

Minutes of meeting 4th March 2014 at 7p.m.

Present: Richard Munday (Chairman), Gerry Beard (Secretary), Ann Barton, Donald Gilanders, Lyndsay Dacker, and 1 member of the public.

Apologies from Gemma Livingstone (Treasurer), Viv Rollo, Cllr Audrey Sinclair and P.C. Gary Taylor.

1. Minutes of the last meeting

Accepted as the record of the meeting.

2. Matters arising

Review of Entertainment Licensing.

Gerry confirmed submission of the completed questionnaire together with the CC's views and preferences.

Bealach Beag - cycle event

This years event is planned for the Whitsun Bank Holiday weekend, closure of the Bealach on a public holiday will adversely effect travel to and from Applecross and surrounding communities, with a knock-on effect for local businesses. The CC agreed that an approach to the event organisers should be made to ensure that in future the Whitsun weekend is avoided.

Proposal for a Road Safety discussion at a future CC meeting.

Awaiting dates from Highland Council Road Safety Officer.

3. Police Matters

Lochcarron beat report for February 2014

Total number of calls to the Police in month 20

Compared with 65 in February 2013

No crimes recorded in beat area

No serious road accidents and no mountain rescue call outs

P.C. Taylor carried out a Road Safety talk at Shildaig Primary School.

4. Co-option of Community Councillor

The meeting unanimously agreed the co-option of Duncan Carmichael to the vacancy left by the resignation of Irene George.

5. Finance report

No transactions since last report.

Balance £902.41 (after Sea Eagle Project final payment of £2,851.39)

6. Shieldaig CC meeting dates 2014

April	1st	
May	6th	
June	3rd	AGM + meeting
July	1st	
August	————	No meeting
September	2nd	
October	7th	
November	4th	
December	2nd	

7. Roads etc.

Outstanding issues include:

White line painting

Balgy Bridge blackspot

Inverbain to Kenmore road surface repairs

Sea damage to turning circle at South end of village (and further South)

Barrier at Baile Shuas

Date for visit of HC highways engineer to discuss.

8. Scottish Water

Outstanding repair of the road surface after a burst water main at the bottom of School Brae.

Post meeting note, this morning (5th March) the road surface has been repaired.

As this short length of cement/asbestos main has suffered previous failures, the Community Council has pressed Scottish Water for it's replacement as soon as practicable.

Chlorine data for December 2013

The data table below shows levels throughout the system on a week by week basis, with levels in weeks 3 and 4 approaching the minimum requirement.

Regular testing, recording and dissemination of data on Chlorine levels by Scottish Water will hopefully allay any remaining fears of higher than necessary Chlorine levels in our water supply system.

Chlorine concentrations in Shieldaig water supply - Monitoring results for December 2013

(all figures in parts per million (ppm); note minimum public health threshold 0.5 ppm; extremity of system Gerry's house)

Date sampled	Location			Treatment works setting
	Water Treatment Works	New Reservoir	Extremity of system	
2.12.2013	0.80	0.80	0.77	0.70 reduced to .60
9.12.2013	0.60	0.80	0.77	0.60
9.12.2013	0.60	0.80	0.77	0.60
19.12.2013	0.70	0.55	0.55	increase to 0.70
27.12.2013	0.69	0.60	0.59	0.70

9. Shieldaig War Memorial

During 2013 the Highland Council surveyed all War Memorials, as a result of which we have a detailed report as to the condition and work needed to restore Shieldaig's Memorial.

Both Highland Council and Central Government have funding available for the restoration of War Memorials and CC's will be contacted in due course.

10. Baile Shuas

Play Park -Albyn Housing are consulting residents. Once completed - Shieldaig Community Association to take-on long term maintenance.

10.Planning

Lyndsey is now the CC planning contact.

Emergency Community Plan - discussion deferred until Audrey present.

10. SCIO update

The Shieldaig Community Association is now set-up and will hold it's inaugural meeting on Saturday 22nd March at 10 a.m in the village hall. Trustees and Office Bearers will be appointed, membership and sub-groups, work programmes and budgets discussed.

The last AGM of the Shieldaig Village Association was on 24th February.

The Shieldaig Sports Association AGM is Thursday 6th March The CC will shortly be getting a deed of transfer to enable the football field formally to be passed to the SCA.

11. Shieldaig Oil Club

An explanatory leaflet and registration form will be circulated to all households and a further supply will be available at Torridon Hall reception.

12. Correspondence

BeFrienders Highland - BeFriending Dementia

Highland 3rd Sector news letter

Rural Parliament for Scotland

Local Govt. Boundary Commission for Scotland

Wester Ross Public Partnership

Living it Up Roadshow

Celtman (Paul McGreal visiting probably 11-13 April - any Community Councillor interested welcome to discussion at Kinloch. However the arrangements proposed for the Shieldaig end of the event look fine.)

Local Energy Scotland

Highland Council - footpath training course

Plain English for Funding Applications - course

13. AOCB

Highland Council - Service point closures

Gerry to write to Robbie Bain (copy to Audrey) prior to the HC meeting on 13th March expressing our grave concerns at the Highland Council's proposal to further erode the service provision to peripheral and fragile communities.

Dog fouling

A complaint has been received of dog fouling in the children's play area behind the village hall. The CC appeal to dog owners to be responsible and to clean-up after their pets.

Wester-Ross Biosphere Community Event

It was agreed that Richard should attend the meeting in Poolewe in Saturday 8th March to listen to the arguments for and against and take a view on Shieldaig's stance.

The meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.

The next meeting Tuesday 1st April at 7.30 p.m. (note later time)