# **COMHAIRLE CHOIMHEARSNACHD SHLEITE**

# **SLEAT COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

# Minutes of the Meeting held in Ardvasar Hall

# 7.30 pm on Tuesday 5 November 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)

**Apologies** Hans Petri (Hans P)

**Public** 6 members of the public were present.

## 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.

## Matters arising from the meeting on 8 October

**Duncan M** verbally summarised the minutes of the last meeting. SCC has received a letter from **Kenneth Nicolson**, the new Head-teacher of Bun-sgoil Shlèite thanking the extinct Deer Management Group for the substantial donation to school funds. **Mairead M** asked it to be Minuted that she asks for corrections in Minutes to be made as corrections and not added as footnotes.

The Minutes were approved – Tim S, seconded by Janet M.

## Local Place Plan Update

**Duncan M** reported on progress in collating all the comments received for the LPP. Over 650 comments (and a £1 donation) had been separated into 12 general headings. Five Councillors and Ian Hall met in SMO on 30 October to discuss progress. Two representatives from SCT hoped to attend but were unable to come. Each took two sets of comments to summarise. These were presented to the meeting by **Duncan M, Ian H** (in his absence)**, Kate D, Tim A, Rob W** and **Janet M.** These summaries are too lengthy to lay out here.

**Andy W** was highly impressed by the amount of detail in the comments and the summaries. He has started to prepare a draft plan in accordance with Scottish Government guidance and to check alignment between the LPP, National Planning Framework 4 and Highland Council’s Westplan"

**Duncan M** suggested a further discussion on the LPP in the next 7-10 days aiming for a presentation at the next SCC meeting on 3 December.

## Community Resilience Planning

**Andy W** reminded us of the benefits for Sleat to have a Resilience plan in case of emergencies, a project initiated by SCT last year but which had to be laid aside with the loss of SCT development officers. HC have noted this and wish to support SCC. **Rob W** mentioned that HC were offering an information web meeting.

## Aligned Elected Members

**Andy W** noted the ongoing absence of **Cllr Ruraidh Stewart**, the aligned elected Highland Councillor, from our meetings. Following SCC’s letter on this to HC, neither Highland Council nor the allocated councillor have satisfactorily addressed our concerns.

**Andy W, as Chair**, proposed that he write to the Convenor and Chief Executive to restate these concerns and ask for action to be taken to resolve the matter. He noted that the long-term and on-going non-attendance of the allocated councillor and his failure to respond to communications negatively impacts on the Community Council’s ability to fulfil its remit.

**Proposed Andy W, seconded Kate D and agreed unanimously.**

## Invitation from the Scottish Land Commission

**Andy W** noted, for information only, a letter from the Scottish Land Commission suggesting they visit SCC to inform us of their work regarding the forthcoming land reform legislation. It was agreed to accept this invitation, possibly for 13 December at SMO. It would be for SC Councillors only.

## Community News Update

**Rob W** summarised this month’s update now available on the SCC website. Issues raised included Fish-Farm debris on Tarskavaig Beach, and the general collapse of Sleat’s public notice boards, particularly that at Kilmore.

## AOCB

**Andy W** noted a request that SCC places posters in the Notice Board of SCC dates and the contact details of Councillors. **This was agreed.**

**Andy W** noted a conversation with **Andrew Townsend, Vice-Lord Lieutenant**, who suggested he could visit a SCC meeting sometime ‘when the weather improves’ to talk about the role of Lords Lieutenant.

**Kate D** offered her services as the Secretary for Sleat Community Council, suggesting a gentle hand-over and mentoring prior to **Rob W’s** forth-coming move away from Sleat. This was greeted with joy and enthusiasm.

**Proposed by Janet M and seconded by Duncan M and unanimously approved**

**Duncan M** drew the public attention to the recent visiting volunteer group’s work for the community in the Tormore Woodlands.

## Public Discussion

It was requested from the floor, and noted, that Sleat’s crofting community be actively involved in any future presentations from the Scottish Land Commission.

## Next Meeting

Tuesday 3 December 2024 at 7.30pm in Ardvasar Hall

**Andy W** closed the meeting at 9pm