

SANDWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Monday, 10th April 2017 – 7.30pm

Sandwick Community Room

MINUTES OF MEETING

SEDERUNT Mary McCormack, Duncan Mackay, Willie Macfarlane, Anne Macfarlane

COUNCILLORS Angus McCormack, Charlie Nicolson, Rae Mackenzie

APOLOGIES Nicola Macsween, Bob Walker, Alison Carty

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting held on 30th January were proposed by Duncan Mackay and seconded by Mary McCormack. The Minutes were approved.

MATTERS ARISING

Defibrillator – Cllr Angus McCormack intimated £400 donated by Sandwick Community Council will be refunded by Point & Sandwick Power as they have undertaken the balance of costs placed upon Community Councils to ensure the defibrillators are situated in every community in the Islands. Willie McFarlane to be given a receipt for the £400 donation given to Cllr Charlie Nicolson.

Sandwick Youth Club – Willie to receive a receipt for the agreed donation of £100 Cllr Nicolson to attend to this matter.

Cal Mac – Mary summarised the communications between the Community Council and Caledonian MacBrayne. Duncan and Mary met with Iain Don Maciver, Port Manager at Cal Mac and a report of that meeting was distributed. (See attached)

As a result of the meeting, Iain Maciver wrote to Mary stating that in due course spacers will be placed to prevent people sleeping on the benches in the cafeteria, the location of pets will be re-considered, an announcement will be made at the beginning of the journey to stress the importance of children being supervised at all times, a notice has been placed in the quiet room asking the nature of the room be respected and the lift issue has been further raised with Port Authority. (Diane to respond to Iain Don Maciver's letter, thanking him for the update and asking for a further update when appropriate on matters raised.)

SHARE REPRESENTATIVES

This matter will be carried forward to the next meeting.

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Angus McCormack intimated he did not invite Isobel Mackenzie, Housing Strategy & Development Officer at the Comhairle to attend the meeting because the period of time in which responses could be made has now passed. The Community Council agreed HHP should find housing sites within the Stornoway area and Angus agreed to make this observation to Isobel and suggest money received from second houses, which is allocated on an annual basis, be used for amenity purposes within the local development plans. This item will be added to the Agenda for the next meeting.

PORT AUTHORITY PLAN

More consultation is expected on this. Port Authority Chief Executive, Alex Macleod, to be invited to the next meeting.

AOCB

Dog Fouling - While there appears to have been an improvement, more people are complaining about dog fouling. Charlie expressed concern around two members of the public being diagnosed with hydatid disease which can be linked to dog fouling in the area. Diane to write to Colm Fraser, Consumer and Environmental Services at the Comhairle and Dr Maggie Watts at the Health Board asking for full campaign throughout the island.

Angus informed the meeting of the positive response received to the recent campaign. Council Officers are taking the matter very seriously. He agreed to speak with Dr Maggie Watts.

Fire and Rescue - Iain Macleod, Group Manager at Scottish Fire and Rescue Service would like to come to meetings occasionally. Community Council agreed to an invitation to a future meeting.

Speeding – Anne McFarlane spoke of speeding issues in Melbost. Diane to write to the Community Council contact in the Police to inform them of the matter.

Martin's Memorial Church Guests – Charlie suggested writing a letter of thanks to Rev Tommy MacNeil at Martin's Memorial Church thanking their recent guests from America who gave up time to volunteer their services throughout the community by way of litter picking and general maintenance work.

Clerk – On receipt of Diane Murray's notice of resignation as Clerk to the Community Council, the Council thanked her for her work.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting will be Tuesday, 16th May at 7.30pm.