

Shieldaig Community Council

Comhairle Choimhearsnachd Sildeag

Minutes of meeting Tuesday 7th April 2015

Present: Richard Munday (Chair), Gerry Beard (Secretary), Gemma Livingstone (Treasurer) Ann Barton, Donald Gillanders, Duncan Carmichael, Viv Rollo, Cllr. Audrey Sinclair, Inspector Lynda Allan, P.C. Gary Taylor and one member of the public.

Apologies: None

Community Emergency Plan

The meeting agreed the need for some form of contingency planning and that the circulated outline plan was a good start. Gerry to contact SSE to move matters forward.

1. Minutes of the last meeting

Accepted as the record of the meeting.

2. Matters arising.

Scottish Water

Work has started on the replacement of the cement/asbestos main in the village.

Kinloch Woodland Charitable Trust

Viv progressing.

Aird feed barge noise nuisance

Gerry to deliver noise record sheets to affected properties.

Fibre optic broadband

Gerry contacted HIE re roll out timescale and the relevance of the recently laid fibre passing Shieldaig on the A896. This current work is part of the West Coast element of the national fibre network, in future local exchanges will be fed from this network.

Highland Small Communities Housing Trust

The meeting felt there was no apparent need for more housing at this time but this would be kept under review.

BUTEC

The M.O.D. has given assurances that there will be a full consultation with fishermen throughout the summer, and any expansion would not be before 2017.

The view of the meeting was that any significant loss of fishing grounds would be extremely deleterious to Shieldaig boats and livelihoods.

3. Police matters

Lochcarron Beat report for March 2015

Total number of calls to Police from Lochcarron beat area in March 2015 - 27
in March 2014 - 35

Crimes reported to Police in month

Fraud - one incident of e-mail Internet banking fraud reported to the Police from a local hotel, enquiries still on-going to identify culprit and where crime instigated.

Other Police matters during month:

Animals - Police made aware of a dead Sparrow hawk found on Lochcarron foreshore near Yacht Club. Matter reported to the R.S.P.B. and remains sent to S.A.C. Inverness for routine post mortem. It is believed the bird had flown into the mast/rigging of a moored yacht at the Locus.

4. Campsite

Richard outlined the previous problems of poor behaviour on the camp-site which had triggered public concern and the reference of the issue to the community Council. Following public discussion there was general agreement that the campsite was a significant benefit to the community but that it needed to be better managed. Ruairidh MacLennan's proposals seemed to the Community Council to be a good way of providing that better management. The next step was a decision on the apportionment of the common grazing. This would be advertised, would be open to objection and there would be a public meeting attended by the Crofting Commission at which expressions of support or objection could be made.

5. Finance

A/c balance £1800.

6. Overnight visitor parking

Early March saw multiple mobile homes parked opposite the hotel, perhaps as a result of the campsite not being open out of season. The meeting felt that no action was required at the present time but that if this became a regular occurrence something would need to be done; possibly "no overnight parking" signs.

7. West Highlands and Islands Local Development Plan

Thanks to Duncan for preparing a substantial draft document which covered a wide range of options and opportunities.

8. Shieldaig Community Assn.

The AGM was held on the 7th March

Project consultation now complete, details to be advised.

Likely starting date for the replacement kitchen now end of April.

There was poor attendance at the Fete planning meeting.

9. Correspondence

The A896 traffic census now with Police Scotland for consideration/recommendation.

10. Planning

The Scottish Salmon Co. have appealed against the 10 year limit, the appeal was turned down.

New additional Planning contact Gemma Livingstone, Gerry to advise the Planning Dept.

11. A.O.C.B.

Wester Ross Bioshere

Audrey and Gerry reported back on the meeting, a report of which will be circulated to CC members in due course.

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The meeting closed at 9 p.m.

Date of next meeting 5th May at 7.30 p.m.

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