

## Community Council meeting minutes – 6 July, 7pm

### **Present:**

Ann Barton  
Hannah Cundiff (Secretary)  
Hugh Gosling  
Alex MacInnes  
Francois Raulier (Treasurer)  
Natalya Revitt (Chair)  
Kalie Wilkinson

### **Apologies:**

None

### **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the last meeting were officially approved.

### **Co-option**

Becky Cameron was nominated for co-option to the Council.

### **Treasurer's Report**

SCC has received £570 since the last meeting. Expenditure was £5,229.67. The closing position is £30,920.86.

### **Matters Arising**

#### **Coronavirus**

Covered under other sections.

#### **Future Funding/HIE**

FR: An email was received from HIE on 25 June asking for more information on how SCC has spent its HIE funding. NR, FR and Dot Ferguson (Highland Council) are due to have a formal TC with HIE later this week.

HC raised concerns about the retrospective nature of the approval of expenditure. It was agreed that all expenditure be collectively agreed beforehand from this point on.

No more funding applications are underway.

#### **Local Employment Opportunities**

Grass cutting has been completed. The Plant Swap box will arrive this week. Some additional repairs will be completed this week.

#### **Mental Health & Wellbeing**

To be discussed at the next meeting.

#### **Mobile Phone reception/mast**

KW has not had a reply to her letter.

#### **Lifting Lockdown/new signage**

NR has spoken to some of the village businesses and most intend to be operational by or around 15<sup>th</sup> July.

There was concern about additional waste from take-away containers and the shortage of bins in the village. FR reported the bin outside his house was damaged this winter and has been removed. It was noted that the bins outside the public toilets have also been removed. AM offered to enquire about the bins that have been removed. KW will chase also.

### **Planning**

KW reported that there are no new planning applications have been received. There was a discussion of the Torricon and Kinlochewe CC response to the latest MOWI application.

### **Care Package Report**

The written report was accepted. HG to provide FR with a more detailed report on the past four weeks of care packages to aid his conversation with HIE around funding.

### **Coronavirus-related activity report**

85 sanitiser packs (masks and sanitiser) have been distributed – demand has increased in the past week or so. There have been £95 of donations towards this online, and AB has some cash to be paid in. NR has ordered 100 empty bottles for hand sanitiser, which will arrive soon. More bags are also needed.

Fuel assistance: The initial payment to households covered fuel for three months. This period will soon expire but recipients must apply again for the next three months.

Grub Hub: KW asked whether the nature of the food bank has changed, now that some items have been purchased. NR stated that our Lottery funding could be used to fund the Grub Hub. HG suggested we monitor what items are popular and communicate this to the community so that they know what donations are most valued.

### **Electric Car Charging Point**

Cathryn Field asked the CC to discuss the feasibility of installing an Electric Car Charging Point in the village. NR cited the example of the Isle of Mull, which has installed several. KW suggested speaking to the Torricon Hotel about their charging point. AB suggested this might fall under the Shieldaig Village Association.

### **AOCB**

#### *Impact of coronavirus cleaning regimes*

AB asked about the impact of the stringent cleaning in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic on the village sewage system, especially the quantity of bleach used. It was agreed to contact Scottish Water.

#### *Vote of No Confidence in the SCC Chair*

KW, HG and HC called for a Vote of No Confidence in the Chair of the Shieldaig Community Council. The vote will take place at the next meeting. FR expressed his disappointment that the other members have called for this vote.

### **Date of next meeting**

Tuesday 4 August 2020