

Shieldaig Community Council

Comhairle Choimhearsnachd Sildeag

Minutes of meeting held in Shieldaig Village Hall on Tuesday 7th February 2012

Present: Richard Munday, Gerry Beard, Viv Rollo, Donald Gillanders, Lyndsay Dacker, Cameron Taylor, Cllr. Audrey Sinclair and Sarah Wedgewood and 4 members of the public.

Apologies: Gemma Livingstone and Irene George

Minutes of the meeting on 14th December 2011: approved.

Matters arising: none

NHS Highland: Sarah Wedgewood gave a comprehensive overview of current Health care within the Highland Region. Starting with the 2011 Highlights review document and moving on to the challenge of bringing together Health and Social Care policy. This was followed by a lively Q&A session. Richard thanked Sarah for an insightful presentation.

Treasurer's report: Lyndsay submitted a summary of Community Council finances 2011-2012 for information.

Updates on:

Shieldaig Information booklet: Richard reported that the 60 page booklet is looking good and will have a cover price of £5 with a print run of 400 copies.

Celtman Triathlon: Whilst the event has widespread support, concerns have been raised about the potential for road congestion and car parking in and around Shieldaig for the swim element of the event. It is hoped that reassurances from the organisers can be obtained for our April meeting. In response to the organiser's need for local accommodation Viv has managed to find 34 bed spaces in private homes in and around Shieldaig.

Primary School: no issues, other than the "pull" sign from the pedestrian gate has disappeared.

Scottish Water: Richard provided an update on progress, and outlined how planting will be employed to minimise the the visual impact of the access track.

Pontoon: Richard reported that all the funding is now in place and Tender Documents are being prepared. Completion hopefully by June.

Roads – pot holes: Cllr Sinclair explained that Highland Council had a £2M Patching and Drainage fund and advised submitting a priority list.

Strome Ferry: The meeting agreed that Highland Council had responded very well and regular users report little or no disruption. A further round of public meetings is planned for 13/14 February.

Sea Eagle project: The recent weather window allowed installation of the camera, a further visit is required to install fuel cells and establish the connection to the village. Many thanks to all those who helped on the day.

Inverbain Hydro scheme: 3,808 KiloWatt–Hours of renewable energy were generated in the year ending 31/7/11.

Other matters arising:

Correspondence;

Queen’s Diamond Jubilee: Richard received a letter from the Deputy Lord Lieutenant regarding the Jubilee Weekend inviting local communities to get involved. This has been forwarded to the Village Association.

Doorstep Crime: A letter from Highland Council Trading Standards Unit highlighting the issue of ‘Rogue Traders’ it was agreed to invite a representative to attend a future Community Council to explain matters more fully. it would also be useful to have a Northern Constabulary representative at this meeting.

Baile Shuas – The Highlands Small Communities Housing Trust has requested a meeting to discuss options regarding selling the 2 remaining plots, meeting to be arranged, members to be notified.

Planning: Fish Farms

1. Following a joint meeting of Shieldaig and Torridon/Kinlochewe CCs a letter of concern was sent to the Planning Dept. regarding SCo’s Sgeir Dughall application.
2. SCo’s subsequent response.
3. SCo’s application for a feed barge at Aird – no objection.
4. Marine Harvest application for cage replacement – no objection.

AOCB the meeting thanked Thomas Wilson for his Shieldaig – Balgy clean-up operation during which he collected 4 sacks of rubbish.

Recently Tommy Taylor’s horses have managed to escape from their croft grazing and ended up in the village, Tommy has subsequently improved security in order to keep the village animal free.

Community Councillors to consider agenda topics for March meeting

Next meeting 6th March at 1900