

## Community Council meeting minutes – 30 March 2020, 3pm

### **Present:**

Hannah Cundiff	Francois Raulier
Hugh Gosling	Viv MacLennan
Natalya Revitt	Kalie Wilkinson

### **Apologies:**

None

### **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the last meeting were officially approved.

### **Matters Arising**

#### **Agreeing the Constitution and Standing Orders**

FR, NR, HC, VM, KW have all read and agreed Constitution and standing orders. HG to do so this week.

#### **Associate Members**

It was agreed that the CC will allow Associate Membership where needed.

#### **Corona virus:**

##### *Communication with self-isolating people*

NR raised concerns that the CC may not be aware of the households that are self-isolating and so unaware of their needs. It was agreed that we would ask those that need help to contact the relevant person on the Community Resilience contact tree. Working with the car scheme and Torridon Medical Practice was discussed.

##### *Stranded holidaymakers*

KW has informed the people on the Community Resilience contact tree about holiday makers on their patch. Alice Bacon, who is staying in Ardheslaig, is happy to offer help to the car scheme or as a vet (for example with lambing).

##### *Newsletter*

It was agreed to produce a newsletter as often as needed. NR to send a list of topics/information. HG to write newsletter.

##### *Coordination meeting*

It was agreed that these should continue, as needed. NR to organise the next meeting.

##### *Co-opting Ann Barton*

It was agreed it would be useful to co-opt Ann Barton to the Community Council. HC will add an item to the next agenda.

### **Community Resilience Plan**

CRP was originally developed to deal with issues like a blocked road, electricity outage or heavy snow, etc. not a pandemic. Much is not relevant to the current situation, although the phone tree is very helpful. The fund has £6,000 remaining.

It was agreed to apply for a grant from HIE for more funds to weather this crisis, including potential hardship payments for those not working.

### **Chair's Report**

NR has communicated with Craig Allen, the policeman in Lochcarron seeking clarification on what people are to do should they see others breaking the lockdown rules. It was discussed how the CC should encourage the community to remain calm, and to avoid any form of confrontation. The newsletter and social media pages can be used for these messages.

NR has contacted both the owner of Pierhead and the stranded holidaymakers. The holidaymakers were grateful for the social media post by the CC, and have offered to make a donation to the community. Should they do this, we should say so on the SCC Facebook page.

It was agreed that we want Shieldaig to remain a welcoming and civilised community.

### **Treasurer's Report**

FR has communicated with Lisa around how to make a Treasurer's report. He will develop a simple form for a written report.

With the end of the financial year, a full set of accounts must be prepared and independently audited before being submitted to Robbie Bain. FR will need time to establish the process to do this.

HC suggested FR look at Lochcarron CC's form/process.

### **Secretary's Report**

HC: There have been no correspondences. HC to check the Highland councillors have the correct email address. All paperwork has now been received from the former Secretary.

### **AOCB**

#### *Planning applications*

KW has checked the planning website and there are no new planning applications. There is an ongoing application for the fence at No 2 Baile Shuas. KW will check regularly on any new planning applications.

#### *Old pier repairs*

FR agreed to clear the seaweed from the old pier in order to assess repair needs. This is ongoing.

#### *Affordable housing scheme*

FR: The focus is now on the plot next to Baile Shuas but the lack of a digital site plan is holding up progress. FR will contact Hugh Tolemache.

Feedback has been received from the Highland Community Housing Trust and the brief is being revised accordingly. Discussions are ongoing with the Woodland Trust.

The issue of affordable rent is also being reviewed.

*Updating the Community Resilience Plan*

It was agreed that a subgroup should be established to review the plan.

*Use of church/village hall*

The Church of Scotland has emailed to say all church buildings must remain closed during the coronavirus outbreak, including the Shieldaig village hall/church.

*Activities for children*

NR to work with Julia Boger to develop materials for children's activities. It was proposed that the HIE grant money could be used for this.

**Date of next meeting**

Tuesday 14 April, 3pm.