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SLEAT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting of Sleat Community Council held at Seomar Cruinneachaidh

Tuesday 5th December 2017

Present: Roddy Murray

Rob Ware

Tim Shone

Veana Cleland

John Duncan MacInnes

Apologies: Flora Maclean, Kirsty McGonagall

In Attendance: Una Macleod, Kevin Donnolly, Roger Cottis, David Ashford

Roddy Murray paid tribute to Alistair Macleod of Applecross who is still missing after his boat was found nearby. The SCC sends its sympathies to Mr Macleod’s family, friend

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting 7th November 2017**

The minutes of the meeting of were moved by Tim Shone and Roddy Murray

 **Matters Arising**

Rob reminded of the open afternoon at the Broadford Hotel on 13th December where plans for the new Broadford hospital can be seen.

There will be a public meeting to be held on 11th January, chaired by an Elected Member to discuss the Sleat War Memorial. All are welcome. Rob outlined the reasons for the meeting.

**Agenda**

**Ardvasar Footpath/Parking/Tourism**

Roddy updated the meeting regarding the footpath from Ardvasar to the filing station area. Quotes have been received from several agencies and the Council have committed funding. £9k roughly is needed and SCC will also apply to the Ward Discretionary Fund.

HC have ordered some signs for use at Kilmore Church which is having parking issues. These can be used during church services and funerals etc. ahead of longer-term plans to create additional parking on nearby land.

Rob updated on recent events regarding tourism management including the visit of the Cabinet Secretary in early November. A task force will be formed to be chaired by HIE and this will be made up of stakeholders who already involved in the issues, such as Highland Council, Visit Sleat, HIE and SkyeConnect. There was a brief discussion about tourism generally and the lack of investment by HC over many years. The issue of the CalMac ferry services has affected businesses in Sleat over the past two summers, whereas there has been record numbers of visitors to the north end of the island.

**CalMac Update**

Rob and Tim updated on the Ferry Users Group meeting that took place on 4th December. Rob outlined what the purpose of the Group is and that it is a forum for key stakeholders. The Sleat Transport Forum has submitted a paper for Winter 18/19 service asking for an increase in service with an additional vessel for up to 12 services a week. Rob updated on his attendance at the first CalMac Communities Board which was held on 19th November in Glasgow. This was all about the Members speaking to their communities and Rob will report back at the next meeting in February. Roddy said that the Forum should continue its campaign with the same vigour as in 2016 and 2017.

**AOCB**

Roddy reminded that RBS has announced closures of bank branches across the Highlands and Islands. This has only just been announced and, so it is too early to see what may result. There is also the pressing issue of businesses having to deposit cash from sales, such as CDLT and Dunvegan Castle.

Tim Shone said that the Sleat DMG would become South Skye DMG covering an area from Glenbrittle to Sconser and south.

Tim asked about a community skip for the Armadale area for general purpose skip. This will be looked at. Tim mentioned also about the hours at Sleat Surgery. Rob will write to Liz Dobson the Practice Manager for her update and this will be distributed to the Councillors.

Veana raised the issue of the area at the bottom of the Teangue/Saasaig Road after works were carried out for BT and Openreach. Rob will go and get some photos of the site and get further information to raise with the relevant agencies. Rob also has contacted Royal Mail with regard to moving the Kilmore Post Office from its wet area probably to the Kilmore Church wall.

Roger Cottis updated on the otter mitigation measures north of Kinloch. He also mentioned about parking for the walk to Knock Bay and Castle. Rob has already spoken about this with the Distillery and they will permit parking there when it opens in March.

The meeting concluded at 2100 with the next meeting to be held in February. The January meeting will be cancelled, and we will reconvene in February.

Happy Christmas to all.