

SANDWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Thursday, 27th October 2016 – 7.30pm

Sandwick Community Room

MINUTES OF MEETING

SEDERUNT Mary McCormack, Bob Walker, Nicola Macsween, Duncan Mackay, Willie Macfarlane

COUNCILLORS Angus McCormack, Charlie Nicolson

APOLOGIES Anne Macfarlane, Cllr Rae Mackenzie, Cllr Zena Stewart, Alison Carty

IN ATTENDANCE SHARE representatives - Christina Maciver and Murdo Johnson

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETINGS

Bob Walker proposed and Nicola Macsween seconded the Minutes of the meeting held on 26th September 2016. The Minutes were approved.

MATTERS ARISING

lolaire MOWG – The scheduled meeting was cancelled and a further date will be announced shortly.

LEADER Application - Diane emailed Donna Matheson at the Comhairle on 18th October requesting an application form and is awaiting a reply.

Events – Editor, Fred Silver, has said that due to lack of space available in the ‘Events’ publication only paid advertising could be considered. The SCC agreed to consider this at the meeting prior to the AGM.

Bonfire Night – Bonfires will be held at Parkend, North Street, Steinish, Melbost and Plasterfield.

Letters to Head Teacher Stornoway Primary– Chrisell MacIennan Cup - A reply is yet to be received.

Community Choices Fund / Scottish Heritage Angels Award – Replies are yet to be received from these organisations.

Problems with ‘ferry buses’ re capacity - A reply from CEO, Martin Dorchester is yet to be received. Mary read out a reply received from Iain Mackinnon, Director of Technical Services at the Comhairle. The Comhairle are monitoring the situation.

Community Room Key - A copy of the Community Room key has been made for Kareen Macleod.

SHARE REPRESENTATIVES DISCUSSION

Mary welcomed Christina Maciver and Murdo Johnson from SHARE.

Community Council and SHARE representatives discussed a room in the Sandwick Hall as a possible location for Sandwick Community Council to be permanently housed once renovation work has been completed.

Both Christina and Murdo told the Community Council SHARE would be happy to accommodate the Council with a shared room and possible storage space, but could not offer sole occupancy of any of the rooms.

The Council discussed this and agreed there were many reasons they wish to stay in the present Community Room, not least because of local community groups who currently make use of the facilities on a paid for basis.

Christina and Murdo both said SHARE fully supported the Community Council with its decision.

Mary agreed to write to the Director of Education to inform him of the Community Council's meeting with SHARE representatives and the Community Council's decision to remain located in the Community Room.

Mary thanked Murdo and Christina for their attendance. Murdo and Christina left the meeting.

WW1 Project

Mary intimated herself, Bob and Nicola met with Kareen Macleod on Monday, 24th October to discuss her contract which was drawn up by Claire Macleod of Orbit Agency. With minor changes, the contract was accepted with a start date of 1st November 2016 or before, as Kareen wished.

Mary summarised their meeting where Kareen requested help with leaflet distribution, interview contacts, a map of the area and, on the advice of Dr Mary Macleod of UHI, professional recording equipment at an approximate cost of £700, which could then be used as training opportunities thereafter.

The Council discussed and agreed to seek further information on the recording equipment and costs. Charlie agreed to seek information from Isles FM, Angus agreed to speak to Nick Smith at Museum nan Eilean and Diane agree to forward information on Orbit's own recording equipment.

The Council agreed Kareen could create a leaflet for distribution and the Youth Club would be asked to help distribute it in return for a £100 donation from the Community Council.

It was suggested a social evening, to inform the community and glean information from the community for the WW1 project could take place at Newton community room if Sandwick Hall isn't completed.

It was agreed that any further suggestions of who Kareen should interview in the area would be forwarded to her directly. Mary agreed to look up old recordings with Donald Petrie and Cathy 'Shock' Macdonald.

Charlie suggested the Community Council apply to the Ross and Cromarty Educational Trust Fund for further funding for the project. Diane agreed to contact Catriona Maciver in the Education Department at the Comhairle for an application form.

Mary intimated, in relation to a later stage of the WW1 project, the Community Council have partnered, together Kinloch Historical Society and Museum nan Eilean, with the University of Abertay in a funding application for just short of/in the region of £20k.

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Access - On behalf of a request from Parkend, Holm & Mackenzie Park Residents Association, Charlie put forward the suggestion of closing the vehicle access (in to the play area) on to the main road for safety reasons. Community Council members agreed.

Plasterfield Shop Closure – Angus intimated, should current interest in purchasing the shop fall through, the Point & Sandwick Trust will form a steering group and consider a community buy out of the shop.

Parkend, Holm & Mackenzie Estate - Charlie thanked the Community Council for their £100 donation towards the bulb planting and stated the planting will take place this Saturday (29th October). A Christmas tree will be going up on the Mackenzie estate and a switching on of the lights will take place on 10th December followed by a community quiz in the new year.

The Residents Association are due to meet with HHP to ensure environmental areas for play will be in place with new developments in the area.

Social event - It was agreed to discuss a social event for the Community Council in January at November's meeting.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting will be 23rd November at 7.30pm.