

SANDWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Meeting

Monday 17th April 2023 at 7.30pm

Sandwick Hall (Upstairs)

DRAFT MINUTE OF THE MEETING

Sederunt: Duncan MacKay, Rhoda MacKenzie(Vice Chair), Mike Smith, Bob Walker(Chair).

Councillors: Angus McCormack

Apologies: Anna MacFarlane, Nicola MacSween(Clerk), Councillors Rae MacKenzie, Frances Murray and George Murray.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

The minute of the meeting held on: Monday 6th March 2023 was accepted. Proposed by Duncan MacKay and seconded by Mike Smith.

Matters Arising:

Posthumous Award WW2: -

Cllr McCormack as Ginny Hutchison, Sculptor had not been on the island no meeting had taken place.

Association of Community Councillors: - The Chair advised the meeting that no communication had been received from this group.

Street & Landscape Furniture: - Photos to be arranged when weather is a lot better.

GDPR: - Still on hold/CNES

Local Electricity Bill: - This is still going through Parliament.

Housing & Environment – Dog Fouling & Traffic Issues:-

Councillor Francis Murray was unable to attend the meeting and will report back at the next meeting.

Transportation: Ferry Services:

The Chair advised the meeting that he attended a meeting with Angus Campbell, who is lead in Project Neptune to look at the Ferry system operated throughout the west coast of Scotland by Caledonian MacBrayne. He informed Angus of his personal views and Angus advised him that all the people that came to the consultation meetings were of the same views regarding the running and operational capabilities of Caledonian MacBrayne.

The Chair asked all present that Angus would like to come to our meeting in May if he was free for the purpose of getting the view of the Community Council. This was agreed by all present and the Chair agreed to contact Angus.

Sandwick Hub:-

The Architects have put forward ideas and drawings to include playing fields, remove derelict buildings at the rear of the property. The Hub will possibly have a shop, launderette at the front. Possibly have an Iolaire exhibition as well as a Bowling Alley. The old Schoolhouse for use by the Health Board. Possible accomodation for tourist. At the moment a possible meeting with the Architects may take place on 1st/2nd May 2023. At the moment costs are estimated to be in the region of £3 million.

Point & Sandwick Trail:-

There is problems at the moment with dog(s) fouling the Steinish Path. The Iolaire path is being well used and proving to be very popular.

At the next Meeting Councillor McCormack is going to propose that a path and steps to the beach at the bottom of Sandwick Cemetary.

Project List:-

The Chair spoke to Christina regarding the supply of soundproof curtains for the main hall.

Christina advised the Chair that she would speak to Sandy and obtain quotes. The CnES would install wi-fi. Community Council would bear the cost if we went ahead with this proposal.

The rope and Lifebouy are to be checked and if needing to be replaced this will be carried out and the Community Council will bear the cost.

Local Place Plans:-

A planning application has been submitted for a church and a 96 space car park has been submitted to CnES. A full discussion took place regarding the negative and positive of such a project in the Steinish area. Especially when this area is only served by a single track road. Mike Smith to send a letter of objection to this planning application on behalf of Sandwick Community Council.

Development Worker:-

Crown Estate monies will finance a Development Worker for Stornoway North. £100,000.00p for the Stornoway and Sandwick area. Monies to be shared between Stornoway and the local area.

Financial Update:-

Anna MacFarlane was unable to attend the meeting. A financial update will be given at the next meeting.

AOCB:-

There was no other business raised.

Date of Next Meeting:- Upstairs Meeting Room, Sandwick Hall
at 7.30pm on Monday 15th May 2023

The Chair closed the meeting and wished everyone a safe journey home.