

SANDWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Tuesday, 16th May 2017 – 7.30pm

Sandwick Community Room

MINUTES OF MEETING

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

COUNCILLORS Angus McCormack, Alasdair MacLeod, Finlay Stewart

APOLOGIES Alison Carty, Anne Macfarlane
Councillors Charlie Nicolson, Rae Mackenzie, Keith Dodson, Norman MacDonald.

In Attendance Catherine MacLeod

WELCOME

Chair Mary McCormack welcomed those present to the meeting and congratulated returning and newly elected Councillors. Cllr Alasdair MacLeod suggested a rota of the three Point Councillors, and this was agreed.

Mary explained that Diane Murray would still be doing the work for the SCC and that Catherine MacLeod would attend the meetings and liaise with Diane.

Agenda items:

Chief Executive of Stornoway Port Authority not available this evening but will come to the next meeting.
SHARE representatives had been invited to attend but none were present.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting held on 10th April were proposed by Duncan Mackay and seconded by Willie MacFarlane. The Minutes were approved.

MATTERS ARISING

Sandwick Youth Club – Willie awaiting receipts from Cllr Charlie Nicolson.

Cal Mac –Mary had written to thank Iain Don MacIver and CalMac's area manager and had asked to be kept up to date with progress re the problems mentioned at the CalMac/SCC meeting in April.

Dog fouling – Maggie Watts had replied to Mary that morning. The Public Team were concerned and will investigate, and will contact Colm Fraser at Environmental Health.

Fire and Rescue - Iain MacLeod to be invited to the next meeting.

Speeding – The police have been made aware of the issue and the complainant invited to approach the police directly. The new contact in the local police is Don MacLean.

Cllr McCormack said that Councillors had invited all Steinish residents to a meeting with themselves, Technical Services and the police, to discuss the issue of speeding on the Steinish road. An improvement had been noticed on North Street since proper speed humps were installed, and it was noted that the rumble strips at Stewartfield were helpful.

Martins Memorial Church – Mary had sent a letter of thanks.

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Angus McCormack had spoken to Isobel MacKenzie. Observations are still welcome as the report will not be finalised until later in June. The Community Council agreed that CnES should seek innovative home repair / improvement grants specifically targeted at fragile island communities; recipients of grants should have to pay back if they sell the property within 3-5 years; any schemes should continue to use local labour as far as possible.

AOCB

Amenity Trust – Duncan raised the matter of litter around the Herring Girls statues, which are a popular subject for photographs with the increasing number of visitors from cruise ships as well as other visitors. Angus McCormack and Alasdair Macleod will speak to Charlie Nicolson.

Iolaire Commemoration 2019 – Prof. Ian Robertson of UHI History Dept has emailed Mary to arrange to meet in June regarding a project with Kinloch History Society. Mary will ask Ken Roddy MacKay what KHS are doing and then contact Ian Robertson to see if he can come to the next meeting.

Traffic management – Bob Walker raised the matter of the Rigs Road/Bells Road one-way system which was mooted some time ago, and asked Angus McCormack to speak to his colleagues in Council. Heavy traffic, particularly freight and delivery vehicles, makes the area dangerous for pedestrians.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting will be Tuesday, 20th June at 7.30pm.