

Shieldaig Community Council meeting minutes

Tuesday 2 February 2021 via Zoom.

Attendance:

Ann Barton (Chair)

Hugh Gosling (Secretary)

Alex MacInnes

Viv MacLennan

Karen Starr (Treasurer)

1. Apologies

Kalie Wilkinson. Becky Cameron.

2. Approval of minutes of last meeting

Approved.

3. Matters Arising:

Applications for new hardship funding

KS has prepared an application to the Adapt and Thrive & Communities Recovery Fund. This runs until the end of May 2021. Awards for All may be a possible source of additional funding.

Lockdown response

No additional community needs were identified due to the lockdown.

Tourism/campervan signage

In the responses to the campervan questionnaires, the main objection by the community was to overnight parking in the village. The CC discussed new signs addressing this issue, ideally erected prior to the tourist season. AM suggested the CC contact the Highland Council (Dot Ferguson) for information about applying for funds for signage.

Concerns were raised about the stability of the bank outside Nannys due to parking..

Roads and sea defences

The CC has requested Mackenzie Sutherland make a site visit. The CC will follow up. We have not heard from Scottish Water regarding sea defences. AB to chase.

4. Finances

Balance £15,990.50. COVID funds expenditure is £330 per week and £450 per month (covering care vouchers for food and household expenses plus monthly fuel support). Balance remaining is £6,919.56.

A review of hardship funds has been undertaken. It was agreed that households with children would receive an increased fuel support payment.

5. Correspondence

None.

AOB:*Gritting of pavements*

A member of the community requests that the CC thank the Highland Council for gritting the pavements in the village. HC is looking at smaller alternatives to the large vehicles that undertake this kind of work. AM reported that several gritters broke down last week at the same time, but they were able to borrow replacements to cover this.

Dog mess

There have been several reports of dog waste being left around the village. The Council wants to remind all residents that dog waste should be removed.

Waste teams meeting

Dot Ferguson will invite the CC to a meeting of the waste team on Thursday 18th February between 10.30am and 12pm, to plan for the influx of tourists.

Next meeting

Tuesday 2 March 2021.