COMHAIRLE CHOIMHEARSNACHD SHLEITE

SLEAT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting of Sleat Community Council held at An Crubh on

Tuesday 4th April 2017

Present: Roddy Murray

Rob Ware

Tim Shone

Veana Cleland

Apologies:

Kirsty McGonagall

John Duncan MacInnes

Flora Maclean

In Attendance:

David Ashford, Lysana Robinson, Chris Cartwright, Iain Farquharson, Angus and Ishbel Macdonald, Gary Wallace

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting 6th March 2017**

The minutes of the meeting of were moved by Tim Shone and Veana Cleland

**Matters Arising**

Rob Ware gave an update on the current state of play with the renewal, or otherwise, of the bus contracts on Skye. It was felt that that the Sleat bus service from 24th April would be resolved in time and the SCC would keep in touch with HC and Stagecoach. The 601 MacLean’s service will be terminated and has not been renewed. Rob read out the update from Scottish Water about the public supply in Sleat and it will be sent to Val Piddock

**Agenda**

**Clan Donald Lands Trust**

Ian Farquharson outlined the new management team in place at Armadale Castle and Gardens following the resignation of Jan Clarke, CEO. The new management committee will be Iain, Chris Cartwright, Sue Geale and Mags Macdonald, overseen a monthly basis by Jamie Macdonald, of the Trustees. Roddy Murray wished the team well for the 2017 season and offered the support, as always, of the Community Council to the Trust and its staff.

**Health and Social Care re-design**

The planned meeting of representatives of local community councils with representatives of the NHS Highland took place at Kyle on 3rd April. 17 people attended and this included three Elected Members and a Ward Manager. CC reps were from Sleat, Kyle, Loch Duich, Lochcarron and Glenelg and Arnisdale. The NHS managers were Maimie Thompson, Head of PR and Engagement and Ross Mackenzie, Area Manager West. There was a full and frank discussion with all groups and officials and involved issues regarding the hospital and health and social care. As a result, a letter would be sent on behalf of the groups represented to the Health Services Directorate in Edinburgh. Copies of this letter and any reply will be made available at the SCC meeting in May. We were advised that work on the new hospital is planned to begin in 2019 and architects have been appointed. The meeting was assured by the NHS Managers that the Health Secretary will not change her mind. David Ashford suggested that getting outdoors was also a factor in improving health of people.

**Council Elections 4th May**

Rob Ware reminded of the elections coming up on 4th May and outlined the voting process shown in the leaflet sent to all households. There are 4 sitting members for Skye and 10 candidates for the Ward (now risen to 12). Polling stations are the primary school, Ardvasar and Tarskavaig Halls and open 0700-2200.

**Scottish Water**

In addition to the update from SW about the plant Roddy Murray raised the long-term issue of sustainability of the supply and the on-going issue of a standby generator at Tarskavaig to ensure supply even when there is power interruption. This will remain an item for contact with SW.

**CalMac Update**

Rob Ware gave a summary of recent events and that the summer 2017 season had commenced on 31st March with the two-vessel deployment of MV Loch Fyne and MV Lord of the Isles. There will be a Ferry User Group meeting in Mallaig on 25th April and the Ferries Summit will be held on 9th May. Roddy added that the two vessels are still not fit for purpose because of the tidal conditions which is affected 78 service days this summer. Some 18 months on we have not made any progress in returning a robust and reliable service on the Mallaig route. Rob updated on his meeting in Uig that was held by CMAL and CFL to update the local community on the introduction of the new 102m vessel.

**Planning and Roads**

No applications this month for Planning but several road works are being carried out and we have been advised that outstanding white-lining is being arranged for Skye in April/May. New passing places at Porter’s Lodge and Tokavaig will be done this month. Rob updated on the meeting Roddy and he attended in March with Councillor Davidson which covered a range of current topics.

**SkyeConnect**

Rob updated on the formation of SkyeConnect, the new destination management organisation which replaces ‘Destination Skye and Lochalsh’. It was launched at Aros on 18th March and further information is available at [www.skye-connect.com](http://www.skye-connect.com) David Ashford asked about park and ride to reduce traffic to the north Skye tourist destinations. Rob said that ‘Go Skye’ had been established recently to provide this type of service.

**Worrying of livestock**

Rob reported that there has been recent extensive media coverage about livestock worrying particular during the lambing season. He read out an email from Lady Noble and showed some of the publications SNH and other agencies have produced.

**Boleskin Care**

Roddy updated on the Boleskin Care community health project that he had been alerted to during the meeting with Councillor Davidson.

**FEI**

Gary Wallace spoke of longer-term plans for housing opportunities and are working with SMO and Sleat Community Trust. David Ashford advised of the Inner Wheal meeting on 22nd April

**AOCB**

David Ashford raised an issue with Roddy Murray with regard to perceptions of a lack of communications with Kate Forbes MSP.

**Public Discussion**

None

The next meeting before the summer recess will be on Tuesday 2nd May at 1930 in Ardvasar Hall