**Minutes (Draft) of Shieldaig Community Council**

**Tuesday 2nd April 2019 Shieldaig Hall 7 pm**

**Kinloch Woodlands SCIO.** Kalie welcomed Richard Munday, convenor of KWSCIO. The history of the native woodland schemes on Kinloch ground dates from 1994. Using a Forestry Commissions’ woodland grant scheme, 1000 acres of the lower hill ground was fenced and planted with over 0.5 million native trees – Scots pine, birch, rowan, alder, willow, oak and hazel. Supplementary planting & fertilizing were carried out over the next 10 years (5,000 – 6,000 trees a year) by family and local volunteers. Deer management remains paramount, with zero tolerance to red deer within the fenced areas and an attempt to keep densities outwith the fences down to c.2 deer per sq.km. Continuing good deer management will be crucial when the fences come to the end of their economic life in 5-10 years time. Richard is one of 9 trustees in KW SCIO - 4 family, 2 professional (legal and woodland), and 3 community who are either councillors or approved by Shieldaig Community Council. KW, with its’ conservation aims, knows that the community dimension is crucial, hence the wish to increase its’ interpretation activities, particularly with Shieldaig primary and other local schools. The growing problem of wild fires was discussed at the meeting. Some visitors to this area think it’s acceptable to light fires and it was suggested that there is a need for better notices discouraging fires. KW has a fire plan updated annually and insurance cover for helicopter fire fighting. KW are looking forward to working with the Woodland Trust (WT) when they start making local connections. SCC said they would like to be associated with KW’s discussions with WT.

**Apologies: Gordon Drysdale. Cllr. Alex MacInnes. PC Allan** (not on duty).

**Present: Viv Maclennan, Lisa Fraser, Kalie Wilkinson, Duncan Carmichael, Tom Tindale, Claire Munday.**

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**Community Resilience planning.** Items ordered. Lockable noticeboard capable of taking 9 sheets of A4 which will be erected under the street light in front of the hall. This will be where the community emergency information and other related Community Council matters will be displayed. Emergency equipment ordered include camping lanterns, a large first aid kit, head torches, blankets – ambulance and space, cast iron double boiling ring. These items will be stored in the shed by the school – has anyone got spare strong, air-tight storage boxes? Scott Fraser has been in touch with Sandy Murray at SSE re: installing the changeover switch on the hall wall. There are some new village arrivals since our emergency questionnaire was delivered in December 2017, so we will deliver to those households. If there is anyone we’ve forgotten or anyone who would like to fill in the original questionnaire, please contact Claire for a copy. There was a discussion about a trial run with VHF radios to see if radio owners’ frequencies are co-ordinated.

**Matters arising.** **Roads.** Alex has emailed to say he had meetings over the last few days to put budgetary and, where required, legal timelines against “the never ending list of ward 5 challenges”. Claire had sent Alex our list of road concerns which we’ve been reporting since we formed as a CC nearly 4 years ago – potholes and overgrown verges, trees along the road edges which impeded motorists’ vision and seeing road signs, no passing place signs on coastroad, clogged cattlegrids with loose bolts, surface water accumulating in village and along Loch Dughaill due to clogged ditches, tree fallen close to cattlegrid (outside village to the south) with possible risk to road escarpment, the need for double-yellow lines around the bend outside Nanny’s, road signage rusting or inaccurate in places, LED street lights due, sea wall defences compromised where stone steps go down to the sea…….and so the list goes on. Alex said he’d been told the toilet block gents’ roof should have been repaired by the time of our meeting; by Friday this was correct. He also said that the signage at Tornapress was to be erected and the blue passing place signs for the coastroad as soon as possible. Claire to contact Heather Masterton at HC about double-yellow lines. Gordon Drysdale has asked SCC to request “no overnight parking signs” at the village south exit road junction; it appears that these signs are unenforceable and are being removed throughout Scotland. **Playpark.** Claire had received an email that morning from Douglas Miles at HC informing us that the climbing frame is now deemed as at the end of its’ life and HC will soon have to remove it. Building the playpark fence is an urgent issue and we need someone in the community to take the lead. It was agreed Kalie would approach Shieldaig Community Association (SCA) to see if they could pay for the fencing. Claire has funding suggestions to apply for new play equipment and will contact interested people when she knows when Joe Duffy, play equipment advisor, is going to visit. (Post-meeting: Joe Duffy, SutcliffePlay in Dundee rang to say he is not able to visit but is happy to advise. He was able to view our playpark by using Googlemap. We need to measure the area foe any piece of new equipment and include a safety zone. He suggested that the rotting timber edges don’t need replacing, instead it is possible to roll the turf edging. New wood chip could be purchased locally e.g. Woodworkz in Lochcarron.) **Insurance.** Lisa has renewed our premium £86 from 1/4/19. Having sort advice from Robbie Bain, we decided that, although the policy is a blanket scheme of which not all is applicable, a stand-alone policy might be more expensive. Jim, treasurer of SCA, has also been negotiating with Zurich and has found them helpful. Claire was in touch with Steve Gettings, Zurich Town, Parish & Community Council Team (Tel: 01243 832008) **Woodland Trust.** Claire forgot to mention in Marchs’ minutes that following a welcoming letter sent by Viv Maclennan to WT, she had received a reply from Jillian Donnachie, Communications & Development Manager – Scotland. She hopes to be in touch once staff are on the ground locally which “I imagine will be end May, all being well with current recruitment”.

**Police matters.** PC Allan has emailed Alex MacInnes regarding the movement of the 40mph sign to the bottom of the hill that was recommended by Grzegorz Otreba at HC following speed monitoring in September 2018.

**Updates: Mary Street.** John Napier has taken a truck load of waste materials away which had been ear-marked for removal by mutual consent.

**Finance.** £444 has been paid for the noticeboard.

**Planning matters.** (Post-meeting: planning application from Scottish Salmon Company to HC 19/01413/FUL Marine Fish Farm. Atlantic salmon: new site consisting of 4x100m circumference circular cages/ North Aird, Ardheslaig, Loch Shieldaig. SCC have registered with HC as consultees and are currently drafting a letter opposing the application).

**Correspondence:** Notification of Resilient Communities Conference 11th September in Cambuslang. Notification of a consultation on draft revised guidance for Licensing Boards with comments by 11th June; <https://www.gov.scot/publications/respondent-information-form/> If anyone in Shieldaig would like to comment on SCC’s behalf please feel free to.

**AOB:** **Broadband for Shieldaig coastroad residents:** Kalie has written to Jon Glover, chair of Applecross Community Council, asking if Shieldaig residents on Applecross coastroad (includes Shieldaig & Applecross CC catchment areas) will benefit from £20,000 given to Applecross in 2018 by SSEtelecom for inconvenience caused by roadworks when laying the fibreoptic cable? Residents along the whole of the coastroad tolerated increased traffic. Shieldaig CC didn’t seek financial compensation at the time; perhaps we should have! Applenet is poor & unreliable for some coastroad households & they rely on mast maintenance on Raasay/ Rona/ Diabaig. Applecross CC have agreed to allocate £1500 to AppleNet to make the masts more robust. **June AGM:** we are thinking of making our AGM abit more lively by having it on anevening when there is a takeaway meal on offer. We also thought we’d ask those with radios to bring them along to the AGM. This way we can see what radios people have and the frequencies that can be used. WATCH THIS SPACE FOR A DATE FIRST WEEK OF JUNE

**Date of next meeting: 7th May 7pm.** We have invited Hugh MacKinnon from MOWI & Marc Browne from Scottish Salmon Company to discuss bringing back the Area Management Groups that used to operate in Loch Torridon and ensured fish farm practices were synchronised.

Thereafter dates of CC meetings are 4th June AGM, 3rd September, 1st October. Then elections held for new Community Council.