# **COMHAIRLE CHOIMHEARSNACHD SHLEITE**

# **SLEAT COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

# Minutes of the Meeting held in Ardvasar Hall

# 7.30 pm on Tuesday 3 December 2024

## Members Present

Janet MacDonald (Janet M) Andy Wiliamson (Andy W)

Rob Ware (Rob W) Tim Shone (Tim S)

Duncan MacInnes (Duncan M) Kate Duffus (Kate D)

Mairead Macdougall (Mairead M) Hans Petri (Hans P)

**Apologies** were given by **Rhona Coogan** of Broadford and Strath CC, and **Iain MacKenzie** of Kyle and Kyleakin CC who had hoped to attend as associate members.

**Public** - 11 members of the public were present, including **Den Connell** from Broadford.

## Welcome

The chair, **Andy W**, welcomed Councillors and residents to the meeting. He reminded everyone that proceedings would be recorded, and that prior permission is required for any other recordings.

## Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

## Minutes and matters arising from the meeting on 5 November 2024

**Duncan M** summarised the minutes of the last meeting which would be available on line.

He noted there had been subsequent meetings of the LPP group on 13 November in SMO and 27 November at Ostaig House – variously with Andy W, Duncan M, Janet M, Rob W, Tim S, Kate D, Hans P, and Ian Hall with Flora MacLean invited.

There were no matters arising.

The Minutes were approved – **Kate D**, seconded by **Tim S.** The Minutes were accepted

## Meeting with Fearann Eilean Iarmain

**Andy W** and **Tim S** met with **Lucilla Noble, Malcolm Younger and Claire Nicolson** on Thursday 28 November. **Tim S** reported this was the second meeting. It was extremely friendly, open and informal. Topics included the LPP, which was well received; the importance of Gaelic and culture; FEI’s involvement in affordable housing on FEI land that had been offered at no cost; care homes for the aged; and a Community Benefit Fund from any potential wind-farm.

## Presentation of Draft Local Place Plan

**Andy W** presented the First Draft Local Place Plan. Copies of the 42 page document had not been distributed to the public but the content was displayed on a screen during the talk. He outlined the Quick Read summary section, introduced the 8 areas in which the 650 comments from the public were collated, and the principles of an LPP. He thanked Kate and Duncan for leading on gathering the information and for the team effort of getting it to this stage from those mentioned above. Ian Hall will provide good mapping relating to the area covered.

The Plan provides general information, with statistics of the wider area and a description of community engagement. It gives examples of Our Vision for Sleat and the Community Priorities. There is a need for a Place-based approach and for our LPP to align with existing Highland Council Planning documents. It was emphasised that there was wide support for community-led renewable infrastructure with comments from the floor about potential funding from large turbine development. Andy also emphasised the benefits of working with neighbouring communities, the danger of loss of democracy in planning decisions, and the need for greater community involvement in local and national decision making. There was discussion about the number of self-catering and second homes in Sleat, and where this information can be gathered. The public asked useful questions and gave helpful comments.

Once agreed a copy of the Draft LPP will be placed on the SCC website and other FB pages for public comment.

**Duncan M** noted there had been a gap in data collation about where things might be located. He suggested that two mapping sessions, in Ardvasar Hall and An Crùbh, to allow the public to place suggestions on a Sleat Map, and to respond to the Draft LPP. This was subsequently set for Thursday 12 December.

**Andy W** asked that this document be adopted as a Draft Local Place Plan. This was proposed by **Tim S** and seconded by **Hans P** and agreed by all.

## Community News Update

**Rob W** summarised information in this month’s update, which is available on the SCC website. It included car-park revenue, Calmac’s timetable for 2025 and new signs about deer in the Duisdale area. There needs to be pressure on HC roads for capital road investment in Sleat, which received none in 2024.

## AOCB

**Hans P** announced that he wished to step down as a Councillor from 31 December for personal reasons. Hans confirmed he personally wished to make sure the new links with neighbouring CCs were well established. His resignation was accepted with regret by the Chair and Hans’s positive input to SCC thanked and appreciated by all.

**Andy W** noted that the speed signs at the School are still not working correctly.

**Andy W** noted that there was to be a meeting with vote on 6 December to transfer the management and assets of Broadford Village Hall to the South Skye Community Campus. **Den Connell of** Broadford confirmed this was deemed to be a good move.

**Duncan M** had provided copies of the An Slèiteach newsletter and asked that, as it was now a truly Sleat community-wide publication, everyone send in news and stories from the Sleat community, agencies and groups, for the deadline on 15 February 2025.

There were no further comments.

## Public Discussion

There were no further comments.

## Next Meeting

Tuesday 7 January 2025 at 7 pm in An Crùbh

**Andy W** closed the meeting at 9.05 pm