

Shieldaig Community Council meeting minutes

Tuesday 1st December 2020 via Zoom.

Attendance:

Ann Barton (Chair)

Becky Cameron

Hugh Gosling (Secretary)

Alex MacInnes

Viv MacIennan

Karen Starr (Treasurer)

Kalie Wilkinson

1. Apologies

No apologies.

2. Approval of AGM minutes

Approved.

3. Minutes of last meeting 3/11/2020

Approved.

4. Deferring of Minutes

Minutes to be approved after the weekend following the meeting.

5. Matters Arising:

Questionnaires – Hardship, camper-vans, planters

We have had many responses to the hardship questionnaire, and resulting applications for hardship have been processed. There have been some responses to the other two questionnaires.

Loch Torridon Area Management Group

A new Chair is needed. The group has not met regularly during the pandemic. KS/KW will speak to Janene Waudby about representing the community. AM said a meeting between MOWI and the Torridon and Kinlochewe CC was successful. KW to contact members of the Group.

Area around the Pier

Slow progress is reported in tidying the area. KW to contact the Harbourmaster.

Poppy Appeal Donation

SCC to donate £40 to the Scottish Poppy Appeal as a one-off as we were unable to buy a wreath for the War Memorial.

6. Finance

Bank of Scotland are still setting up access for KS to the SCC bank account. AB now has access.

The CC bank balance was £21376.43 (as of 12/11/20). Current regular outgoings are £265/week (care vouchers for food and household expenses) plus £390/month (fuel support) – these will be reviewed in January 2021. Total of hardship funding remaining is £10,989.55 (as of 1/12/20).

Alistair Taylor has been presented with a thank you gift for his accountancy advice and support over the years. Outstanding activities: KS to send signed accounts (end 31/3/2020) to Dot Ferguson, and to ask Dot for list of approved auditors.

Upcoming costs include a bill for printing the newsletter and to KW for a portion of the cost of her Zoom subscription.

The SCC agreed the tiered system of support and amounts for coronavirus-related hardship.

7. Additional hardship funding

AM will forward information to the SCC about funding available from Highland Council for hardship related to the coronavirus pandemic. AM suggested we apply to the Highland Coastal Communities Fund. 50% of these funds are earmarked for tourism. The Shieldaig Community Association can also apply, if it wishes. Several flights of steps down onto the shore are eroded, riprap and retaining walls are damaged. Without repairs, this will cause problems in the long run. Mackenzie Sutherland would assess any damage and provide a quote with a view to obtaining funding for repairs.

8. Grub Hub – additional purchases

More provisions will be bought this month, along with a plastic crate to protect the stored. AB to write a list for donations over the Xmas period for advertising in the shop and Facebook.

9. Police Matters

None.

10. Planning

None.

11. Correspondence

Celtman Commemoration

The organisers requested feedback from the community about a commemoration of the village's involvement in the event. A statue has been proposed. VM to ask for more information.

Torridon and Kinlochewe Community Council

A greater level of connectivity between the two Community Councils has been proposed by TKCC. There have been some local objections to a mobile phone mast proposed in Diabaig to cover the Coast Road. KW will represent SCC for the next meeting.

AOB

What would each member like to see achieved in the term of the CC?

- Ensuring our hardship support program continues to the end of the pandemic
- A renewed Community Resilience plan in light of the pandemic
- Moving the 40mph sign to the bottom of the hill.

A new Shieldaig website

A new website is being discussed to cover all village activities (both SCC and Shieldaig Community Association).

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 5th January 2021.