

SANDWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Wednesday, 23rd November 2016 – 7.30pm

Sandwick Community Room

MINUTES OF MEETING

SEDERUNT Mary McCormack, Nicola Macsween, Duncan Mackay

COUNCILLORS Angus McCormack, Charlie Nicolson

APOLOGIES Willie Macfarlane, Anne Macfarlane, Cllr Zena Stewart, Cllr Alasdair Macleod

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETINGS

Nicola Macsween proposed and Duncan Mackay seconded the Minutes of the meeting held on 27 October 2016. The Minutes were approved.

MATTERS ARISING

lolaire MOWG – Still awaiting date of next lolaire MOWG meeting. Cllr Charlie Nicolson agreed to chase this up.

LEADER Application – Michael Smith emailed Mary to say that he is unable to proceed with this application due to other commitments.

David Macleay at CNES has confirmed a Council Officer is able to help the Community Council with completing the application. He will also be able to support the Community Council in seeking further funding for the project.

Angus McCormack intimated further funding may also be available from Point & Sandwick Trust.

Mary agreed to meet with David Macleay to take things forward.

Chrisell Maclennan Cup – Mary had received a message from the Head Teacher, Mrs Murray, to say once the School's Pupil Council decide how they wish to award the Cup, she'll be in touch.

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 has been received and Mary read out the letter. A copy is attached.

The Council agreed to forward Mary's letter to Martin Dorchester and his reply to HITRANS Vice Chair, John Mackay, and request the matter be discussed at the next HITRANS meeting.

Angus McCormack & Charlie Nicolson agreed to bring the matter up at the next Transport meeting at the Comhairle.

Letter to Director of Education – Community Room – A reply is yet to be received.

Charlie forwarded a request from SHARE's Murdo Johnson to discuss further the possibility of Sandwick Community Council relocating to the refurbished Sandwick Hall. The Council discussed and agreed in the first instance to wait for a response from the Director of Education.

Bulb Planting at Mackenzie Park Estate – This was a successful event with a good turn-out. A Christmas tree has been put up and fenced and the Christmas lights will be switched on next week.

Parkend, Holm and Mackenzie Estate Residents Association are to meet with John Maciver from HHP on Monday next regarding on-going issues within the area.

WW1 Project - Update

Kareen has begun the WW1 project and is contacting people for interviews and has purchased necessary equipment.

In seeking homologation, Mary furnished all Committee members with the purchase list from Kareen totalling £245.37 (attached). The Committee approved the purchases.

Angus intimated DL Smith and Malcolm Macdonald from the Stornoway Historical Society are due to meet with Kareen and Nick Smith, Heritage Manager at Museum nan Eilean, has said he's also happy to meet with her.

REPORT ON POINT AND SANDWICK COASTAL COMMUNITY PATH COMMITTEE 7.11.16

Mary read her report from the meeting.

The Committee's bank account is now up and running with a balance of £10k deposited from Awards For All funding. Work on the coastal path will be sectional, starting from the Braighe.

Alasdair Nicolson and Tony Robson were formally appointed to the Committee and it was agreed that Grazing Clerks will be kept of informed of the Committee's deliberations.

Tom Clark at the PSCCP Committee meeting had suggested that he contract a local helicopter pilot to transfer some of the marker posts to the most difficult areas of the coastal path. Duncan Mackay, at the SCC meeting, explained that the present helicopters did not have the means to undertake such an operation. Charlie Nicolson proposed that the PSCCP Committee approach the pilot contracted from time to undertake fish farm work.

The next meeting will be 12th December at 10am.

AOCB

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

Sandwick Youth Club – A request was received from Sandwick Youth Club for money to help purchase new equipment. Council discussed and agreed to offer £100. Mary to speak with Willie Macfarlane to arrange.

Point & Sandwick Trust - Duncan intimated over 5 years, Point & Sandwick Trust aim to fit every house in the Point & Sandwick area with up to 15 LED light bulbs, potentially saving households up to £100 per year. Duncan noted, while a list of suggested recipients has been submitted to TIG (Tigh Innse Gall), concentrating on the elderly or those with limited means, further volunteer help is needed to visit local homes to ascertain requirements.

Charlie suggested asking the Parkend, Holm and Mackenzie Estate Residents Association for help and agreed to bring the matter up at their next meeting.

Nicola Macsween agreed to help in her area and bring her findings to the next Community Council meeting in January.

Charlie also suggested letting householders know about free fire alarms that are available from the Fire Service.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting will be 30 January 2017 at 7.30pm.