

# SANDWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## Meeting

Monday 15th May 2023 at 7.30pm

**Sandwick Hall (upstairs)**

### **MINUTE OF THE MEETING**

**Sederunt:** Anna Macfarlane, Duncan Mackay,  
Nicola MacSween(Clerk), Bob Walker(Chair), Mike Smith, Rhoda Mackenzie

**Councillors:** Cllrs Angus McCormack & George Murray

**Apologies:** Cllrs: Frances Murray & Rae Mackenzie

#### **Minute of the Previous Meeting:**

The minute of the meeting held on: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023 was accepted. Proposed and Seconded by Mike Smith & Rhoda Mackenzie respectively. Bob Walker, Chair thanked Duncan Mackay for the minute.

#### **Matters Arising:**

Posthumous Award WW2 – Ginny Hutchison, Sculptor still to visit the island.

Association of Community Councils: Ongoing.

Street & Landscape Furniture: Photos to be arranged in warmer weather.

GDPR: On hold/CnES.

Local Electricity Bill: Now passed by The House of Lords. Going through The Commons next.

**Ferry Services:** Bob Walker compiling SCC response for Community Consultation/Angus Campbell/Project Neptune. To include:

- 25 year strategic plan scrutinised externally.
- 3 year rolling ferry replacement programme
- Review of company structures; specifically management
- Cal Mac to be island based with local, relevant & experienced personnel
- Compensation Scheme: to be clarified and deployed
- Communication systems scrutinised and improved
- Effective consultation with key stakeholders ahead of timetable finalisation

#### **Sandwickhill Hub:**

It was noted:

- Good progress made.
- FraserLivingstone Architects and Aquatera Environmental Services produced plans and an initial feasibility study
- Plans could include: a 6-lane bowling alley, small shop for essentials, café, launderette and exhibition space

- School house renovation could include a warm space and tourist accommodation
- Other space could be tenanted eg public-sector organisations possibly for health clinics or other office space
- Net Zero building

Sandwickhill Hub is a legally constituted organisation responsible for the project and currently assisted financially by Point&Sandwick Trust

Sandwickhill Hall is incorporated with Sandwickhill Hub and will form part of the eventual offering of the Hub. An indoor Curling Rink has been ordered. Drapes for the hall are planned also.

### **Point and Sandwick Trail:**

Steinish: planning granted for stage 2 and a grant of £10k confirmed from PointandSandwick Trust  
 Lower Sandwick: Cllr McCormack suggested improved access to the path and beach from the graveyard. Some resurfacing and 2 replacement gates as well as an access way onto the beach itself.

### **Local Place Plans:**

CnES to be asked to provide a large plan of the district as it is now.  
 Open day to take place in the hall where community members can contribute ideas.  
 Cllr McCormack to discuss with CnES Planning.

### **Project List:** (ongoing)

- Drapes for Sandwick Hall(main hall): Bob Walker/Hall sub-committee
- Wifi/Hybrid online meeting technology:

### **Finance:**

A/c balance unchanged at @£14k

### **Planning Objection:**

Steinish Church: numerous and strong objections submitted by individuals as well as SandwickCC and Cllr McCormack on behalf of a group of residents following a meeting. Environmental and infrastructure impacts were the main concerns.  
 Residents are not against new housing in the village.

### **Development Worker:**

CE funding allocated and a job advert circulated. Development worker for Stornoway North administering the process.

### **AOCB:**

CE Funding: Cllrs met to review and decide CE funding awards. A challenging task given the number of applications/budget constraints and some projects applying to all funding groups; generally those with an all-islands remit.

A wide range of projects with relevance to the Stornoway South area were awarded monies eg. Lewis Car Club, Macaulay College, Cycling without Age, Steinish Path & Hall, Sandwickhill Youth Club, Sea Angling Projects, HIT Youth Project(Hotspot Intervention team), Goathill Parks, Metagama & Tattoo Hebrides

Cllrs, through Cllr McCormack, to lobby for review and changes to the CE monies awarding process.

Perceval Square, Stornoway: the general unkempt state of these environs was noted including the area around the toilet block as well as the picnic tables, benches and paved areas. Cllr G Murray contacting Stornoway Amenity Trust.

Traffic System: Bells Rd/Islands Rd: although a one-way road system was identified for this area, the current absence of funding for this was noted.

CnES Waste Disposal/Recycling: The revised domestic waste-uplift timetable was noted: implications for organic bin collection and accessing recycling facilities especially.

Cllr G Murray seeking clarification of the necessity to book in vans and trailers and access for same on Saturdays.

**DONM:**

Monday 12th June 2023

