COMHAIRLE CHOIMHEARSNACHD SHLEITE

SLEAT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting of Sleat Community Council held at Seomar Cruinneachaidh on

Tuesday 10th January 2017

Present: Roddy Murray

Rob Ware

Tim Shone

Veana Cleland

Flora Maclean

Kirsty McGonagall

John Duncan MacInnes

In Attendance:

Roger Cottis, David Ashford, Peter Roberts, Donnie MacKinnon and Una Macleod, Kevin Donnolly

Roddy Murray welcomed members of the public for their attendance and wished them all a very happy new year. Roddy reminded that tonight’s meeting is dedicated to the memory of Margaret Colpus, former Community Councillor, who passed away recently. Margaret was held in great esteem by the community and will be sadly missed. Our sympathies go to Russ and the family.

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting 6th December 2016**

The minutes of the meeting of were moved by John Duncan MacInnes and Tim Shone.

**Matters Arising**

Rob Ware added thanks for John Gordon attending the December that all present found to be useful. Roddy added that there are some very serious concerns that Inverness seems to awash with money, and not much of it is coming to the rural west coast.

**Agenda**

**Sleat Surgery Update**

Rob read an update from Liz Dobson Practice Manager which has been shown on the SCC Facebook Page and website. The key fact is that patient hours will remain the same and the introduction of the new Advanced Practitioner role. The SCC will get a card to mark the retirement of Dr Gasson on 11th January.

**Community Councils Response to NHS Highland Re-design of Healthcare. (Hospital)**

The issue of reaching a decision on the Broadford Hospital remains in the fore and Roddy read out a document by the HC in 2014 endorsed by the Council. This has now gone to the SG Petitions Committee which sat on 22nd December. Roddy recognised the concerns of the north end of the island but if nothing is done then the outcome may be very different. This has been compounded by the arrival of Professor Ronald Macdonald and his views. Rob Ware felt that because of the ‘protests’ from the north all of the south area and Lochalsh/SW Ross there should be now some public statements standing up for this area. There was a brief discussion about the history of the project and Roddy suggested that the remaining CC’s should meet to discussion.

**Commission for Parliamentary Reform**

A brief discussion took place about the new commission that has been established by the Presiding Officer and to which Professor Robertson has been invited to sit on. A public meeting will be held at SMO on the 9th of March with more information at the February SCC Meeting.

**Roads and Planning**

The CC has been advised that the Manse field planning application will go to the North Planning Committee not this month but a later time. Rob outlined the key issues about this proposed development. Generally, there have been very few planning applications since October and these have included the houses at the Ionad Iain Nobail at Kilbeg.

On roads, there is a new culvert on the Aird road and further work is to be done. Saasaig road and other township roads has seen further deterioration in the surface and so the SCC is arranging to have a further meeting with Donnie Macleod of HC. Concern is being raised at the tourism impact on Skye and therefore the increase in road traffic alone that does not help the state of roads across the region. We will report back to the February session with news of the meeting with HC.

**CalMac Update**

Roddy gave an update on the Press Release that was released yesterday ahead of the timetables published today. A new dedicated Route Account Manager has been appointed and there is 79 sailing days out of 206 where there are tidal changes. There followed a very ‘interesting’ discussion on whole topic of this year’s timetable. There will be a single period all summer and no shoulder/peak/shoulder dates. The STF whilst resigned to the fact that things won’t change we all know that this is doomed to have severe disruption again this year.

Due to the extent of the topic re the ferry service it is not practical to detail all this subject here. For further information please see the SCC website and the Facebook page.

AOCB

John Duncan Macinnes confirmed Sharon Campbell leaves her role at the Trust on 17th Feb. Duties will be shared by the Board.

Deer Management: Eilean Iarmain have withdrawn from the DMG as they would not accept the plan, and a meeting was held to discuss implications. Media reports suggest a different perspective.

Flora reminded of new potholes. A meeting has been arranged with Donnie Macleod.

Una Macleod would like an M and S food shop in the new An Crùbh Community Hub

The meeting closed at 2110 and the next meeting will be 7th Feb at Ardvasar Hall