COMHAIRLE CHOIMHEARSNACHD SHLEITE

SLEAT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting of Sleat Community Council held at Ardvasar Hall

Tuesday 6th November 2018

Present:

Rob Ware

Tim Shone

Flora Maclean

John Duncan MacInnes

Kirsty McGonagall

Veana Cleland

Apologies: Roddy Murray

In Attendance:

Roger Cottis, William Swann, Una Macleod, David Ashford, Charley Forgan, Kate ?

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting 2nd October 2018**

John Duncan MacInnes chaired the meeting as Roddy Murray was on holiday**.**

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

**Matters Arising:**

Rob Ware gave an update ahead of Sunday’s Remembrance Day Service but at this time there is no further update on the items that are perceived to be outstanding following the refurbishment.

**NHS Highland Healthcare Redesign**

Roddy has been in limited dialogue with NHS Highland about the on-going redesign of services and had expressed concerns about the south end of the island not having a fair hearing. Much of this topic is now published regularly in the media and social media pages. Completion of the hospital is scheduled for end 2020.

**Ferries Update**

Rob updated on a range of items including the start of the winter service and the soon to be published summer 2019. There will be no change in 2019 of the vessel deployment and timetables from 2018. The Forum have recently issued a Press Release damning the service again this summer but expressed strong support for local and onboard CalMac staff for the good job they have done this year in very challenging circumstances. The ongoing disruption is definitely affecting businesses on both sides of the Sound of Sleat. William Swann said he is confident that Transport Scotland have no intention of closing the route in the long term. No other vessels are currently available to charter or purchase to increase tonnage. It is expected that the MV Loch Fyne will be having a refurbishment in Winter 18/19. All agreed that the Loch Fyne has performed well on the route and this is down to the crew members.

**Roads/Tourism and Planning**

John MacInnes raised the item of the white-lining at the Sleat road end. Rob will email Hamish Fraser. Rob updated on recent issues with pothole repairs, including Camuscross. The road works outside of the Ardvasar Hotel have still not been done and advice from FEI yesterday suggested that the original contractor had withdrawn from the contract and a new contractor would do the work next year. The decision on the pods planning application is still outstanding. Masts planned for the Tarskavaig area are being discussed this week. There is a tourism event at Sligachan on 22nd November hosted by SkyeConnect.

There is no change that we know of in respect of the provision of affordable housing in Sleat, and that includes the former Garden of Skye allotment site.

John MacInnes mentioned about a lack of facilities for campervans in Sleat as compared with other parts of the island including Broadford. William Swann asked about the Ardvasar Hall as there is believed to be around 100 campervans using the facility, probably to dump toilet facilities. Jane McDemott had asked if the AH committee if an A-Frame could be procured to show that there are toilets available.

**AOCB**

Flora had said that SMO have offered the use college facilities for free for SCC meetings. This is due to the reduction of our grant. This will be discussed in December at the next meeting.

Tim asked if some benches could, at the right time, be placed at the War Memorial site. There was a brief discussion amongst those attending about ensuring that the SWM has a good future and that access and safety is assured.

Rob updated on the ongoing item of the Aird car park.

John Duncan MacInnes was disappointed that a local resident got very irate in the Armadale shop yesterday complaining about the price of fuel as compared to other locations. This is due to the price dictated by the suppliers.

**Public Discussion**

There was general discussion about roads and issues.

John MacInnes showed a Sleat Medical Practice leaflet that was prepared for local distribution and is vastly out of date.

Next meeting is at Seomar Cruinneachaidh on 4th December at 1930