Shieldaig Community Council

 **Comhairle Choimhearsnachd Sildeag**

Minutes of the meeting Tuesday 1st September 2015

**Present**: Viv Rollo (Acting Chair), Gerry Beard (Secretary), Donald Gillanders, Anne Barton, Lyndsay Dacker, Cllr. Audrey Sinclair and one member of the public.

**Apologies**: Richard Munday and Gemma Livingstone

**1.Minutes of the last meeting**

Accepted as the record of the meeting.

**2. Matters arising.**

**Roads update**

Richard met with Andrew Hunter on 23rd July and had a short drive around to look at road conditions, Andrew agreed on the following:

1. Final tarmac resurfacing on the N coast road would now be done by the in-house team from Skye and would be completed by end of September.

2. Many road edges were in a dangerous condition particularly for those on 2 wheels. While he hadn’t funds for proper reconstruction he would ask the local road team to fill in the holes and build up the affected verges on a make do and mend basis.

3. The normal arrangements for 3 monthly inspections of the local roads would continue (which should pick up the priorities for action 2.) But there would be value in the CC letting him know of local problems as and when we spotted them. He did say that some other CCs had a template for doing this and would let us have a copy.

**3. Police matters**

No beat report

**4. Finance.**

Report to follow.

**5. Community Emergency Plan**

A draft plan was submitted to SSE at the end of July together with a funding application for a range of equipment which would be needed in the event that Shieldaig and outlying areas suffered major power disruption resulting from an extended weather event or other emergency situation.

Gerry suggested a full discussion of the draft plan and funding bid at our October meeting would benefit from Richard’s presence and other CC members unable to attend this evening, in addition we might have some feedback from SSE in the meantime.

**6. Recycling**

Hopefully all residents will have received the latest list of recyclable materials (tucked under the lid of the blue bin) which now includes a range of plastic packaging hitherto banned.

It is assumed that the promise of replacement self adhesive labels for the blue bins has been put back given the wider scope of recyclables.

**7. Village signs**

Ann has met with Andrew Hunter (H.C.) who set out the limits on signage in terms of size and scope which would seem to limit some aspirations. Ann to report back with a view to a future decision based on example generic signage. The meeting expressed a preference for a minimalist approach that should show the village loop off the A896.

In addition the lack of a sign indicating the whereabouts of Doire-aonar has been of some inconvenience to holiday let proprietors in the vicinity.

**8. SCA**

**Shieldaig Fete**

Raised over £3.5K, thanks to all who helped at the fete and to those who braved the weather to attend.

**Village hall and kitchen upgrade**

Ann made it clear that the rumours of £4K to be spent on new curtains and £2K on crockery were both misleading and incorrect.

The meeting thanked the SCA for their efforts and were pleased to hear that Eunice Cameron and Pauline McNeil who managed the kitchen upgrade each received a bouquet of flowers in appreciation.

**9. Correspondence**

**The Highlands Small Communities Housing Trust**

Open day and AGM 25th September Town House Inverness

**Scottish Government Community Council Fairer Scotland event**

Wednesday 16 September, Reidvale Neighbourhood Centre, Glasgow.

**Highland Council**

Launch of the Town Centre Capital Fund.

Community Councils and the Data Protection Act

Highland Council Quality Awards 2015

**10. Planning Matters**

No report.

**11 A.O.C.B.**

**Red Squirrels**

To be re-introduced in rural woodland at Dundonald

**Butec**

The meeting noted that although the consultation to determine the future of fishing in the

Inner Sound has yet to take place major contracts have been let and works are on-going at the BUTEC site.

**The meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.**

**Date of next meeting 6th October at 7.00 p.m.**

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