COMHAIRLE CHOIMHEARSNACHD SHLEITE

SLEAT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting of Sleat Community Council held at An Crubh

Tuesday 4th September 2018

Present: Roddy Murray

Rob Ware

Tim Shone

Veana Cleland

Flora Maclean

Kirsty McGonagall

Apologies: John Duncan MacInnes

In Attendance:

Sue Geale, Donnie Nicolson, Angus Macdonald (Kilmore), Susie NicNeill, Una Macleod, Roger Cottis, Kevin Donnolly, David Ashford, Jan MacDonald

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting 1st May 2018**

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

**Matters Arising:**

Roddy Murray opened the meeting and paid tribute to all of those in our community who have passed away recently and record our condolences to their friends a family. A brief silence was observed.

Health Care redesign. Roddy outlined the latest news of the steering group that has been formed and he had contacted the facilitator, David Noble. SCC will ensure our views are made clear.

**Agenda**

**Sleat War Memorial**

Rob Ware gave an update on the Memorial with working having commenced on the refurbishment on 20th August as scheduled. Photographs have been provided and the War Memorial Trust website will be updated with new images. Other items including access and fencing are still ongoing between the Landowner and Tenant, but no further information is available at this time. Sue Geale from CDLT confirmed this and reiterated the sensitivity of this issue. Roddy Murray thanked all involved in getting to this point. Rob will update at the next meeting.

**Community Council Scheme of Establishment**

Roddy Murray outlined the intention of the Highland Council to review the CC scheme which is a Scot Gov initiative first raised in May. It was commented on the significant reduction in CC’s budgets. He added ongoing concerns over Broadford School. A new survey with 42 questions has been produced and a drop-in day will be held on 19th September. No budget has been assigned for this review. Rob felt this review was to try and reduce the number of CCs across the Highland Region. A brief discussion took place regarding possible joining up with other CCs. Rob Ware felt that SCC worked better for its community as a standalone unit. The issue of support from the four members was discussed and the view from the Councillors was clear. Roger Cottis felt that it would be unworkable to merge with other areas, especially in the scope of issues that would need to be covered. Roddy Murray concurred with that. All were encouraged to go to the Kyleakin event.

**CalMac Update**

Rob gave an update on the summer so far and reminded that in 2019 it would be the same deployment and timetable as this year. Rob also spoke of the further delays to the new vessels being built in Glasgow. Rob outlined a brief update of the recent CalMac Communities Board meeting that was held in Mallaig. The Mallaig-Armadale service remains poor and there is no end in sight.

At this point PC Alec Mackenzie from Police Scotland entered the meeting.

**Police Scotland**

Roddy welcomed PC Mackenzie to the meeting and asked he brief us with any issues. PC Mackenzie said he was going to SMO tomorrow to brief ‘freshers’. He is keen to learn of the issues facing Armadale which includes speed limits. Rob outlined to the officer the range of concerns for pedestrians, motorists and ferry users. This included speeding at the pinch point areas. Susie NicNeill has asked Highland Council to review speeds outwith the An Crubh community facility. Changes to speed areas remain HC’s responsibility. PC Mackenzie asks by the community had not asked for a speed camera to be strategically placed in Sleat. Rob asked if there has been change in trends in scams etc. There is an increase in agricultural crimes, as well as late licence abuses in hotels and bars. Another scam involves the IT Tunes account via mobile phones.

PC Mackenzie said there were few emerging trends, only 9 road traffic matters have been reported on Sleat roads since January and 8 collisions, and 4 fixed penalty notices, speeding, insurance and MOT breaches. All local restaurants and bars are involved in the scheme for drink-watch. Police Scotland welcome any comments or reporting issues, 999 or 101 or use Crimestoppers. The meeting thanked PC Mackenzie for his contribution.

**Roads, Planning and Tourism**

Very little to report this month. The former Youth Hostel at Armadale has been demolished pending the new dwelling. Rob reported a reduction of planning applications in recent months. Donnie MacKinnon asked again about a passing place in Isle Ornsay from the Telford Bridge. Donnie added that the road surface in this section is very poor. Jan Macdonald asked for a restoration of the many missing passing place signs.

**AOCB**

Tim Shone updated on the Deer Management Plan and funding has been difficult, new members are being looked at for funding. Rob advised that works are still ongoing outside of the Ardvasar Hotel, this is due to be completed by end September.

**Public Discussion**

Una Macleod asked about the work planned at Armadale, Rob said that this would be aired at the appropriate time. Rob reminded there is a two day rural transport conference next week in Inverness.

The meeting closed at 2030 with the next meeting in Tarskavaig on 2nd October.