carry out the project and report to the Committee on a monthly basis.

It was agreed to invite members of the UHI History department and Karen Macleod to meet with the Community Council.

Michael agreed to send Iain Robertson, a lecturer/researcher from the UHI History department Mary's email contact address.

AOCB

Resilient Communities Conference 8th October, Edinburgh

Committee members were furnished with information if anyone is interested.

Proposed Path to Iolaire Monument

Committee members were furnished with a proposed plan for the Iolaire path and agreed a robust shelter and seat area should be considered. Angus agreed to bring points raised to the next MOWG meeting.

Community Room Cupboard

Angus intimated any items belonging to Sandwich Community Council stored in the locked cupboard will be covered by the current insurance policy. The Committee agreed that once the WW1 project commences the insurance policy will be increased to £5k cover with possible extension depending on artefacts gathered.

Keys

Diane to get a copy set of keys for the Community room for Karen Macleod.

Christmas Lights Switch on

The Maybury Gardens Christmas lights switch on is 24th November at mid-day. The Policy and CNES have been notified.

Bulb Project

In Charlie's absence, Diane asked on his behalf if the Community Council would donate £100 towards the bulb planting project at Parkend. The Committee agreed.

Planning Applications

Diane gave a brief summary of the latest planning applications in the Sandwich area.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting will be Thursday, 27th October at 7.30pm.