**COMHAIRLE CHOIMHEARSNACHD SHLEITE**

**SLEAT COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of Sleat Community Council held at An Cr**ù**bh on 7th May at 1930

Members Present:

Rob Ware (RW)

Tim Shone (TS)

Andy Williamson (AW)

Mairead MacDougall (MM)

Hans Petri (HP)

 Duncan MacInnes (DM)

Kate Duffus (KD)

Janet MacDonald (JM)

**Welcome:** The chair, Andy Williamson welcomed residents to the meeting, advised that the proceedings would be recorded for the purpose of the minutes. No one wished to record the meeting and there were no declarations of interest.

**In Attendance:** 12 Members of the public

**Apologies:** Paddy McKay, Louise Barham and Donnie MacKinnon

**Adoption of Minutes of Meeting on 4th April 2024**

The minutes of the 4th April meeting were accepted, proposed by Hans Petri, seconded by Kate Duffus and carried with no objections

**Matters arising from the meeting on 4th April**

Rob Ware gave a verbal overview of the inaugural meeting which included the formal establishment of the council and the election of office bearers. The approved minutes can be seen at this link.

<https://web-cdn.org/s/1219/file/meetings/minutes/2024/Approved-Minutes-SCC-04042024.docx>

Duncan MacInnes is speaking with Bank of Scotland about new signatories for the SCC account. These will be Duncan, Andy and Janet.

**1 Local Place Plans**

The chair gave an overview on the Local Place Plan, a new scheme introduced in the Planning Scotland Act 2019 which gives communities the right to produce a local plan for their area, a vision for the future. A plan is designed to feed into the new Highland Local Development Plan to be adopted in 2027 and must be community led. SCC will lead in collaboration with SCT and seek input from other stakeholders in Sleat, including SCT/CDI/SMO/CDLT/FEI, residents and businesses. Community engagement will include drop-in sessions at An Cr**ù**bh and Armadale Stores and at Bun-sgoil Shlèite. Dates are planned for late May and early June. The document will be able to be revisited at any time and a new software package will help in the collation of data. Andy has produced a briefing document which can be found at this link.

 <https://web-cdn.org/s/1219/file/Local-Place-Plan-2024/SleatLPP.Overview.pdf>

Andy encouraged everybody to participate in this process but there is a limited budget, and it is expected that September needs to be a cut-off for this to feed in to the HLDP.

See link to the Highland Council’s map of LPP areas, some complete, some in preparation.

<https://highland.maps.arcgis.com/apps/instant/sidebar/index.html?appid=01a0cf2180c64c2cb8dc71dc22bbbfe1>

**2 SMO Update**

AW read the recent update from SMO to Sleat Community Council. This can be seen here.

<https://www.sleatcommunitycouncil.org.uk/news/community-update-from-sabhal-mor-ostaig-8-may-2024>

Sabhal Mòr Ostaig, the National Centre for Gaelic Language and Culture, and the National Library of Scotland have officially agreed on a programme of greater collaboration with the signing of a new Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).

<https://www.smo.uhi.ac.uk/sabhal-mor-ostaig-a-steidheachadh-com-pairteachas-foirmeil-le-leabharlann-naiseanta-na-h-alba/?lang=en>

**3 District Planning Group NHS Highland & SCC Youth Members**

Mairead MacDougall attended an inaugural meeting of the Skye, Lochalsh and SW Ross District Planning Group, NHS Highland. This is the strategic plan for health and social care in the area and is a 3-year plan aimed at elderly and vulnerable adults aged 18 and over. This meeting was to assess documentation for the plan, notably terms of reference. It was noted that there are significant financial challenges for this sector and future meetings will allow further discussion and planning with input from stakeholders and community representatives. The focus will be on early intervention with the group looking to see what communities can do going forward. It is planned that the meetings will be quarterly. Each CC will be permitted to have a member attend. Duncan MacInnes advised that health and social care facilities are a key element of the LPP.

MM is leading the SCC aspiration for youth members and has made some initial conversations with key contacts. She has spoken to Roddy MacLeod, the Youth Development Officer. This will ongoing and progress published as and when required. It is planned that an all-weather pitch will be made available in Broadford but there is no mention of sports facilities in the SMO update.

**4 Community News Update**

<https://www.sleatcommunitycouncil.org.uk/news/community-news-update-7th-may-8-may-2024>

**5 Behaviour and Actions Policy/Digital and Social Media Policy**

The SCC Behaviour and Actions Policy adopted by the former council in 2022 has been revised and the changes approved:

 <https://web-cdn.org/s/1219/file/Governance/SCC.BehaviourPolicy.Revised202404-1.docx>

A new policy relating to the use of digital and social media has been circulated and was approved: <https://web-cdn.org/s/1219/file/Governance/DigitalMediaPolicy.docx>

**6 AOCB**

Hans Petri has been in touch with nearby community councils including Broadford & Strath and Kyleakin & Kylerhea with a view to future collaboration on common issues. In due course this may be extended island wide.

Tim Shone has been speaking to Fearann Eilean Iarmain on the topic of community engagement and common interests including LPP. Dates for a session are being arranged. Susie McNeill suggested a further drop-in session at FEI.

TS is pursuing RBS to secure the release of funds from the defunct Deer Management Group.

A member of the public in Ardvasar asked SCC if the possibility of a designated camping site could be explored for the village. The individual offered to maintain the facility if a site could be found. To be considered as part of the LPP.

DM is keen that a representative from CDI should be a focal point of contact for SCC.

AW met with Clan Donald (7/5) and had a fruitful and positive discussion.

RW reminded that SCC will review its public notice boards with a view to replacement of up to 10 across the area. He thanked the Mens’ Shed in Broadford for their recent repair of the Camuscross board. The Broadford Mens’ Shed do not have the resources to assist in building new notice boards. Opportunities for procurement and funding sources are being explored. Armadale Stores and An Cr**ù**bh should be used as much as possible for key notices.

**7 Public Discussion**

Tricia Petri noted concern that it would take an accident or serious injury before any action was taken in respect of potholes and the significant deterioration of road surfaces around Sleat. Motorists and cyclists are frequently having to take evasive action to avoid hazards thereby reducing their concentration towards other users. The costs borne by residents making claims is rapidly increasing.

Peter Roberts is initiating a table tennis club. Contact him for further information.

AW updated on the refurbishment project for the Ardvasar playpark.

**8 Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be the AGM and Ordinary Meeting will be held at Ardvasar Hall on Tuesday 25th June at 1930

**ACTION ITEMS FROM MEETING 7/5/24**
Administrative
·      New bank signatories (AW and JM to be added) (DM)
·      Finalise Behaviour and Actions Policy and circulate (AW)

Local Place Plan
·      Planning for drop-ins with Armadale Store and An Crùbh (AW)
·      Continue building connections with other local orgs (All)
·      Meeting with FEI (TS, AW)

Community Connections
·      Organise a meeting with Broadford & Strath CC and Kyleakin & Kylerhea CC (HP)

Youth members
·      Connect with other useful people in the wide Skye and Lochalsh community (MM)

Communication
·      Add KD and MM as admin for Facebook page (RW)
·      Finalise Social Media and Digital Comms policy and circulate (AW)

Roads and Planning updates & renewable energy
·      ‘Pot hole of the Week’: John Weir to start a competition on ‘Sleat and Everything Sleat FB’ page
·      Pavement clearing between Drochaid a’ Mhuilinn/Mill Bridge and Sabhal Mòr Ostaig (RW)
·      Encourage people to report potholes (RW)
·      Start building a case around vehicle maintenance costs and road safety (All)