COMHAIRLE CHOIMHEARSNACHD SHLEITE

SLEAT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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

Tuesday 7th February 2017

Present: Roddy Murray

Rob Ware

Tim Shone

Veana Cleland

Flora Maclean

Kirsty McGonagall

Apologies

John Duncan MacInnes

In Attendance:

Roger Cottis, David Ashford, Charles and Veronica Barrington, Una Macleod, Rhona Ashford, William Swann, Angus Macdonald, Ishbel Macdonald

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting 10th January 2017**

The minutes of the meeting of were moved by Flora Maclean and Tim Shone.

**Matters Arising**

None

**Agenda**

**CalMac Update**

Rob Ware gave an update to the meeting on CalMac issues following the publication of the summer timetables on 10th January. For Mallaig Armadale this will be the Lord of the Isles and Loch Fyne and the Forum has had a number of meetings with CalMac officials particularly with the appointment of the Route Account Manager. Rob drew attention to the Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee held at the Scottish Parliament on 25TH January when CFL’s MD and Finance Director presented evidence on CHFS routes. There is a new approach to engagement and so whilst this year is set in stone but will need to be monitored carefully. Coach trials have taken place last week at Mallaig resulting in serious damage to the coach. Rob further outlined that there will be a ‘summit’ held in April with all parties to look at the longer-term issues for the route which will include the request for a dedicated vessel on the route for the future, capable of operating year-round. Tidal timetables do not work on a route such as Mallaig-Armadale. Roddy reiterated that the Forum will continue to maintain the pressure. Audit Scotland are here in Sleat on 10th March as part of their performance audit of Scottish ferry services. William Swann advised that HIE had their board meeting today and that the Sound of Sleat is still considered as a ‘risk’.

**Radios for the Community**

Rob had taken delivery of 10 wind-up radios for elderly and vulnerable people from Cuillin FM sourced from the Scottish and Southern Electricity Community Resilience Fund. These will be distributed around the Sleat area to people who may need them. This will be in association with the Care at Home staff and the Community Nurses.

**Skye Hospital Redesign**

Rob asked that someone from the SCC take this on board and convene a meeting of CC’s from the south end and Lochalsh/SW Ross so NHS Highland can meet with the community to update on the project. Rob will write to NHS Management to suggest that a meeting be arranged. Flora Maclean and Veana Cleland will take this up.

**The Commission for Parliamentary Reform**

A new commission has been established by the Scottish Parliament’s Presiding Officer to look at how Parliament works and what could be done to improve. As a result of Professor Robertson being asked to become a Member of the Commission there will be a public meeting held on 9th January from 1500 at Seomar Cruinneachaidh. All are welcome and posters and advertising will sent out in the coming days.

**Roads and Planning**

Flora, Rob and Roddy met recently with Donnie Macleod, Community Works Officer for Highland Council and went through the current roads issues.

No issues of note for Planning, other than new documents have gone in to HC for the Manse Field application. Rob will chase HC re the WHILDP and this will be discussed at the Skye and Raasay Committee on 27th February

**Brexit**

Roddy read out a letter from Kate Forbes MSP about Brexit. This is principally about Scotland’s position in Europe following the 2016 Referendum. William Swann, Board Member from HIE gave a view of the agency’s stance on Brexit. This was followed by a general discussion with the floor on a number of aspects of the current status on the EU. Roddy will write back to Kate Forbes with a community view.

**AOCB**

Una Macleod flagged up that under the new tender process for HC bus services that Stagecoach had lost a number of contracts. Rob will investigate and report back in March.

Tim Shone, no further word about FEI leaving the Sleat Deer Management group. Deer still roam in gardens.

Flora Maclean will arrange for a bouquet of flowers to Dr Gasson on her retirement. Rob had sent a card and Flora will do the flowers. There was a collection at the surgery for her retirement.

**Public Discussion**

Roger Cottis asked further about the otter mitigation measures on the Sleat road at Drumfearn Road end. Roger will work out some basic material requirements.

William Swann gave an update on the current issues relating to the debate about the future of Highlands and Islands Enterprise.

The meeting closed at 2120 and the next meeting will be at Tarskavaig Hall on Tuesday 7th March at 1930