COMHAIRLE CHOIMHEARSNACHD SHLEITE

SLEAT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting of Sleat Community Council held at Disdale Hall on

Tuesday 5th April 2016

Present: Roddy Murray

Rob Ware

Tim Shone

Veana Cleland

John Duncan MacInnes

Apologies: Kirsty McGonagall, Flora Maclean

In Attendance: June Hamilton, Una Macleod, David Ashford, Roger Cottis, Fiona Begg, Angus Macdonald, Ishbel Macdonald

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Roddy Murray welcomed members of the public for their attendance.

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting 1st March 2016**

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

**Matters Arising**

Scottish Water’s Manager had given an update by email on the questions that were raised at the March meeting including the choramination project and we believe that Val Piddock has spoken to her directly. There is no plan to site a permanent generator at Stonefield and we will escalate this in due course.

Police Scotland have done additional speeding patrols with unmarked cars, and we will ask them to try to attend the May meeting and update on these patrols. June Hamilton asked if there could be a sign that says ‘Sleat welcomes careful drivers’. This will be considered for the future.

Roddy said that the Clerk of Works will meet with the SCC next week to visit the Ostaig culvert issues.

Rob confirmed that the IT changes had now commenced, any concerns people can contact the Sleat surgery on 844283.

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**Agenda**

**Fiona Begg-Camuscross and Duisdale Initiative**

Rob Ware welcomed Fiona Begg, newly appointed Project Manager of the CDI Hub at Duisdale having now been in post for four weeks. The SCC had asked Fiona if she would give a brief update on the development of the Hub and perhaps later in the year when the project is nearing completion that a follow-up session could be held at a regular meeting. Fiona talked through how the project had come about, its extended planning and funding process and that work had started on ground works in February. The Hub was expected to be completed by the end of the January, but the construction company is hoping to be off-site by end December with a view to opening by Easter 2017 following a staff recruitment process. David Ashford asked about housing as part of the project and expressed concerns at the shortage of affordable housing. Roddy thanked Fiona for her time and her update.

**West Highlands and Islands Local Development Plan**

Rob Ware advised that the next phase of the WHILDP was now going out for further consultation following the publication of the Main Issues Report commenced in 2015. The consultation is for 10 weeks until 10th June and Rob read out the relevant information relating to Sleat. Housing and development are the key features of the Plan. Rob gave a brief history of the development of the Plan and now the major MIR is available to be seen online and people can comment on the document. The Council Planners are now planning a drop in session at Ardvasar Hall on the 11th May from 2-5 and this will be publicised across Sleat.

**Sleat War Memorial**

Rob now has names for the ‘Focus Group’ to hold a meeting at the end of April and this will be notified to all of those who have agreed to join the group.

**Roads and Planning**

Rob said that there is some frustration at the pace of updates on roads issues in Sleat. This is also due in part to major changes in the organisational structure in Highland Council. We have asked for the spreadsheet to be made available of all the known issues to be made available to the SCC.

Rob said that the number of Planning Applications has reduced in the last six months with only one or two house developments.

**CalMac Update**

Rob gave a brief update on the CalMac performance on the Mallaig Armadale route since the revised summer timetable and vessel deployment commenced on 25th March. As fully predicted it has been an appalling introduction and severe disruption has occurred both due to adverse weather and tidal conditions. The performance has been very poor and the Forum is asking for an urgent meeting with the Company as soon as possible to review and make some attempt at restoring confidence of the route. A new Press Release will be issued calling for the return of the ‘Coruisk’ immediately and no stone should be left unturned to draw the Company to account. The Sleat Transport Forum had fully predicted this downgraded service and so we will continue to demand urgent improvements. There was a general discussion about people views on recent events and what needs to happen to restore confidence in the route. We will also continue to lobby for winter improvements. Feedback is crucial in this process. Rob said that it was his personal view that the Scottish Government would not approve the termination of the Mallaig Armadale service but at present everything has been done to threaten the viability of the route.

**AOCB**

Roddy Murray updated on the Ward Forum process and there has been a request for comments on the whole process. He had sent comment to Willie MacKinnon the Ward Manager and this had been responded to in the media by Councillor Millar. A number of the other CC’s all expressed their views and so a review of representation needs to be urgently considered.

Tim Shone updated on the deer management group process and that the Aerial Survey had been carried out on 25th March. The weather was not good but no official figures are yet available although it is known that the numbers are not as high as first thought. Over 150 deer had been culled in the Kinloch Forest.

John MacInnes was aware of the parking issues at the pavements outside the garage at Armadale, and that new legislation is planned for next year where parking on pavements will be illegal. This was raised by Mrs Kier last month.

Rob updated on the issued with the illegal occupation of land at the former Garden of Skye Allotments and what FEI are doing to evict the person, his two caravans and yacht.

**Correspondence-None**

**Public Discussion-None**

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**The meeting closed at 2050 with the next meeting on 3rd May at 1930 at Seomar Cruinneachaidh**