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

held at 2pm on Thursday 23 July 2020 outside the entrance to Shieldaig Village Hall

**Present :**

Pauline Stephenson, Andy Moyes, Jim Alexander, Nick McNeil, Viv Rollo, Ann Barton, John MacGregor, Janene Waudby, Peter Fenton, Gerry Beard, Alice Maclennan.

**Introduction:**

Pauline welcomed those present and noted a quorum was present.

**AGM**

Pauline reported that the purpose of the meeting was principally to hold the SCA’s AGM, which had been delayed as late as possible due to the Covid pandemic. It was noted that the meeting was being held immediately outside the hall because the Church had requested that the hall remain out of bounds. The meeting was then adjourned to allow the AGM to proceed, as follows:

(a) it was noted that a quorum was present for the AGM (14 members) due to the number of members present, and because valid proxies had been received from Julian Fox, Lisa O’Brien, Susan Holmes, Fiona Moys and Gordon Drysdale.

(b) Pauline delivered her report for the year, reporting a successful fete, bonfire and other activities. She mentioned that the constitution had been changed in the year to allow asset purchases and a lease for the toilets had been acquired from the Highland Council. The public toilets had been renovated to allow them to open in time for the delayed tourist season. The church hall acquisition had also been set in motion and remains ongoing. Pauline mentioned that there would sadly be no fete in 2020, but the CSA’s funds remained healthy for the next year.

(c) Jim referred to the accounts which had been posted online and on village noticeboards for some time now. There being no questions, the accounts were unanimously approved.

(d) The Secretary then proposed the resolutions to elect each of the officers (Pauline proposing the resolution for the re-election of the Secretary), each of which were unanimously approved.

(e) It was noted that Nick McNeil wished to resign as trustee, but that Duncan Carmichael had expressed an interest and the resignation and election were approved subject to completion of all appropriate documentation.

**Toilets update:**

After the business of the AGM was concluded, the SCA’s meeting resumed. A discussion and update were given on the toilets. It was noted that a risk assessment had been conducted and sanitisers and notices had been put up. After just a week, donations were around £100. It was noted that Lillian McGregor no longer wanted to clean the toilets and Viv Rollo agreed to arrange a rota for cleaning. Any volunteers would be briefed on safe cleaning methods.

**Fireworks:**

It was agreed that the fireworks should be ordered as it should be possible to hold the village fireworks event on a socially distanced basis.

**Village Hall:**

The proposed sale of the hall to the SCA was discussed. Not much progress had been made to date, although Richard Munday had recently confirmed the matter was in the hands of the Church’s solicitors. The Secretary agreed to ask the Church if the SCA could use the hall for its next meeting, with appropriate precautions.

**Community Council:**

The meeting was briefed by Ann Barton on the recent activities of and proposed changes to the Community Council. Viv Rollo requested that the next interim election be more widely advertised.

**Electric car charge points:**

The Secretary proposed that the SCA start to research the possibility of installing some electric car charge points in the village. The meeting agreed that some background research should be done in time for the next meeting.

**Housing:**

No progress had been made on the Baile Shuas housing proposal, but it was noted that Francois Raulier was not in a position to take this forward. The Secretary would speak to Francois to get an update of where things stood.

**Next Meeting:**

It was agreed that the next meeting should be arranged for end August/early September, subject to any Covid restrictions/availability of the hall.

**Close of Meeting:**

There being no further business, the meeting closed.

Pauline Stephenson (Chairperson).