

# **SANDWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Monday, 30 January 2017 – 7.30pm**

**Sandwick Community Room**

## **MINUTES OF MEETING**

### **SEDERUNT**

**Mary McCormack, Nicola Macsween, Duncan Mackay**

### **COUNCILLORS**

**Angus McCormack, Charlie Nicolson**

### **APOLOGIES**

**Bob Walker, Alison Carty, Michael Smith, Willie Macfarlane, Anne Macfarlane, Cllr Zena Stewart, Cllr Alasdair Macleod**

The Community Council members recorded their condolences on the recent passing of Rev Iain D Campbell.

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

With a small amendment, Nicola Macsween proposed and Duncan Mackay seconded the Minutes of the meeting held on 23 November 2016. The Minutes were approved.

### **MATTERS ARISING**

*LEADER Application* – Mary contacted David Macleay and asked Diane Murray to join her in attending a further meeting with him and Donna Matheson to progress the application.

*Letter to Director of Education (Community Room)* – No response has been received from the Director of Education. Charlie Nicolson agreed to invite SHARE representatives, Christina Maciver and Murdo Johnson to the next meeting. Their arrival time was to be 7.30pm.

*WW1 Project* – Mary expressed concern that she has received no updates or communication from Kareen Macleod. Mary noted Kareen contacted her prior to Christmas informing her of commencement of another post and offered the Community Council to seek someone else for the role, to which Mary declined. Mary agreed to try to make further contact with Kareen Macleod in a day or two.

The Council also expressed disappointment that no further MOWG meeting for the WW1 commemoration event has taken place.

*Sandwick Youth Club* – Charlie Nicolson agreed to arrange a Sandwick Youth Club member to contact Willie Macfarlane regarding the agreed donation of £100.

*Point & Sandwick Trust* – In relation to the LED initiative, Mary forwarded suggested names of residents from East Street and Lower Sandwick who may be entitled to benefit in the first round, to Angus McCormack.

*Problems with the ferry the Loch Seaforth including its 2017 timetable; the siting of dog area; unsupervised children and the use of the cafeteria seating as 'beds'* - Mary has written to HITRANS Vice Chair, John Mackay, and included letter to Martin Dorchester and Martin Dorchester's reply asking that the matter be raised again at the next HITRANS meeting.

### **REPORT ON POINT AND SANDWICK COMMUNITY PATH MEETING 12.12.16**

Mary read her report from the meeting of 12 December 2016.

The proposed route of the community path and costings will be complete by January and carried out in sections, at a cost of c£20/meter. Point Community Council are considering purchasing and renovating the Garrabost Mill, which will have a tie in with the Point and Sandwick Coastal Community Path and ultimately the Stornoway Bay Path which includes the Iolaire section.

Charlie intimated the History Department at the Nicolson Institute are working on an Iolaire project through the Amenity Trust and were recently successful in a Lottery funding bid for work at Carn Gardens in the town centre.

### **SOCIAL EVENT SCC**

Agreed to discuss at the next meeting.

### **AOCB**

*Defibrillator* - Charlie Nicolson made a request to the Community Council for a donation of £400 toward the purchase of a Defibrillator for the community, which will be placed at the newly refurbished Sandwich Hall. The total cost of the machine is £1500 and the money, except for the last £400, has been donated by SHARE, Parkend & Holm Residents Association and the Education Department at the Comhairle. The Council agreed to the donation requested.

*Port Authority Plan* - Charlie ask to add the Port Authority Plan to the Agenda for the next meeting.

*Housing Plan* – It was agreed this item will be on the Agenda for the next meeting. Angus McCormack agreed to invite Isobel Mackenzie, Housing Strategy & Development Officer at the Comhairle to the next meeting. The time of arrival to be 8pm.

*Scottish Water* – Regarding a recent complaint on behalf of the Sea Angling Club about pollution at Steinish coming from Sand Street, Duncan Mackay expressed concern at the lack of involvement by SEPA and Scottish Water.

Charlie also expressed concern at road damage to the Stoneyfield/Holm Farm Road caused by Scottish Water vehicles and intimated several residents have contacted him about the matter.

Duncan agreed to write to the newly appointed contact at Scottish Water requesting an urgent meeting on the pollution problem.

Charlie to forward contact details to Duncan. Both Angus and Charlie agreed to follow up Duncan's correspondence with a letter seeking a meeting with Scottish Water.

### *Dog Fouling*

Charlie said a general campaign is needed around the problem of dog fouling as the issue appears to be getting worse, with a minority of dog owners responsible. The Council agreed to discuss the matter at the next meeting.

### **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting will be Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm.

### **APPENDIX**

At the last meeting of the Sandwich Community Council, the date of the next meeting was chosen as 6<sup>th</sup> March 2017. Recently the Comhairle Councillors were extended an invitation to the opening of the Lews Castle on that date, thus I propose the SCC change the date of the next meeting to Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> March 2017. Mary McCormack, Chair, SCC.