

Shieldaig Community Council

AGENDA

Tuesday 4th August 2020

At 7pm by Conference Call/Zoom

Joining instructions – will be sent separately via email

1. Apologies

- Apologies received from Hannah Cundiff – who was having internet difficulties – and Hugh Gosling.

1. Approval of minutes

- The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

1. Co-option

- Formal resignations should be in to Dot by 10th August, at which point the SCC will be in abeyance.
- Nominations to serve on the new Community Council will be open from 18th August and the closing date will be 8th September. Assuming nominations that have been discussed go forward as planned, the SCC will then be reformed by 10th September.

1. Treasurer's Report

- FR highlighted the following figures from the Treasurer's written report distributed earlier in the day covering the period since the last meeting:
 - The annual Highland Council Grant of £422.15 has been received.
 - The SCC spent a total of £5,256.27 during the reporting period, all of which, bar £84.99, was spent on Coronavirus related initiatives.
 - The account balance currently stands at £25,441.43.
- AB raised a question regarding face mask payments made through the Crowdfunding platform. FR confirmed that £70 had been received via that platform on 29.06.20.

1. Matters Arising

- Future Funding/HIE: Issue with HIE now fully resolved. Just under £3,000 of the original £20,000 from that source remains and should be spent before the end of September. FR did not think this would be an issue, given current outgoings on existing initiatives. FR confirmed that about £16,000 is left in the Coronavirus Relief Fund overall.
- Local Employment Opportunities: No new information.
- Mobile Phone reception/mast: Update will be available after 18th August. A discussion is ongoing with regards to the possibility of modifying the proposed power supply arrangements.
- Electric Car Charging: The SCA is interested in taking the project on. They will keep the SCC informed of developments.
- Planning: One new application – the provision of a welfare unit at the Loch Damph fish farm. No issues raised in connection with this.

1. Update on Food Support Payments

- FR reported that the distribution of Care Packages has now ceased and been replaced by direct support payments. A total of seven households are receiving these payments through Standing Orders (SO) that go out every Thursday. FR pointed out that no end date had been included when setting up the SO and that the new SCC will therefore have to keep the issue under active review.

1. Fuel Payments Criteria

- Based on discussions held via email over the last couple of weeks, it was agreed that the new Fuel Payments Criteria should be that:

“The SCC will contribute up to £75 per month for up to three months towards fuel costs for those who have lost all, or the majority of, their income due to the coronavirus crisis.”

1. Nomination Forms for New Members

- Refer to Item 3. KW will chase Dot for the nomination forms.

1. Grub Hub Restocking

- Toiletries are the things that are going most quickly. Donations have been limited and the donation box has been moved to the shop. Some limited stock remains in the SCA shed.

1. Holiday Home Leaflet

- Leaflet proposed for distribution to holiday homes advising visitors as to what to do if they develop symptoms of Covid 19, and inviting them

to donate any leftover, unopened, food to the Grub Hub when they leave. AB will liaise with the surgery regarding the medical advice to be included.

1. Thank you to all CC Members

- All outgoing SCC members were formally thanked for their efforts since March and for their work during the Covid emergency.

1. AOCB

- A wish to have a vote of No Confidence in the Chair was proposed at the last meeting. The Chair has since resigned and there is therefore no need to proceed with this vote. As the SCC will be going into abeyance within a week, the issue is no longer deemed to be relevant.
- The previous web site is now defunct and the www.shieldaig.info site has been resurrected. AB is updating this. KW suggested HG might be able to assist in this.
- AMcI asked whether he could copy KW on communications from the Highland Council until the new Chair is appointed. KW agreed.
- FR mentioned that an issue would arise with his continued access to the online banking facility after his resignation as Treasurer. FR suggested that, as he will remain responsible for the funds even after his resignation and until a new Treasurer is appointed, he would keep his login activated and continue processing and recording transactions during the intervening period. No new initiatives / costs would obviously be funded once the SCC goes into abeyance, but there will be ongoing Standing Order payments to record, for instance. This approach was agreed.

1. Date of Next Meeting

- The Next Meeting will be held between 10th and 17th September 2020, depending on the availability of the new SCC members.

Due to the lockdown and need for social distancing, and the added pressure on the Highland Council, ordinary Community Council meetings are not taking place, and will not take place for the foreseeable future. Shieldaig Community Council is currently meeting via video/teleconference every two to three weeks – these are not normal Council meetings and are focused entirely on reacting to the needs of the community during this crisis. The minutes of these meetings are published on our Facebook page, on the Community Council noticeboard and in the shop window.

While it is not possible for other members of the community to join these meetings, we encourage questions and feedback through email at shieldaigccsecretary@mail.com or by calling any member of Shieldaig Community Council. Contact details below:

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