

Shieldaig Community Council

Minutes of meeting Tuesday 6th May at 7.30pm

Present: Richard Munday (Chairman), Gerry Beard (Secretary), Ann Barton, Lyndsay Dacker, Donald Gillanders, Viv Rollo, Duncan Carmichael, Highland Cllr. Audrey Sinclair and P.C. Gary Taylor

Apologies: None

1. **Police Matters**

Lochcarron beat report for April 2014

Total number of calls to the Police in month 39, compared with 26 in April 2013.

Crimes reported in beat area:

Housebreaking, vehicle theft, vandalism and motoring offences in and around Lochcarron.

Domestic incident in Torridon and Drugs warrant enforced in Shieldaig.

Other Police business in month:

Torridon Mountain rescue team, 5 climbers recovered safely near Applecross, no injuries.

Three minor road traffic collisions in month, no injuries.

2. **Minutes of the last meeting**

Accepted as the record of the meeting.

3. **Matters Arising**

Bealach Beag cycle event.

A meeting has been arranged for 4th June at Kinloch with event organiser Alastair Lawton, 2 Applecross representatives plus Richard and Gerry. The aim is to agree mutually acceptable dates for 2015 which minimise local disruption, particularly for Applecross.

Shieldaig oil buying group

Gerry reported that membership was currently at 14 with a number of application forms yet to be received, within the next 2 weeks members will be advised of ordering process and frequency.

4. **Finance report**

To be presented at the next meeting.

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6. **Community Emergency Planning**

Following on from Audrey's report on work done by the Community Council and SSE in Glenelg, Gerry wrote to SSE to check that their records of vulnerable households in the Shieldaig Community Council area, and in particular those living on the coast road were up to date.

SSE replied that they were unaware of community emergency plans.

Audrey to ask Glenelg for their SSE contact so that Gerry can try once more.

7. **Roads etc**

The coastal erosion remedial works are now underway, large pieces of stone will be used to prevent further erosion and under cutting of the road verge.

The cattle grid at the bottom of the school brae is once again giving cause for concern, H.C. Highways Dept. are to inspect and undertake remedial works/replacement.

Post meeting, the traffic census apparatus has been installed in the 40 m.p.h. zone to the East of Baile Shuas.

Balgy blackspot, H.C. Highways are happy with the road camber and will improve roadside drainage. At the right hand bend prior to the Balgy crossing there is a large rock adjacent to the left hand verge

which could prove hazardous should a vehicle leave the road at this point. Gerry to speak to Bryan Stout.

Baile Shuas bus shelter, after consultation with the residents it was agreed that the most suitable location is in from the corner on the same side as the Free Church, Gerry to inform H.C.

The proposal by Applecross Estate to truck up to 13,000 tonnes of Lodgepole pine via the coast road to Kishorn, starting in June was discussed at some length. Despite assurances received that where possible tight corners would be improved and necessary road surface works undertaken, the meeting was unanimous that the proposals were ill thought through, potentially hazardous to other road users and disruptive to local residents and businesses.

The coast road is at it's busiest during the summer months and year on year we are seeing increased numbers of cyclists on the road: unexpected congestion and delays throughout the summer will inevitably lead to frustration and risk taking.

The meeting agreed that Richard should write to Applecross Estate expressing in the strongest terms the CC's opposition to the proposal, and urging them to revert to their original plan of building a jetty at Applecross, for which they already have planning consent.

8. Scottish Water

Richard has written to Rhoda Grant M.S.P. thanking her for assistance in getting a response from Scottish Water managers regarding our concerns about chlorine levels. It was agreed that Rob Gibson MSP should also be made aware of what had happened in case he had had similar experiences with other constituents.

9. Shieldaig Community Association

Following the liaison meeting it was reported that:

The Shieldaig Fete will go ahead as planned but without the Sheep Shed Shuffle.

There will however be a social held in the hall after the Raft Race on the Friday evening.

Thanks were extended to Nommies' team for the excellent improvement works to the exterior of the hall, which included the removal of a large part of the fencing at the rear of the hall.

Audrey to approach H.C. with a view to having the fence replaced perhaps via the Discretionary fund.

The next meeting of the SCA will be on 10th June at 7pm in the village hall.

10. Correspondence

The Scottish Rural Parliament is to hold it's first meeting in Oban on 6th-8th November.

11. Planning

The meeting noted the withdrawal of the Alt an Dubh Planning application.

12. AOCB

Highland Council – Service Point Closures

Audrey is involved in the consultation process, including visits to Service Points in order to assess need etc.

Overflowing bins

Over the Easter holiday period the 2 public refuse bins adjacent to the toilet block were full and surrounded with bags of rubbish as a result of the normal Friday collection coinciding with Good Friday. Originally there were 3 bins in this location, however we now only have 2 which is inadequate particularly during the holiday season.

Gerry to speak to Dew Ross at H.C. to try and resolve the matter.

Wester Ross Biosphere Event

A development officer has been appointed to co-ordinate the consultation.

13. Date of the next meeting – Tuesday 3rd June at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.