

Shieldaig Community Council

Monday 27th April 2020

At 7pm by conference Call

Attendees:

Francois Raulier (Treasurer)
Natalya Revitt (Chair)
Hugh Gosling
Kalie Wilkinson
Ann Barton (Associate Member)

Apologies

Hannah Cundiff (Secretary)

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from last meeting (16 April) were approved.

Matters Arising

CORONA VIRUS

NR has received positive feedback from newsletter 3. The fourth newsletter will ideally go out on Wednesday 6 May. HG to put together a mental health factsheet – format to be agreed later.

A coordinated community meeting will take place at 7pm on Thursday 30 April involving Janene Waudby (Shieldaig Village Association), Peter Fenton (South West Ross Community Car scheme), Mairi Milton (Shieldaig shop) and Ann Barton and Kalie Wilkinson (Resilience Team).

NR referred to the phonenumber to report breaches of the lockdown regulations mentioned by Ian MacInnes at the last meeting, noting it has not been announced.

FUNDING

Supporting Communities Fund, part of Scottish Government, gave us a grant of £20,000. HG working on another application, to the Wellbeing Fund.

SUPPORT FOR SHIELDING GROUP

Shieldaig residents in the shielding group are now receiving the support they need. Before this, one household was in a vulnerable state, but food deliveries have been made. NR recommended that the SCC be aware of those in the shielding group, and check on them regularly. AB raised the issue of access to this information should NR become unwell. HC has access to NR emails and documents. These documents could also be stored online.

LOCAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Feedback from Janene Waudby was positive. Work has commenced on the public toilets. Other work could be undertaken on the fencing around the cattle grids (this is the responsibility of the Village Association) and the old pier (FR to speak to Keith McNicoll). AB suggested speaking to Alice MacLennan for more information.

PROVIDING HOT MEALS

NR is speaking to Ross Stovold about this. NR to update at the next meeting.

PROCESS FOR CARE PACKAGES

HC & HG to pack and deliver the care packages on this Thursday (30 April). Nine households have requested them. Ordering from Bidfoods, to be delivered on Thursday. HG to buy food from Bookers tomorrow. We need to borrow a van for future weeks.

PLANNING

No new planning applications.

Chair's Report

No report.

Treasurer's Report

FR now has online access to the bank account and has tested the system. There was a minor error in the past report to the sum of 65p. The current report covers 17 April to 27 April, we have received £15,000 in grants. We have spent £2,640, all from the Coronavirus Resilience Fund. Including the expected £20,000 from the Scottish government, the balance is £42,300. FR highlighted that the fuel assistance payments are significant. NR stated that the majority of current recipients of fuel assistance will not require more assistance for three months. NR suggested there would be more grants to apply for in the future should current funds be depleted.

In future, FR to pre-authorise all orders/expenditure.

Secretary's Report

HC to forward information about support for funding for self-employed people. HC has been in contact with the bank to change signatories on the SCC account.

AOCB

The Grub Hub food cupboard – NR has permission from the Church of Scotland to locate the cupboard outside the village hall. The cupboard will be on wheels. Keith McNicoll will make it this week. It will be stocked from non-perishable items left over from the care packages. A donation box will be provided in the shop for local donations of food etc. Donations will need to be checked. A poster is prepared for the shop and social media. Hand sanitiser will be provided. The intention is that the food cupboard (food bank) will continue throughout the coronavirus crisis and potentially beyond, so we will offer a way for people to make financial donations, including non-residents. FR suggested the donation page be aimed at raising funds for the community generally. AB suggested that we also offer seeds and plants on a share and swap system. We will look into the prospect of taking over the phone box, potentially for use as a lending library. The Grub Hub to be reviewed at the next meeting.

The Primary School is creating a COVID-19 time capsule. NR has spoken to Julia Boger about this and the potential for creating an adult one. AB also suggested creating a tapestry/artwork like the one in Torridon Hall – to be announced on Facebook. AB to take a lead.

FR raised the need for a second signatory on the bank account. FR to investigate.

AB raised the issue of making the SCC meetings as transparent as possible, and alerting the community to the meetings. NR to use all the tools available to allow any interested person to contribute to the meeting.

Compost – 25 requests have been received for free compost. It will only be available to residents in the SCC area. The compost will be deposited in three locations.

Date of next meeting

Tuesday 19 May 2020 at 7pm.