COMHAIRLE CHOIMHEARSNACHD SHLEITE

SLEAT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting of Sleat Community Council held at Seomar Cruinneachaidh on Tuesday 6th January 2015 at 7.30 PM

Present Roddy Murray

Janet Maclure

Rob Ware

Pauline Lyle

In Attendance Una Macleod, Peter and Sheena Roberts, Charles and VeronIca Barrington, Lavinia Keir

Apologies Archie Maccalman, Flora Maclean, Margaret Colpus

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting on 2/12/14 were moved by Janet and seconded by Pauline Lyle.

**Matters Arising**

None not covered by tonight’s agenda.

**Forestry Commission Scotland-CDLT Lands Project**

Rob Ware gave a short update on that project and the Community Council are still hoping to meet the Executive Chair of the Trustees in January or February. We had received a note from the Forestry Commission saying that all future projects for woodlands would be communicated to the SCC and Donald Macleod, local officer, would be the contact. Roddy re-iterated that the SCC continues to recognise the importance that CDLT is to Sleat, and we would still try to get a meeting to discuss the issues that are believed to be outstanding. Roddy repeated the importance of public involvement in projects like this.

**Roads Update**

Rob gave a brief update on the roads issues and with the recent poor weather the key issue for the Council is that of gritting. A problem had been identified at Camuscross upper area where the gritting machine was unable to get through because of badly parked vehicles. A message was sent around to try and avoid this during the winter. The Council will put a sign up at SMO because of lack of white lining. We have stressed the urgency of the repairs to the damaged culverts at Ord and Achnacloich.

**Sleat Transport Forum**

Rob Ware gave an update on the formation of the Sleat Transport Forum following a number of planning meetings. This would encompass all aspects of transport to and from Sleat and beyond and had already been well received by several bodies, these include CalMac and Stagecoach. The Community Council had also received a supportive letter from David Stewart, Labour MSP, who had seen the piece in the WHFP in December. Items like Patient Transport, Community transport and the Broadford airstrip will all be included. We will set up a public meeting in mid-February to introduce this to the community and this will be publicised in the media. Members of the public would be invited to join and contribute to the forum. Charles Barrington asked if Shiel Buses would be involved and quoted recent issues with the Fort William to Mallaig bus to connect with the ferry service. Rob outlined the demise of the public transport map that had been on the HC website and so we hope that this will reinstated in due course.

**Scottish Water**

SW have advised that works are due to complete by mid-February at the WTW and they are now in a commissioning phase of the project. For information SW have been working with the SCT to help in the broadband project. It is expected that tankering will take place if the weather should deteriorate in coming weeks. Rob felt that there was a much better dialogue than we have ever had before with them. The Teangue work is well over £1.25m.

**Customer Services Review**

Roddy gave an update on the CSR and his attendance at the December CRB at which he was asked to leave during the meeting. We reminded that SCC would need to be a consultee for the proposals for Kyle and Broadford SP’s. We will keep a close watch on the review process.

**Planning Updates**

Rob re-iterated that any Planning Applications are put on to the Council’s website as and when they are published by the Highland Council. As a general rule the SCC will be impartial in any planning issue unless, such as the recent aquaculture applications, where a public meeting gives an endorsement to object or support such a project. The Community council has received correspondence from two residents in Ardvasar regarding an application sponsored by two people who attended this meeting. The CC had given informal advice to the two correspondents and suggested that a meeting between the parties and the Planning Officer might reach a mutually agreeable outcome but we could not comment on such a project. Roddy stressed the importance of the Planning Office to keep in touch with agencies such as Scottish Water in order that building development is matched by infrastructure growth.

**Kilbeg and Sabhal Mor Ostaig**

Rob had received an update from the college and notified that the ARKE building work was on schedule for completion on 30th January followed by a two month fit-out of the building. It is hoped that occupants will move in at the start of the summer term on 13th April. A formal opening date will happen in mid-summer and a Gaelic name for the new building will be announced soon. The website [www.kilbeg.com](http://www.kilbeg.com) is now updated.

**Grants and Donations**

There has been no further word from the Mother and Toddlers group and so this will not be pursued. The Council has received a request from the Community Nurses for a donation for equipment which would hope to be pressure cushions for care of patients at home. It was agreed that that this was a good cause. The Councillors agreed that we would give £250 now and following a budget review we may be able to give some more money later this financial year. Previous donations to, for example, the Sleat Lunch Club have this year been covered by the recent Galloping Gourmet event.

**Correspondence**

Highland Council have revamped their website and so we have been asked to complete an online survey on how Community Councils view the new website and make comments accordingly. This will be done as soon as possible.

**AOCB**

Roddy said that he recalled that when the Community Skips were withdrawn 4 years ago that the Councillors would consider a recycling centre for south Skye. Rob will write to the Council.

**Public Discussion**

Una asked if there had been any further word on the CDI Hub, and Rob said that a further application was being considered by the Coastal Communities Fund.

The meeting closed at 2100.

Next Meeting 3rd March 2015 at Tarskavaig Hall 1930

(Note the February SCC meeting on the 3rd has been cancelled due to non-availability of Councillors.