Shieldaig Community Council Minutes for Meeting on 6th December 2011

Present: Robbie Bain, Ward Manager, Richard Munday, Lyndsay Dacker, Gerry Beard, Irene George, Cameron Taylor, Viv Rollo and 3 members of public

Apologies: Audrey Sinclair, Highland Councillor, Gemma Livingstone, Donald Gillanders

Robbie chaired the meeting and asked for nominations for chair, treasurer and secretary.

Chair: Richard Munday- Nominated by Gerry and seconded by Viv. Richard agreed to take on the role. But as this would be his last spell on the Community Council, he would like to have a co-chair who would be prepared to take over from him for the last two years of the Community Council’s four year term. This would help facilitate a smooth transition to the next council. It was agreed that a decision would be taken at an AGM when the new community council had settled in.

It was agreed that Gerry and Irene will share the roles of secretary and Lindsay will be treasurer

Meetings will continue to be held on the first Tuesday of each month, the first to take place in February

Robbie distributed community council information packs and an on line training pack. He said that a training session will take place in either Dingwall or Kyleakin in January or February. There will also be specific training on accounting – date to be arranged.

Brian circulated and explained the management accounts as at 1 December and the inventory of equipment etc. owned by the Community Council. These were given to each community councillor together with a copy of the new constitution.

Richard took over chair for remainder of meeting

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The Council discussed and agreed who should take on various other Community Council roles. It was agreed that Cameron would replace Brian as the Community Council trustee on the Kinloch Woodlands Trust; Viv would join Alice as the representative on the sea eagle steering group (replacing Richard); Irene would become the focus for planning issues coming to the Community Council (and receive the weekly planning lists from Highland Council), Lindsay would become the focus for education, health and social services and Viv for business and economic development. Sarah Wedgewood would be asked if she could come to meetings where major health/social service policy issues are likely to arise.

The Scottish Salmon Company have submitted a planning application for a new farm west of Diabeg which has aroused some local concern, particularly in relation to its possible impact on prawn fishing. Richard will contact Richard Greene who will be chairing the first part of Wednesday’s meeting of the new Torridon and Kinlochewe Community Council to ask if they would be prepared to send representatives to a joint meeting in Shieldaig next week . The proposed meeting would be open to the public and invitations sent to as many interested parties as possible. A Scottish Salmon Company representative would also be invited. The meeting is being arranged as a matter of urgency since there is a deadline of 30th December for comments on the planning application.

Booklet: Progressing well. A financial statement will be given to the February meeting

Leader funding for the pontoon has been agreed and it is hoped that the pontoon will be available for use next summer.

The path at Drumacosh requires some extra drainage. Since work is anticipated to take place shortly on the Aird path Alice will contact Philip Waite to ask if the drainage work could also be attended to at the same time.

Torridon Triathlon: This will take place on 23rd June. It is anticipated that 600 beds in the area will be required. Richard will contact the organiser to see if any help in organising accommodation is required.

Community Councillors will consider agenda topics for the February meeting and let Gerry have suggestions.

Next Meeting – Tuesday 7 February at 7.00 pm.