

# **SANDWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> June 2017 – 7.30pm**

## **Sandwick Community Room**

### **MINUTES OF MEETING**

**SEDERUNT** Mary McCormack, Duncan Mackay, Willie Macfarlane, Bob Walker

**COUNCILLORS** Angus McCormack, Norman Macdonald, Charlie Nicolson

**APOLOGIES** Nicola Macsween, Alison Carty, Anne Macfarlane, Michael Smith  
Cllr Rae Mackenzie, Cllr Alasdair MacLeod, Cllr Keith Dodson

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Iain Macleod - Scottish Fire and Rescue Service  
Alex Macleod, Chief Executive, Port Authority

#### **WELCOME**

Mary welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Mary read out an email from research student at Kings College London, Debbie Butts, who was unable to attend the meeting as previously arranged. Her research brief was forwarded to all SCC members covering cultural change in the Western Isles, specifically covering the environment. Members were invited to contact Debbie if they wished and Cllr Norman Macdonald noted he is meeting with her.

Mary intimated a Community Signature meeting is being held at the same time at the SCC meeting. She had emailed the Director of Education suggesting Community Councils and other local organisation be consulted prior to arranging meetings in the communities to avoid a clash.

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

The Minutes of the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> May were proposed by Bob Walker by and seconded by Willie McFarlane. The Minutes were approved.

#### **MATTERS ARISING**

*Point Councillors* – Mary noted that the Point Councillors will attend SCC meetings on a rotational basis and offered the same arrangement to the Stornoway Councillors.

*Sandwick Youth Club* – Willie confirmed he has received receipts from Cllr Charlie Nicolson.

*SCC Accounts* – Willie confirmed he received the SCC accounts back from the Comhairle as well as a grant payment of £1,000.

*Dog fouling* – It was agreed to invite an Environmental Officer and Police Officer to the next meeting in August to discuss the matter. Cllr Charlie Nicolson offered use of the road stencils for around the Sandwick community.

*Local Development Plan* – Cllr Angus McCormack had spoken to Isabel Mackenzie who had said the plan was now out for final consultation.

*Amenity Trust* – The matter around the litter at the Herring Girls statues has now been resolved.

*lolaire Commemoration 2019* – Mary intimated she had met with Ian Robertson from the University of the Highlands and Islands who explained what he is looking for from the SCC as part of their lolaire project. The object of the exercise is to

find out how a community deal with a major tragedy and how that can be passed on and inform future generations about the tragedy. He agreed to forward sample questions for the interviewees, which Mary will forward on. Mary asked for volunteers to be interviewed but no names were received. Mary agreed to relay this information to Iain Robertson.

Angus McCormack noted the Iolaire MOWG is due to be reappointed and will meet shortly and has suggested Mr Burr make a public notice for members of the public who are hosting any event around the commemoration to let the Comhairle know so they can help co-ordinate events. In the meantime, Mary agreed to write to Dolina Macleod from the Comhairle to seek confirmation on who is taking the lead on the Commemoration project.

*Traffic Management* – Angus spoke with Donald Macrae from Technical Services at CNES and the matter will be considered at the next meeting. He also noted the Stornoway Regeneration group are meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> June and will look at the finalised plan, including the Newton area and suggested parking areas.

#### **CHRISSELLE MACLENNAN CUP**

No further information has been received from Mrs Murray, Head Teacher at Stornoway Primary.

#### **UPDATE FROM KAREEN MACLEOD**

This project is coming to an end and a draft report of her research will be ready shortly.

*Alex Macleod arrived at the meeting.*

#### **CHALLENGE FUND**

Application submission deadline is 8<sup>th</sup> August 2017. Members briefly discussed suggestions for use of the fund and Mary suggested a project similar to other areas around the island where semi-permanent poppies are placed on houses in the locality where people at that address fought in the 1<sup>st</sup> world war. It was agreed this project is worth pursuing outwith the Challenge Fund.

A sub-committee was formed to take the Challenge Fund application forward and consider suggestions. The members are:

- Nicola Macsween
- Mary McCormack
- Willie Mcfarlane
- Duncan Mackay
- Plus Councillors who wish to attend the meeting will be arranged for early in July

#### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE SY PORT AUTHORITY / LOCAL PLAN**

Alex Macleod distributed local plans to all members and gave a detailed presentation on the Port Authority's local plan concentrating on Stornoway Harbour, Goat Island and the Arnish area.

Working closely with HIE and Stornoway Trust, he spoke of a number of projects, including a marina, yacht storage, community and commercial slipways and community club buildings as well as a pier at Arnish suitable for cruise ships and freight transport.

There has been a number of consultations held in relation to the plan as well as carrying on seismic and environmental studies and a business case is going forward into the strategy, commercial and economical case for the plan. It is hoped all construction will be completed in four years time.

*Iain Macleod left the meeting*

Noting the direct and indirect benefits to the community, Alex spoke of a possible Community Assistance Fund being introduced to encourage young people.

Mary suggested a glazed area be placed on Pier 1 over the spot of the remains of the old Stornoway Castle. Alex agreed to consider the suggestion and welcomed any other ideas and comments.

**DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting will be Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30pm.

The meeting was brought to a close and Mary explained that any outstanding issues and items on the Agenda would be sent out to SCC members during the summer recess.