

Shieldaig Community Council meeting minutes

Final

Tuesday 4 May 2021 via Zoom.

Attendance:

Ann Barton (Chair), Hugh Gosling (Secretary), Viv MacLennan, Karen Starr (Treasurer), Kalie Wilkinson.

1. Apologies

Becky Cameron, Alex MacInnes.

2. Approval of minutes of last meeting

Approved.

3. Matters arising

Timber transport from Torgarve woods

The felling/transport of timber will now be in the autumn with a maximum of four lorries per day.

Monitoring sea defences

Andrew Bone from Highland Council (HC) reported that pegs and markings have been placed on the verge to monitor erosion. A restriction on parking to protect the verge was discussed by the CC but it was decided this was a matter for HC, which may place cones along the verge.

Planters

The CC discussed the placement of planters, as well as who should maintain them and sponsor/pay for the compost and plants. A community herb garden made up of four planters was proposed. The community would be informed of the placement beforehand. AB/KW to develop a plan.

Request for funding to tar the layby at the lower entrance to the village

AB to speak to AM about possible funding for tarring the road.

4. Finances

Cash at bank was £19,297.10 at 30 April 2021. Regular outgoings are £285 per week plus £290 per month (care vouchers and fuel support). Care voucher, fuel support and Grub hHub expenses are now being taken from the CRF/HIE grant fund. The CRF funds must be used by May, so all invoices or purchases must be processed by the end of the month. COVID funding balance is £10,226.16. The draft accounts for year ending March 2021 have been prepared and sent to Marie McMillan, Snr Finance Officer of Voluntary Action Lochaber for annual review. The expected fee is c. £100.

Ending COVID-related hardship support

Usage of the Grub Hub has decreased recently but it is still needed. AB/KS to speak to all current recipients of food and/or fuel support to assess current and future COVID-related hardship.

Defibrillator

New pads and possibly batteries are needed before November. VM will investigate.

5. Police report

No report.

6. Correspondence

Bat monitoring in the school house

Letters have been written to HC from the community and AB will also contact HC on this matter.

Tree damage and flytipping on the coast road

There has been extensive damage to trees near Allt an Dubh, which are protected by a preservation order. KW has contacted Nick Richards, Forestry Officer at HC. There has also been flytipping in Kenmore; Alex MacInnes has photographed the flytipping and liaised with the Waste Management department at HC. HG to send an official letter to HC.

Orienteering on Ben Shieldaig

A group wishes to undertake orienteering in the area. AB to reply.

Woodland Trust to attend a meeting

The Woodland Trust wants to introduce Caz Austen. The CC looks forward to meeting her soon.

Mobile phone mast at Kenmore

This mast is desperately needed to provide mobile phone coverage to the coast road and Shieldaig for both local and emergency service use. HG to reply that the CC has no concerns about the mast in principal but would like more information on the ATV track.

CT scanner for Broadford Hospital

The CC has been asked to support a CT scanner for Broadford Hospital. HG to send letter of support.

7. Planning

One planning application to replace the roof and add a window to a house in Ardheslaig.

8. AOB

Celtman

KW is waiting to hear back from the organisers regarding their COVID-safe precautions for the event.

Next meeting

The AGM will be held on 1 June 2021, followed by a general meeting.

If you have any concerns or questions about the Community Council and its actions, please contact the Secretary (Hugh Gosling, hughgosling@gmail.com, 755780) or attend our meetings.

You are welcome to attend Community Council meetings!

Members of the community are welcome at any Community Council meeting. Meetings are usually held on the first Tuesday of the month and the agenda is published one week before. Meetings are usually at 7pm via Zoom (until COVID restrictions are lifted and face-to-face meetings can resume).

If you would like to attend a meeting, please use the details below:

Zoom Meeting ID: 7457855276

Passcode: 197939

If you wish to discuss a particular issue, we would be grateful if you could contact the Secretary before the meeting. Hugh Gosling –

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