COMHAIRLE CHOIMHEARSNACHD SHLEITE

SLEAT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting of Sleat Community Council held at Seomar Cruinneachaidh

Tuesday 7th January 2020

Present:

Rob Ware

Tim Shone

Flora Maclean

Veana Cleland

Ludwig Appeltans

In Attendance: Mark Womble, Iain McIvor, John Lamont, Willie MacKinnon, John Finlayson, Donnie MacKinnon, David Ashford, Lysana Robinson, Kate Duffus, Veronica Barrington, Kevin Donnelly, Andrew Prendergast, Una Macleod, Phillip Howarth, George Scott

**Agenda**

Willie Mackinnon, Skye Ward Manager opened the meeting and outlined his role in the formation of the new Community Council. Councillor John Finlayson was in attendance. Following the formal process that part would be closed and the new chair appointed would conduct the business of the rest of the meeting. Willie outlined some changes that have taken place since the last Scheme of Establishment was issued and these include changes to Associate Membership and Youth Members. The role of the Community Council was explained to members in addition to the roles and responsibility of individual members. The CC is also a statutory consultee for planning matters and it is for the CC to decide what action may be necessary on that issue. The maximum number for SCC is 8 members and any changes need to be advised to the Ward Manager. Associate members do not have voting rights and there are ex-officio members but with no voting rights. Lead elected members are aligned to each CC. There is now the opportunity to co-opt up to 3 associate members. 2/3 majority is required for voting on associate members.

Willie explained that there is a standard constitution for all Highland Council CCs. There needs to be a minimum of 6 meeting per year including an AGM between 1st April and 30th June. Rob Ware advised that dates and venues are already published.

Draft minutes should be submitted to Ward Members and the Ward Manager each month.

Insurance is now the responsibility of the office bearers and all assets are covered under that insurance and the CC needs to pay directly to the insurer.

The first item was for the nomination of office bearers.

Flora Maclean has nominated Tim Shone as chair by proxy and Rob Ware seconded that. Tim Shone was elected unopposed and agreed to accept the role.

Tim Shone nominated Rob Ware to remain as Secretary which was seconded by Veana Cleland. Rob agreed to take that role.

Tim Shone nominated Flora Maclean as Treasurer and Rob Ware seconded that.

A vice-chair can be nominated as and when required.

Willie MacKinnon closed the first section of the meeting and introduced Tim Shone as the new chair of the SCC.

Item 2: Adoption of the Constitution which can be done at the next meeting in February

Item 3: Associate Members will also be left until the next meeting

Item 4: 2020 Meetings agreed as above. Rob Ware outlined the media channels that the SCC has, that is Facebook, Twitter and the website. Written communication can be available to non internet users. Tim outlined the use of four venues for the meetings.

John Finlayson declared that as a member of the HC Planning Committee that he would leave the meeting as the main agenda item for the evening was the presentation by Lochalsh and Skye Housing Association.

Willie and John left the meeting and wished the SCC all the best for the next four years.

**Presentation by Lochalsh and Skye Housing Association**

Tim introduced John Lamont and Iain McIvor of the Lochalsh and Skye Housing Association accompanied by Mark Womble of Wittets Architects who have been invited by the SCC to present on the proposals for the development of 16 affordable units at the former Garden of Skye Allotment site. This is land formerly owned by Fearann Eilean Iarmain.

The presentation given to the audience present cannot be published in these minutes due to the impending application for Planning Permission in Principle which is expected to be lodged with Highland Council. Residents are advised that they can comment on the application when it is in the public domain.

The LSHA officials outlined the background to the project, housing stock statistics and the strategy for providing additional housing in the area.

Following the presentation there was a short Q and A and a time frame of the project. Despite providing letters to each of the properties in Allt a’Tuath and nearby stakeholders advising of tonight’s meeting no persons from those groups attended the session.

Note: Since the session with the Association a PIP has been issued under reference 20/00197/PIP | Erection of 16 units of affordable housing | Land NE Of Allt A'Tuath Ardvasar

Tim Shone thanked the officials for their informative meeting and looked forward to seeing the Planning Application on the Council’s website.

**Item 6 Minutes of the Previous Meeting 1st October 2019**

The minutes of the meeting of were moved by Veana and seconded by Rob Ware

**Matters Arising:**

Una Macleod referred to an issue with a recent trip on a Stagecoach bus where there was no heating. She had taken this up with the company but was not happy with their response and reaffirmed the importance of the local bus service. She will take this up again through the Council despite the bus company saying there was not a problem. Lysana Robinson said that she had a friend that did not know that there was no bus service on 23rd Dec as this was a school holiday. Tim reminded of the developments of the Sleat Community Trust’s minibus scheme for travel in Sleat and to Kyle. (see [www.sleat.org.uk](http://www.sleat.org.uk))

Tim Shone paid tribute to Roddy Murray, his predecessor as chair of SCC for his contribution to public life over many years. Fairness and equality and supporting young people was the mantra that Roddy adopted over many years and that ‘he will be a hard act to follow’. Tim also thanked Flora and Rob for volunteering to reprise their roles from the previous council and welcomed Ludwig Appeltans as a new member of the Sleat Community Council.

Ludwig Appeltans asked about the publication of the Mallaig-Armadale STAG report which is expected to be made available in the public domain sometime in February or March

Rob referred back to Kate Duffus’ raising the issues of shore cleans and Gary Mahon had also mentioned the amount of litter on Sleat’s roads. This will be raised as an agenda item for the February meeting. The two local estates have offered some assistance in the past and Highland Council will continue to provide skips for beach and shore cleans. Kate cited a bay east of Knock Castle which is badly polluted by marine litter and will refer this to FEI in the coming weeks.

Donnie MacKinnon raised his ongoing concern at the state of roads in Camuscross. HC are to resurface roads in Drumfearn and a section of the loop road at Achnacloich.

The meeting closed at 2120.

The next meeting will be 4th February 2020 at Ardvasar Hall at 1930.