

Shieldaig Community Council

Minutes of meeting Tuesday 1st October 2013 at 7 pm

Present: Richard Munday (Chairman), Gerry Beard (Secretary), Viv Rollo, Donald Gillanders, Lyndsay Dacker, Cllr Audrey Sinclair and P.C. Gary Taylor.

1 member of the public.

Apologies from Gemma Livingstone (Treasurer), Irene George and Ann Barton.

The meeting welcomed back Donald and wished him well with his continuing recovery.

The meeting was shocked to hear of the tragic and untimely death of friend and colleague Anne MacDonald.

1. Police Matters

The Lochcarron Beat Report covered the period 1st July to 30th September during this period there were 102 calls to the police, compared to 88 calls in the same period last year.

These included thefts from premises and the Applecross campsite.

There were 3 separate Mountain Rescues on *Torridon* Range in the period, thankfully no serious injuries.

Main community concerns were:

Drugs

Road safety - particularly vehicles exceeding the 40 mph limit at the top of the village.

The anti-social impact of alcohol abuse

Groups of cyclists using local roads with scant regard for other users and with potentially serious consequences.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

Accepted as a record of the meeting

3. Matters arising

Gerry to email correspondence to Councillors one week prior to CC meeting.

Sea Eagle group to meet to evaluate developments in 2013 and to discuss plans for 2014, including the rebuild of Nanny's.

4. Finance Report

Submitted – current balance £5,264.19. Application for Highland Council admin. grant to be submitted shortly.

5. Roads

Bryan Stout has been supplied with the defect list and he or a member of his staff will be visiting to carry out an inspection. Gerry to contact Bryan for possible dates.

Other matters to be added to the list include:

Faults to cattle grid at the bottom of School Brae and concerns about possible adverse road camber on the approach to the Balgy from Shieldaig.

6. Scottish Water

Richard has written to Rhoda Grant MSP and Rob Gibson MSP regarding Chlorine levels and SW's failure to address the issue,

SW are organising a tour of the new water treatment works for members of the community to coincide with a school visit, Gerry to liaise re suitable dates.

7. Pontoon

The opening ceremony went well and Richard thanked Audrey for 'cutting the ribbon'. It was agreed that a year end evaluation of use etc would be of value.

8. Issues for future meetings

Local employment to be added to the list.

The Wester Ross Public Partnership Forum meeting to be held in the Shieldaig Hall on 22nd October between 1-3pm.

9. Planning

Application for renewal of planning permission for a building plot to the SE of Rubha Lodge approved, subject to a further set of gates to be installed beyond the existing school gates.

Applications have been submitted for 'Lawful Use' of the bothy at Ronnie's Beach, and Alterations to Pier Cottage. The Community Council had no objections to either proposal.

10. Highland Small Communities Housing Trust

Play area at Baile Shuas.

A small area outwith the development has been provisionally identified as suitable for younger children and discussions with HSCHT/Albyn Housing Assn and tenants will be arranged. The issue of the cost of heating the Albyn houses might be covered at the same time.

11. Community Council representation at important events

Given sufficient notice CC members are willing to attend such events as deemed to be relevant.

Road Safety Seminar, Inverness 22nd November, Richard to attend.

Shieldaig Community Assn (amalgamated Sports and Village Assns) meeting Saturday 26th October at 10.30 am

Ross and Cromarty and Skye Area Committee meet in Dingwall 28th October.

12. Correspondence

Paths for All – grant assistance for path development.

Notification of Scottish Civic Trust Annual Conference - 5th November.

Wester Loch Ewe Community Council fund raising to support swimming pool.

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday 5th November at 7pm**