COMHAIRLE CHOIMHEARSNACHD SHLEITE

SLEAT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting of Sleat Community Council held at Talla Duisdale on

Tuesday 6th September

Present: Roddy Murray

Rob Ware

Tim Shone

Veana Cleland

Flora Maclean

Apologies: Kirsty McGonagall, John Duncan MacInnes

In Attendance: Una Macleod, Roger Cottis, Angus and Ishbel Macdonald, Donnie MacKinnon, David Ashford

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Roddy Murray welcomed members of the public for their attendance.

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting 3rd May 2016**

The minutes of the meeting of were moved by Veana Cleland and Flora Maclean

**Matters Arising**

Scottish Water, no response regarding the chloramination project. Rob will chase on that. SCC will pursue a grant via Scottish and Southern Electricity for a grant for the potential standby generator at Stonefield.

**Agenda**

Police Scotland’s representative, Donald Morrison briefed the meeting on a number of issues:

* Residents are asked to complete an online survey from PS ‘Your view counts’ as a way of commenting on the service. <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/8LMB9WX>
* Telephone scamming is still a major issue
* No crimes were reported in Sleat but a vagrant has recently been here but this matter has been resolved. Call 101 for any issue
* Road Policing Unit has been out on the Sleat road recently and the school remains a problem. The increase in tourism has seen serious concerns this summer
* The Broadford-Portree A87 has been particularly bad but the problem is often slow drivers
* Rob updated briefly on the issues of congestion at Armadale and the reason for asking Police Scotland to attend the pier area caused by the increase in traffic. The outcome will be that there will be working group to engage key stakeholders. A draft master-plan has been prepared by the SCC as a discussion paper
* An eviction order has been placed on the person known as Duncan Sinclair who has occupied land at the former Garden of Skye allotments. It is not known whether he is about to be moved on
* PS have just appointed Rhona Macdonald based at Kyle as Wildlife Crime Officer. Roger Cottis will get in touch
* The Ord Road will need to be closed for a week following a collapsed culvert

**Items from the AGM 28th June**

The HC grant will be £988 for the 2016-2017 year and will be paid in once the AGM Minutes are complete.

**Ward Forum and other meetings**

There will be a Skye Ward Forum on 12th September. Roddy expressed his ongoing concern at the benefits of these meetings and that they are always held in Portree, more than a 100 miles trip from Sleat. Roddy said that it is not a good use of SCC Councillors time. Updates include PS, NHS Highland, SFRS and the Council. Roddy said that the Leader of the Council is due to come to Skye in October to look at various issues including broadband, mobile phone service and road works. No date has yet been set. Rob Ware said that support form HC Elected Members is very poor and this was demonstrated in the year-long campaign to restore a fit and proper service on the Mallaig-Armadale route.

**Sleat War Memorial**

Rob gave a brief update on the present state of the Sleat War Memorial and the work of the Focus Group. Options are still available and a meeting will be held in early October to review issues.

**Roads and Planning**

The Ord road closure will be notified by the Council when it is to be done. Other road works include the resurfacing of long sections of the A851 north of the Drumfearn road end. We continue to press for updates on a number of items that need attention across the area. There has been landslip on the Aird road beyond Camard and this will need extensive work by HC. It is believed that it could be water run-off from Tormore Forest. Rob has asked the Farm Traffic sign at the new agricultural shed be located from the northbound side to the southbound to warn visitors of the location of the farm. PC Morrison was concerned at speeds on the Kyleakin-Broadford section of the A87 and the right hand bend north of the Drumfearn Road end. Donnie MacKinnon expressed concern at the growth of vegetation between Duisdale Hall and the EI junction. Stonefield also has trees growing over the road. Rob will take up the issue again of the otter mitigation on the A851 and this will be part of a meeting with the HC TECS team. White-lining will be chased up with HC.

**CalMac Operational Update**

Rob gave an update on recent CalMac events including the meetings with Transport Scotland, CalMac and the Minister and this included news of the winter schedule. Roddy and Rob are attending the Ferry Users Group in Fort William on 7th September. We will update at the next meeting.

**AOCB:**

**Correspondence and Discussion**-

Rob outlined a letter that had been received from Vodafone and Telefonica advising improvements to the mobile phone coverage in Sleat from the Kinloch mast.

Flora had letters from the Lunch Club and from the Community Nurses for the donations.

Tim updated briefly on the Deer Management Group and the Eilean Iarmain have not agreed to the proposals. There will be on-gong discussions.

A meeting is to be held on the 21st September hosted by the SCT Environment Group about land management and crofting.

Una had been to the exhibition at Broadford Hall about rural airports and their impact on communities.

David Ashford asked if there is a speed restriction planned for the new CDI hub. The SCC believe that nothing is planned because there are no houses in the immediate vicinity. David also asked about the Telford Bridge at Isle Ornsay, we will raise this with TECS.

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**The meeting closed at 2100 with the next meeting on 4th October at 1930 at Tarskavaig Hall**

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