**Minutes (draft) of Shieldaig Community Council (SCC)**

**Meeting Tuesday 6th February 2018 7.30pm. Church Hall.**

Members present: Kalie Wilkinson (Chair), Claire Munday (Secretary), Lisa Fraser (Treasurer), Duncan Carmichael, Tom Tindale, Viv MacLennan.

1 member of the public.

Apologies: Susan Holmes, Cllr. Kate Stephen, PC Craig Allan.

**Approval of Minutes of previous meeting on 7th November Tuesday 2017**

**Matters arising.**

Protecting sea eagles on Shieldaig Island.

Claire contacted Lucy regarding the Shieldaig Booklet 2018. To ask people not to land on Shieldaig Island in order to protect the sea eagles.

Street lights.

Kate Stephen has found that 408 LED lanterns have been installed in Ward 5 with 2032 remaining to be done. No word of when for Shieldaig. SCC are still keen for lights to be switched off from midnight – 6am if this helps reduce HC costs.

NC 500

Tom had a meeting with Douglas Gibson who admitted that a lot of the issues & concerns being raised are out of their hands. They are wanting to encourage members, when they join NC500, to sign up to a green/ sustainability code.

**Police matters**.

PC Allan is still unable to tell us where the speed detection monitors were placed last October; we suspect they were located in the wrong place i.e.in the 30mph zone. It is hoped that PC Allan will attend our next meeting. SCC wants a date for redoing the monitoring in the 40mph zone on the top road during the 2018 tourist season.

**Roads**

Claire to phone the new roads officer, Gary Urquhart. Kate told us that Gary or Iain Moncrieff have offered to attend a SCC meeting to discuss specific local road issues. We felt this was a topic affecting all 4 S.W Ross community councils – Shieldaig, Torridon & Kinlochewe, Applecross & Lochcarron- so we would plan a joint meeting and invite a MSP and press to attend. We would advertise widely by putting up posters inviting members of the community and advertise in An Carrannach.

(Post- meeting: Iain Moncrieff and Gary Urquhart offered to visit Shieldaig on 14th February at 10am which left little time to prepare for the larger audience. Claire & Viv are preparing items for 14th and will report back at next CC meeting. We still plan to arrange the wider meeting when we can bring the 4 CC’s together.)

William Gilfillan, Director of Community Services, is to visit Shieldaig on 2nd March, Friday afternoon with Kate Stephen. Duncan, Kalie, Viv & Tom are able to attend; they will liaise with Kate Stephen as to the time of meeting.

Updates.

**Shieldaig Community Association (SCA) & Shieldaig CC joint working** on the Housing Needs report. A development sub-group has been set up with Kalie and Tom representing SCC. For further information on this group please look at [www.shieldaig.info](http://www.shieldaig.info) and SCA’s December 2017 minutes.

**Broadband**.

Claire had a meeting earlier on 7th with Derek Murphy-Steele, Contracts manager for SSETelcoms whho have been overseeing the laying of the 2 fiberoptic cables – one for the MOD base at Sand and the other for the community use in the future. However, there is a real concern along the coastroad about what, if any, internet service is going to be provided once the new fiberoptic cables have been laid. Derek has offered to attend the next SCC meeting. SSE have said “we will contact you once we are made aware of the outcome of discussions with possible service providers”. Kalie has sent a letter to Ian Blackford, MP, regarding the poor provision of broadband on the Applecross peninsula, and has also asked if there would be any “road fund” paid to HC after 2 years of “cabling” construction traffic on the coastroad.

**Community Resilience Plan.**

We delivered 80 questionnaires on 4th December when the village was under a coating of snow. This probably helped focus our minds! 31 were returned by Christmas which was a fantastic response. There were numerous generous offers of help which we are collating. Interesting results include only 6 people with mobile phone coverage so handheld radios look like important items to purchase. Tom to look into this with his MRT background. We have 8 people with rescue and/ or fire fighting skills. Certificated chainsaw training looks important. Plus the purchase of gas hobs for the hub. SCA have offered us the use of the new shed for storage.

Please add SSEN’s Priority Service Register phone number to your Household Emergency Plan – call 0800 294 3259 if you qualify:

Those dependent on electricity for home medical care

Those you have a chronic illness/ short term medical condition

Those disabled

Those with special communication needs

Those with children under 5 or are over 60.

The emergency power cut number is 105

**Debrillator training** This took place on 27th January with 5 people attending. The training was very good and Viv is organizing a second one once the defibrillator is installed on the Hotel wall. Lisa to ask Scott to install this for us, and also to install a changeover switch on the outside Hall wall to enable us to connect to an emergency generator, supplied by SSE, should there be a prolonged power cut.

**Community Council webpage.**

Claire is in touch with other members and Ann Barton about updating CC webpage on [www.shieldaig.info](http://www.shieldaig.info) Lisa will provide Ann with audited accounts at the end of the accounting year this March.

**Finances.**

We have spent £1500 of our £10,000 SSE ring-fenced grant, and with the results of the resilience questionnaire, we plan to spend the rest over the coming months. Lisa has renewed our Spanglefish Gold subscription which ran out on 13/12/2017

**Community Council insurance changes.**

HC have stopped administering our public liability insurance from 1st April 2018. Zurich have offered to continue the insurance but will be in direct touch with us. The annual premium is £86 (same as last year) and will still be paid directly by HC. Having consulted Robbie Bain for advice, we decided to continue with Zurich.

**Planning matters.**

-Rhuroin, Shieldaig Ref: 17/04573/FUL 3/10/2017. Change of use of outbuilding to form residential accommodation.

-Erection of house, land to S.E. Rhubha Lodge, Shieldaig. Ref. 17/03212/PIP 10/7/17 Status decided.

-Erection of extension & alterations, 1 Aird, Ardheslaig Ref: 18/00199/FUL 17/1/18 Status – under consideration

-Marine Fish Farm – siting of feed barge, land 760m SE of Woodside, Kenmore. Ref: 18/00253/PNO 19/1/18. Status decided.

Duncan will contact Malcolm MacLeod at Planning, HC to ask why the fish farm application was received and validated on 19/1/18 which gave the local CC no opportunity to comment on the application.

**Correspondence.**

There were various consultation papers asking for CC comments.

**Ward Joint CC meeting for Ward 5.** The proposed date suggested by Kenny Maclean for 17th May evening Lochcarron was accepted. Suggested topics for discussion were rural broadband and roads.

**AOB.**

Claire noted from Ullapool CC minutes that an environmental & sustainability group has started up in Ullapool. She’ll find out what their projects are, particularly relating to plastic waste.

A parent at the Toddler group has expressed concern at the poor provision of childcare in SW Ross.

**Date of next meeting: 6th March 2018 Tuesday 7.30pm. All welcome.**

**Shieldaig CC meets on the first Tuesday at 7.30pm in months of September, October & November, & from February, March, April, May, June(AGM).**

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