**Minutes of a Meeting of the Shieldaig Community Association**

held at 7pm on Thursday 25 April 2019 in the Shieldaig Village Hall

**Present:**

Pauline Stephenson, Fiona Moyes, Mya Aronica, Jim Alexander, Nick MacNeil, Alice Maclennan, John MacGregor, Tom Tindale, Janene Waudby, Peter Fenton. Apologies for absence were received from Viv Rollo.

**Introduction:**

Pauline welcomed those present and noted a quorum was present.

**Annual General Meeting**

The Meeting was adjourned so that the Annual General Meeting of the Association’s Members could be held. Janene noted that sufficient proxies had been received to make the meeting quorate. Pauline presented the Chairman’s report for the year, as reproduced in the annual return to OSCR for the period. Maintenance of the playpark, toilets and the village’s green spaces, the success of the fete and the village’s booklet were all featured. After discussion, the report was approved. Jim Alexander then referred to the accounts for the period which had been on display for the AGM’s notice period. There being no questions or comments, the accounts were unanimously approved. Finally, the Chairman turned to the election of trustees and officers (it being noted that at least one third of trustees are required to stand down for re-election). After discussion, it was unanimously approved that all officers and trustees be re-elected. The business of the AGM being concluded, the meeting was reconvened.

**Fish Farm Expansion:**

It was noted that the Council had decided to oppose the proposed expansion by the Scottish Salmon Company of the fish farm at the Aird in Loch Shieldaig. It was noted that the Association’s purposes include the sustainable development of the Community and environmental protection, and so the Association should consider submitting a letter in support of the Council’s objection. After discussion, it was agreed whereas the Association is not against fish farming, a letter opposing the expansion should be submitted on the basis that any further expansion of fish farms in the Loch is likely to be damaging to the environment. It was also noted that a petition was being arranged for signature through the Community to demonstrate the strength of view and show the Highland Council that the objection is supported by a majority of residents.

**Toilets update:**

It was reported that the Council have repaired the toilet roof and they were now open to the public.

**Housing Update**:

It was noted that there had been no developments on housing, except that Claire Munday and Kalie Wilkinson were to attend a meeting at Locharron where the subject of the allocation of social housing was to be discussed. Janene had briefed Claire and Kalie on the Association’s view on this subject. It was hoped that this meeting showed there was momentum at the Highland Council to consider changing the allocation policy for remote communities.

**Fete:**

Fete planning was then discussed. It was noted that the Mystic Shoes would be playing at the Fete, but not the accordion player who has another commitment on that day. Sarah MacKenzie has agreed to co-ordinate the food and Andy Moyes had agreed to arrange the burger stand. A Friday night event was then discussed and it was agreed that a tug of war should be arranged from 5-7pm with one pot meals available from the hall. Staffing of the bar was discussed and this was yet to be arranged. Emily, Billy, Hugh and Wayne would arrange the raffle and Alice would kindly arrange the letters requesting gifts. New stalls were also discussed and it was agreed that scalextric or strongest man events would be a good addition and some of the younger members of the community should be approached to arranged that. Camping for the skiff teams was discussed and it was noted that some croft land should be made available for them together with a portaloo. It was noted that Jim would not be available for the Fete this year and so someone would need to take on his duties.

**Next Meeting:**

It was agreed that the next meeting should be held on Tuesday 11th June.

**Close of Meeting:**

There being no further business, the meeting closed.

Pauline Stephenson (Chairperson).