**Community News Update from Sleat Community Council 5Th November 2024**

With the meeting of the SCC being held tonight, to maximise the available discussion time this update will cover a range of current topics relevant to Sleat. If you need to know more on any item, please get in touch. We hope you can join us tonight at Ardvasar Hall

**Local Place Plan**

Tonight’s meeting will be the first of two SCC meetings which will report on the findings of Sleat’s LPP consultation from recent weeks. Over 700 comments were received which have been analysed (all anonymously) and collated under 12 key themes.

These are:

• Community

• Business development

• Crofting, farming and fishing

• Environment

• Estates

• Gaelic

• Housing

• Planning

• Sport and leisure

• Tourism

• Transport

• Water and energy

There will be summaries of around 2 minutes for each topic presented by members of the community council.

***If you contributed to the recent conversations, please come along and find out what happens next, and if you can’t make it there will be another session on 3rd December.***

**Public Transport**

On 14th October we sent an email out to more than 35 key stakeholders in Sleat and Mallaig asking for any comments or suggestions for the CalMac ferry service for summer 2025 for Mallaig-Armadale. This a bi-annual process asking communities for their but on the basis that the service would remain as the previous summer and be ‘cost-neutral’. Out of 35 stakeholders just 3 responded. However, we have submitted some suggestions to CalMac ahead of the closing date of 8th November which will include options for a more robust and reliable service by amending some provision of service. Proposed harbour work at Mallaig in 2025 may also cause disruption to service and we will update when further information is known.

The [winter service](https://www.calmac.co.uk/winter-timetables/mallaig-armadale) is now just two rotations to Mallaig each day and one on Sunday afternoons.

Look out for forthcoming information on the proposed ‘Sound of Sleat Ferry Committee.’

**Roads**

As we reported recently Highland Council has NO plans to undertake any meaningful road works in Sleat for the rest of this financial year. Remedial work such as pothole repairs will continue as usual, subject to resources. Township roads in Sleat remain in poor condition with serious deficiencies in parts of Aird, Ardvasar, the Tarskavaig-Ord loop, Saasaig and Camuscross. Some work has been done on the Sleat Road but with the coming winter weather the situation will only worsen. There has been no further update on white lining.

Residents should continue to report all road, pavement and lighting defects via the HC website here.

https://www.highland.gov.uk/report

Alternatively, you can write to the Elected Member aligned to Sleat at the following email:

[Ruraidh.Stewart.cllr@highland.gov.uk](http://Ruraidh.Stewart.cllr@highland.gov.uk)

**Housing**

Two further bungalows have now become available at the development at Kilbeg. Closing date 0900 18th November. Information from the Communities Housing Trust here. <https://www.chtrust.co.uk/current-opportunities-295166.html>

**Sports facilities**

The project team from the South Skye Community Campus attended the SCC meeting in October and updated with a presentation on this new development which will include sport facilities. A planning application for a new all-weather pitch with related facilities has now been submitted to Highland Council. We encourage residents to offer their support for the project by submitting a comment to the website at this link <https://wam.highland.gov.uk/wam/> and key in 24/03636/FUL. SCC has submitted a letter of support on behalf of the community, and we hope you can do the same. Sports facilities for everybody has long been an aspiration for this community.

**Active Travel**

It is hoped that Ian Hall from Ardvasar will present on his work on active travel planning for Sleat at a forthcoming community council meeting

**A message from Duncan MacInnes MBE**

I have been asked to edit a pre-Christmas SCT Newsletter. Over the last two issues we have wished to include wider community news from the Community Council, Camuscross & Duisdale Initiative and An Crùbh.

The aim is to:
Encourage folk to buy early for Christmas from our two community-run Shops,
List community events December - January
Contact local businesses about their membership of visit Sleat.
Other community news . . .
Report of the recent successful week of visiting volunteers in Tormore. (in hand)
Give feedback about the Sleat Local Place Plan (in hand)

**Deadlines:**

 **Friday 15 November 5pm** - all articles emailed back here.
\* Please make these short and sweet - not an end of year report! Anything from 50 up to 300 words. Please send photos as separate items, not embedded in a document.
Friday 22 November - copy collated and summary of main articles sent for translation (Thanks, Nicola)
Friday 30 November - distribute the newsletter digitally and some printed copies.

Many thanks

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Duncan MacInnes

for SCT Newsletter

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**Planning**

There were no planning applications in Sleat during October.

**Community council collaboration**

As we have recently reported we are working with two local community councils Broadford & Strath and Kyleakin & Kylerhea to improve collaboration and co-operation on key topics of interest to the area. A first option will to appoint as associate members of those CCs to Sleat and we will have representation with them. Where possible associate members will attend each other’s’ meetings. SCC remains committed to appointing two youth members to our council, if you know a young person who may want to represent their age group please get in touch.

**Reporting Marine Litter from fish farms.**

Did you know that you can report marine debris from Scottish aquaculture sites online directly to Mowi Scotland, the country's largest fish farm operator via a dedicated website.

[https://mowi.com/uk/beach-cleans/](https://mowi.com/uk/beach-cleans/?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTAAAR1kbPbn2GHGxnUOsuKumQCWvjN9hOjrZhpKer0lAXHXPYoKwikqUlUShaY_aem_ciGEy5D5WANHXhtQxgbWiQ)

which links to

<https://www.salmonscotland.co.uk/initiatives/marine-debris>

You will need to supply at least one photo, a description of what has washed up, name, email and phone number and the what3words location of the equipment.

[https://what3words.com/](https://what3words.com/?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTAAAR132-x6oXzQmPPTW0ntjxZFyJT7sW7wuqNUrz4bgFM9kAXx0TUb_DVQlP8_aem_UtH-Y9vvfvXcwB3VydLA-A)

Grid references are accepted but only in this format.

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Note: Even if the debris found is marked as being from another aquaculture company, MOWI will collect on their behalf in an industry collaboration, led by [Salmon Scotland](https://www.facebook.com/salmonscotland?__cft__%5b0%5d=AZXrn724xkyBh9JbNPfYvUeV2XgYqQfeepvbiU2ZjVqaKSzbAFBFUCPxR1wfF7rHPC98s__DlwCjamJ80OYYkjnw_sZbwl_K5Ns0RjBZjZkiBtZVlZed9XUuevq8JEGTzT1Ycc_V7Jk5r2Rfk44EJK1h9F1ByG780IJNlJ_iUsZEPJCjJKkqXwx19QypdspISFM&__tn__=-%5dK-R)

**Snippets**

The Kilmore notice board was blown over in Storm Ashley. SCC can provide some new posts and postcrete if a member of the community would undertake to repair the board. Please get in touch.

Please note:

This information is known to be correct at the time of publishing and summarises key topics which we hope will be of value to the community. If you have any item that you would like clarity on or discuss further, in the first instance please email

info@sleatcommunitycouncil.org.uk