

Shieldaig Community Council

Minutes of meeting Tuesday 4th June 2013 at 7.30pm

Present: Richard Munday (Chairman), Gerry Beard (Secretary), Viv Rollo, Donald Gillanders, Ann Barton, Cllr Audrey Sinclair and Kate Earnshaw (NHS Highland) District Manager

4 members of the public.

Apologies from Gemma Livingstone (Treasurer), Lindsay Dacker, Irene George and PC Gary Taylor of the Northern Constabulary, Lochcarron beat.

1. Minutes of the last meeting

Accepted as a record of the meeting

2. Matters arising

New noticeboard now in place at the shop, thanks to Liam Perks. Liam also reported on an incident of concern in Baile Shuas, where 2 men in an unmarked van had appeared late in the evening behaving suspiciously. The incident had been reported to the police and to Albyn Housing.

Tina's Macmillan etc fundraising event, an excellent occasion and well supported, many thanks to Tina and friends

3. Finance Report

Latest report to be presented at the July meeting together with 2012/13 accounts at preceding AGM.

4. NHS Highland – Public engagement exercise as part of the review of the provision of services in SW Ross, Kyle and Isle of Skye.

Kate Earnshaw gave a very comprehensive presentation on the shortcomings of the present facilities and services in the area, and the need for modern premises which meet the stringent requirements with regard to infection control, patient care and an effective and efficient working environment. It was made clear that residents of the Shieldaig and Torridon area looked predominately to Inverness for hospital services.

5. Highland Small Communities Housing Trust – Baile Shuas

Previous to the meeting Morven Taylor, Development Officer with the HSCHT had visited residents in order to explain the amended layout of the proposed building of a pair of semi-detached and 1 small house.

There was general consensus that the modified plans were an improvement and addressed the issue of child safety. The meeting was informed that the residents would prefer 2 houses instead of 3.

It was agreed that once HSCHT have submitted a detailed planning application any remaining issues could be raised at a subsequent Community Council meeting.

Finally concerns among tenants at Baile Shuas re heating costs will be the subject of a meeting to be arranged.

6. Scottish Water:

GB has been in contact with SW again re our outstanding request as to the safe level of Chlorine in potable water, to date we have only received notice that they meet industry standards.

Joanna Peebles, Regional Community Manager has offered local residents and Community Councillors a guided tour of the new water treatment plant, date to be agreed.

7. Roads

Widespread concerns expressed as to the continued deterioration of road surfaces in the village and surrounding area and drainage problems. It was agreed to compile a list of problem areas by means of a notice in the shop then arrange for a visit and inspection by a representative of the HC Highways Dept.

Updates on:

RSPB Sea Eagle project

The consensus view is that the chick died probably due to unseasonable weather.

2 Lochs Radio

Jim Sutherland has kindly agreed to co-ordinate transport/logistics

Pontoon

Completed and in successful operation – an additional handrail being considered at shore end of the walkway. Apologies to all concerned – particularly to Audrey Sinclair for postponement of June formal opening; new date to be arranged for end of season .

Celtman Triathlon

More homestay accommodation required, VR to see what can be done.

Planning

In response to Community concerns of perceived inconsistency in the HC planning approval process, Julie Ferguson and Graham Sharp will take part in a village walk around prior to attending the 2nd July CC meeting.

A Planning in Principle application for a house to the SE of Rubha Lodge raised safety concerns regarding access and increased vehicle movements past the primary school, sports field and all weather court.

GB to write to the Planning Dept objecting to the proposed development unless the access concerns can be satisfactorily resolved.

The meeting closed at 10.15pm.

Outstanding matters to be carried over.

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday 2nd July at 7.30pm** will be devoted to Planning matters and will follow the Village walk around.

The AGM will be on **Tuesday 23rd July at 7.30pm** followed by a meeting to consider general CC business.