

## **Minutes of a Meeting of the Shieldaig Community Association**

held at 7pm on Thursday 6 September 2018 in the Shieldaig Village Hall

### **Present:**

Pauline Stephenson, Viv Rollo, Fiona Moyes, Andy Moyes, Mya Aronica, Billy Westhead, John McGregor, Janene Waudby, Tom Tindale, Emily Harriss, Peter Fenton (at 8pm) and Rory Dutton (DTA) Apologies for absence were received from Jim Alexander.

### **Introduction:**

Pauline noted a quorum was present and asked Viv to take the Chair for the meeting. Viv thanked Rory for attending and outlined the purpose of the meeting, which was to learn from Rory the next steps to be taken in terms of putting the Association in a position to (A) acquire assets from the Highland Council and (B) register a community right to buy. It was noted that whereas there was no definite intention to take any of these steps, it was necessary to “jump through various hoops” now in case the Community decided to do so in the future.

### **Legal and Regulatory Framework:**

Rory then summarised the legal and regulatory framework around (A) and (B) above. In terms of (B) it would be necessary to apply for each asset for the community right to buy, setting out the Association’s case for each asset. If accepted, the Association would have a five year right to buy in respect of the relevant asset. The value of the asset would be assessed by the district valuer. Rory also summarised the various new and proposed rights to buy, including in respect of abandoned, neglected and detrimental land. Rory confirmed that in order to proceed with any of these steps, it would first be necessary to change the Association’s constitution to broaden its purposes. This would require OSCR approval. Rory also summarised the various funding sources which could be available for (A) and (B), namely the Scottish Land Fund (for the acquisition of land, but not the development of it) and the Rural Housing Fund (for the development of affordable housing). Tom noted that certain forms had been submitted regarding these sources.

### **Next steps:**

After discussion, it was agreed that:

- (1) Janene should proceed to redraft the constitution (with Rory’s guidance) and then apply to OSCR for approval. This would take a minimum of 42 days after which the Association’s members would be asked to approve the changes (and any others that the Association deemed expedient to bring the constitution into line with current law and practice).
- (2) Viv and Janene would liaise with Sarah Wedgwood to ask for the latest updates on any conversations with the Highland Council and any other third party.
- (3) Viv and Janene would liaise regarding any paperwork to apply for (A) and (B) to see what information could be collated in advance regarding potential assets for acquisition/registration of community right to buy.

### **Next Meeting:**

Pauline then noted that a further meeting should be held in late September or early October regarding planning Autumn and Christmas village events. It was agreed a date should be set once everyone’s availability was known.

### **Close of Meeting:**

There being no further business, the meeting closed.

