# **COMHAIRLE CHOIMHEARSNACHD SHLEITE**

# **SLEAT COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

# Minutes of the Meeting held in An Crùbh, Duisdeil

# 7pm on Tuesday 8 October 2024

## Members Present

Janet MacDonald (JM) Andy Wiliamson (AW)

Rob Ware (RW) Tim Shone (TS)

Hans Petri (HP) Duncan MacInnes (DM)

Kate Duffus (KD) Mairead Macdougall (MM)

**Apologies** None

**Public** 17 members of the public were present.

## Welcome

The interim chair, **Janet MacDonald**, welcomed Councillors and residents to the meeting. Members introduced themselves. **Rob W** said that proceedings would be recorded for the minutes. No one declared that they also wished to record the meeting.

## Declarations of Interest

**Andy W** is a Member of Sleat Community Trust (see later). There were no other declarations of interest.

## Election of the Chair

**Janet M** has been temporary Chair since **Andy W** stepped back due to pressure of work. **Janet M** asked him to reconsider, and that the workload of the Council could be spread around.

###### Janet M nominated Andrew W as Chair. Seconded by Duncan M seconded and all agreed.

**Andy W** took over the chair and proposed that **Janet M** be the Vice-Chair.

###### Andy W nominated Janet M as Vice-Chair. Seconded by Tim S and all agreed.

## Matters arising from the meeting on 3 September

**Rob W** verbally summarised the minutes of the last meeting. He noted that minutes are published publicly when ratified by the Council at the following meeting. **Mairead M** asked it be noted that she had been not been allowed to place her comments on a Community Forum in context. **Mairead M** also asked about a proposed meeting between SCC Chair and Andrew Prendergast and Di van Ruitenbeek. It was noted there had been SCC emails regarding this.

###### The Minutes were approved – Duncan M, seconded by Kate D.

## Presentation by South Skye Community Campus

**Rory Flyn**, Chair of Sleat and Strath Football Team, and **Shirley Grant**, Chair of South Skye Community Campus, presented the need for a new football pitch and additional facilities adjacent to the proposed new Broadford Primary School. They went into detail about a new pitch, the historic link between Sleat and Strath, the financial implications, and the desire to inform and seek support from the Sleat Community. Full details are available on https://www.southskyecampus.org/

###### It was proposed by Andy W that SCC should offer a letter of support for this proposal.

###### Seconded by Duncan M.

## Local Place Plan Update

**Duncan M** and **Kate D** offered Council Members a written update of work for our Local Place Plan.

**Duncan M** summarised the gathering of comments – informal sessions at Armadale Store, An Crùbh, Community Cafes and Council meetings. **Kate D** hadcreated an online Survey Monkey. Information was given in the Sleat Community Trust Newsletter, the SCT Mailchimp to 350 users, various FB pages and emails to groups such as Sleat General Grazings, Tormore Volunteers. South Sleat Moorings, Sabhal Mòr Ostaig, Visit Sleat Members, SCT Trustees and SCC Members.

**Kate D** summarised the comments so far. All are anonymous and cover a wide range of topics. Engagement has been good. 421 comments have been collated on an Excel file under the 8 or so general headings – 76 from public events and 245 from Survey Monkey. Most are from Sleat residents with a few from Visitors or part-time residents. Comments range from single words (usually potholes) to more extensive essays on housing, land-management, planning, transport and sports facilities.

**Kate D** asked all Councillors and the public to go out and talk to neighbours, particularly those who are house-bound, and children . It would appear there is a predominance of comments from retired people.

**Duncan M** gave suggestions for a where-next plan to get a Draft LPP to the Council by very early 2025. The audience offered suggestions to collate further information (and even provided comment boxes the next day - thank you).

* Posters with a QR code for public sites and additional information in Gaelic.
* Forms and collections boxes in pubs, Sabhal Mòr Ostaig, Armadale Stores and An Crùbh.
* A leaflet for student school-bags of Bun Sgoil Shlèite/Sleat Primary School to take home.
* A repeat Mail-Chimp and FB shout-outs, and to Township Clerks.

###### Monday 28 October - data collection will close

###### Wednesday 30 October - interested SCC members and others on to collate, assess and summarise comments.

###### Tuesday 5 November and Tuesday 3 December – Outcomes and the Draft LPP presented to the public at SCC meetings in Ardvasar Hall.

## Sleat Community Trust and Community Playpark

**Andy W** (who sits on the SCT Board) gave an update of the work of SCT. SCT does not have a full Chair and seeks more Board Members. The loss of the Development Officer has led to difficulties and a strategic planning group has been formed to look at revenue and development. The shop is doing well. Sleat Renewables is suffering revenue loss in its wood-chip business. Funding for the proposed Play-park, by HC through SCT, is in place and SCT has created an equipment plan.

## Collaboration with other South Skye Community Councils

**Hans P** reported on meetings that he, **Rob W** and **Janet M** had held with Broadford and Strath, and Kyleakin and Kylerhea Community Councils. They shared common issues. **Rhona Coogan** of B and S suggested a sharing of information via Associate Membership of each Council. These would attend each other’s meetings, receive Minutes, but not have a vote. **Andy W** pointed out that the Scheme of Establishment allowed such appointments. This might eventually extend to Mallaig and Raasay and **Hans P** recognised the potential benefit of cross-Island communication for Island-wide issues – a collegiate atmosphere between Councils. It was felt however that we should initially focus on South Skye.

###### Sleat Community Council agreed to create joint Associate Memberships with Broadford and Sleat, and Kyleakin and Kylerhea Community Councils, and offer to be Associate Members of their Councils. Proposed by Hans P and seconded by Kate D and agreed by all.

## Community News Overview

**Rob W** drew our attention to the Summary of SCC activity placed on the website and commented on:-

There is one last house available for sale with a rural housing burden in the new Kilbeg Housing. (Later - this has possibly now increased to three)

There were no planning applications for September and October for Sleat.

He noted the death of **Ross Cowie** from Portree who was instrumental in establishing the **Lucky2Bhere** Defibrillation Machines now in place in many sites around Sleat and indeed across Scotland.

## AOCB

**Andy W** noted **Rob W’s** letter about the on-going non-attendance of our Highland Councillor, **Cllr Ruraidh Stewart**.

###### Andy W proposed that SCC ask for a different Highland Councillor be allocated to attend our meetings and this was agreed by all.

**Andy W** reported on information from residents of Camuscross about the speed of work-vans along the local road. Similar instances have occurred with traffic around School-busses in Sleat.

**From the floor** – it was noted how dangerous the loading and unloading of school children from school busses can be, if drivers do not follow speed limits

###### It was agreed to notify Highland Council and/or Police Scotland about such issues

**Tim S** said the **Sleat Deer Management Group** had now ceased. The closing amount in the Bank account has been given to Bun Sgoil Shlèite for a school project.

**From the floor** – comments about the needs for signs for visitors (and locals) to slow down on single-track roads**. Rob W** noted the new HC Roads Officer, MacKenzie Sutherland, who might be interested in attending an SCC meeting.

## Next Meeting

Tuesday 5 November 2024 at 7.30pm in Ardvasar Hall

**Andy W** closed the meeting