

Shieldaig Community Council

Comhairle Choimhearsnachd Sildeag

Minutes of meeting held in Shieldaig Village Hall on Tuesday 2nd October 2012

Present: Richard Munday,, Lyndsay Dacker, Gemma Livingstone, Donald Gillanders, Gerry Beard, Cllr. Audrey Sinclair, PC Gary Taylor

and 4 members of the community.

Apologies: Irene George, Cameron Taylor and Viv Rollo

Minutes of the meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2012: approved.

Matters arising:

Torrison Nephrops Management Group

Richard reported on a further, supportive meeting of the Scottish Parliament's Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment Committee held on 19 September regarding local control of prawn fishing grounds. The Committee decided to put the key issues emerging from the June "Round Table" to the Scottish Government.

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Aird Path - a presentation by Mr Brian Adamson

Based upon plans, photographs and other relevant material which had been available in Shieldaig Hall from 30th September for inspection and comment.

Mr Adamson explained that his proposed path was to provide access to his cottage and at the same time provide an amenity for residents and visitors alike.

He explained that the path would be no more than 2 metres in width and would be gated to prevent unwanted vehicle use. All materials used in it's construction would be sourced on site removing the need for heavy vehicle movements past the primary school.

The Community Council members together with the members of the community present unanimously supported the project. The Community Council was equally clear that it would oppose any upgrading of the path in the longer term to facilitate further residential development on the peninsula with the implications that would have for traffic past the school and the village sports facilities.

P.C. Gary Taylor - crime statistics.

The number of reported incidents were down year on year for the months of August and

September, from 33 to 26 and from 40 to 26 respectively.

P.C. Taylor also mentioned:

The renewed search for Steven Seel the 30 year old man missing since early July,.

A visit to the Tigh an Eilean Hotel in the company of an official from the Highland Council's Licensing Dept.

Visits to primary schools to explain the potential risks associated with fireworks and bonfires.

#### Review of Office Bearers

Lyndsey has resigned as Treasurer due to work pressure but is happy to stay on as a Community Councillor. Gemma's offer to take on the role of Treasurer was accepted unanimously.

#### Finance report

Richard presented a set of management accounts for the period ending 1st October 2012, which were approved.

#### 2012 Shildaig Information Booklet

Richard announced that the net income from the 2012 booklet amounted to £547 and expressed the CC's thanks to all involved.

The 2013 booklet - Les Dominey has once again agreed to oversee the printing and publishing, with Ann Barton managing advertising and Alice MacLennan and Elizabeth Stewart as joint editors. The CC expressed its thanks to the new team.

#### Possible new Woodland Scheme in Glen Shildaig

Richard outlined ongoing negotiations and it was agreed that progress should be reviewed at the next meeting.

#### Shildaig football pitch

The meeting discussed the merits of having all the sporting facilities managed by the Shildaig Sports Assn and agreed that the football pitch should be transferred to the SSA along with a sum of £500 to cover maintenance costs.

It was proposed and agreed that there should be a meeting of of the CC, SSA and Shildaig Village Assn to discuss matters of strategic importance to the village on an annual basis.

Updates:

Scottish water are experiencing delays completing the water intake works which are weather dependent.

On a related matter Gerry to write to Scottish Water re the reported TCP smell/taste.

Pontoon, contracts have been let and it is hoped installation will be completed in January 2013.

Celtman Triathlon, the 2013 event is planned for the 6th July and the meeting agreed the need for a joint meeting between the organisers and relevant CCs.

Gerry to write to Bryan Stout (Highways) to support the organisers road closure proposals.

Sea Eagle Project

The camera and associated equipment has been removed pending the re-development of Nannies and decisions by RSPB on what best to do on the Island for the next breeding season.

Planning

Sgeir Dughall, the Scottish Salmon Co's. application for an extension to their existing 10 year approval has now been withdrawn.

SSC's Inverbain Feedbarga noise levels - Gerry to consult with Environmental Health Dept. on a way forward.

Application for a house NW of Hillside, Shildaig received CC support.

Boundary Changes, the CC will respond to the proposals supporting keeping the whole of the Applecross peninsula in the same Parliamentary constituency.

Correspondence,

Communication from Highlands Small Communities Housing Trust re a presentation at the Town House, Inverness on 28th Sept. Gerry emailed an apology.

Calico UK who host the Shildaig website are seeking payment for an invoice which has already been paid, Gerry to contact Calico UK.

AOCB

The meeting was informed that the public toilets will be closed from 3rd October which is one month earlier than normal and regrettable given the number of visitors still around. (Post meeting note – following a prompt response to local concerns by HC the toilets will now stay open until end October) .

Balgy Road, 2013 will be the 50th anniversary of the road opening and Alice is hoping to put together an exhibition of original photographs from the period and hopefully of the construction.

Skyways bus contract, concern was expressed about future services however another provider has been awarded the contract and it is not anticipated that there will be any interruption of service.

Date and time of next meeting - 6th November at of **7 p.m.** (winter schedule)