COMHAIRLE CHOIMHEARSNACHD SHLEITE

SLEAT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting of Sleat Community Council held at Ardvasar Hall on Tuesday 7th April 2015

Present Roddy Murray

Archie Maccalman

Rob Ware

In Attendance: Una Macleod, Lavinia Keir, Roger Cottis, Veana Cleland, David Ashford John Duncan MacInnes,

Apologies: Janet Maclure, Pauline Lyle, Flora Maclean, Margaret Colpus

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting on 10th March are to be adopted at the next session.

**Matters Arising**

There were only three Councillors present at the meeting which would not make a quorum so it was agreed to co-opt Una Macleod for the session as a Councillor.

Scottish Water have given an update on equipment at Tarskavaig and this was to address leakages on the pipes between Ostaig and Stonefield. The Teangue WTW is at commissioning stage and we will receive note when this is complete. We are asking them that they come to the CC meeting in September for an overall update and future options for the Sleat water supply. The problem remains in Tarskavaig when there is a power outage that the water cannot be pumped.

The dialogue with HC continues on the Sleat War Memorial and the War Memorials Trust but this is a very slow process. Access issues still remain a potential issue at the site.

Rob will chase again the Community Nurses re the equipment.

No other matters were arising

**West Highlands and Islands Local Plan**

Rob Ware recapped the key points of the presentation by Tim Stott at the March meeting and the presentation is now on the CC website as a link. There was mixed reaction from those who attended and the SCC has now submitted a 6 page document to the HC in respect of Sleat’s view on development. Rob said that it was a concern that there will be over-development in the area which potentially threatens the unique status that the peninsula currently enjoys. The SCC’s submission is now shown on the WHILP page on the Council’s website. Roddy added that we are very much at the first stage of the consultation and we encourage individuals and businesses to make their own submissions. Rob went on to go through the key points of the paper including the recent Housing Needs Survey commissioned by the SCT. The WHILP will be the sole agenda item of the May meeting.

**Customer Services Review**

Roddy recapped the latest position on the CSR following a recommendation by the HC that the Kyle SP be retained and so the SCC had sent a submission to petition to retain the Broadford SP. The savings from Broadford would be only £3k per annum. Roddy felt that Inverness was getting the majority of HC funding where rural areas are losing services. The next CSR will be 8th May. John Duncan MacInnes asked what the view of the located Elected Members, and it was felt that the 4 Skye members vote the party line but Hamish Fraser and John Gordon would vote to retain Broadford. Rob gave an update on the Welcome to Sleat sign that is now damaged beyond repair at the Pier but HC are now refusing to fund a replacement sign. This will be progressed with the Council’s officers. A discussion followed about the general reduction in services for communities like Sleat. Rob Ware outlined the latest legislation that is currently being adopted for the Community Empowerment Bill.

**Roads and Planning Updates**

Roger Cottis updated the meeting with a recent case of pot holes and drainage near his house at Camuscross. Donnie Macleod, Roads Manager, had come out to the site following a public complaint. As a result the HC have agreed to carry out new drainage works and resurfacing to reduce the road damage. This was well received and does show that we can get things done when we petition the Council. Rob advised that the temporary sign at SMO had now been erected.

The SCC have been asked to look at the issue of the new agricultural shed at Toravaig which is now outwith the 40mph zone. This is a big change and the underpass is no longer available for cattle movements. Rob will write to HC to assess what options might be to change the zone. The item was discussed and we will arrange an initial site visit.

A Planning Application has been submitted to HC to refurbish as a dwelling the Old School House at Duisdale.

Grants and Donations

Rob will write to the the nurses regarding the equipment.

**Correspondence**

Rob advised that BT are writing to communities to ‘Adopt a Phonebox’, where the phone is no longer present. For £1 areas can convert redundant phone boxes for community use. Anyone who has an interest in this can contact Rob for further information. <http://www.redkioskcompany.com/about/4585090268>

Roddy said that the Community Council will be required to dis-establish in October and new elections will be held.

We have received word from the Ward Manager about Community Resilience Groups, this being in times of emergency/bad weather/ etc. Roddy has asked that the WM come and speak to Sleat on what this could entail. The meeting agreed that this would be worth pursuing but will need for it to be managed.

Roddy and Flora will attend the Remembrance Ceremony in Portree for the Battle of Festubert.

**AOCB**

Lavinia Keir asked what the HC programme is for roads in Skye and Lochalsh. Budgets are limited and so we will get a full update from the Community Services (TECS) team. Archie Maccalman asked if Sleat’s single track roads could be white-lined similar to the Dunvegan Glendale road. Rob said that he thought that it was unlikely that such a project would be approved.

**Public Discussion**

Veana Cleland mentioned about pot holes and deer management. Rob said that we would delay meeting the CDLT on the deer programme but as this was the start of the season this would be considered as low priority. This will be organised as soon as possible.

The meeting closed at 2110 with the next meeting on 5th May at Seomar Cruinneachaidh