

Minutes of Sunart Community Council  
Meeting held 9<sup>th</sup> April 2020 (5:00pm), video meeting

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone. Apologies PC A Campbell

Attending: D Anderson (Chair), J Jones (secretary), D Mann, E Sneddon-Hughes, F Christian J Hilder (Treasurer),

2. Minutes of meeting held 13<sup>th</sup> February 2020: Proposed D Mann, Seconded E Sneddon-Hughes. Amendments: None

3. Matters arising from the previous minutes

Police Matters: Email update received from PC Campbell:

*Corona Virus – The Police ask everyone stick to the rules outlined by the Government. It is essential for the well being of everyone in our community that these are strictly adhered to. In terms of the legislation that was introduced, PC Campbell can confirm that 2 males have been charged so far. These males were traced following a member of the public reporting them loitering about constructions sites, and they were from Edinburgh. Police urge all businesses and those responsible for sites, to try and keep an eye on the sites; and the Police will try and get round as many of the sites throughout their patrols.*

*There are still issues with holiday lets. If you know of any lets can you let the Police know the names of the owners and they can forward it to Highland Council, who are dealing with these establishments along with hotels and businesses that are flouting the legislation. Police are still trying to encourage the vulnerable to stay at home but some are quite stubborn.*

*The Police took a report of a fire pit that has gone missing from a garden within the village in the last 3 weeks. If anyone knows it's whereabouts then please get in touch.*

*If there is anything for the Police then please let us know, and keep up the good work, it is appreciated.*

Heritage: Free Church Anchor – J Jones spoke with John McMillan to clarify points made at last month's meeting, specifically, that it wasn't in the Community Council's gift to approve grants from Community Benefit Fund (CBF); also, the need for a small group (e.g. 3-5) of people who are committed and able to move this project forward. Following the publication of the minutes in the De tha dol? J Hilder said he had a call from someone querying the cost of £18,000. D Anderson pointed out that at the original meetings the estimated cost for raising and conserving the anchor was £20,000. A suggestion was made that the Free Church Anchor might be able to link with a wider "heritage" project. D Anderson has names of people who attended the original meetings and these can be contacted again.

Monument Park Drinking Water Supply: Due to the coronavirus lock down Scottish Water had to cancel the public meeting arranged for Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2020. Scottish Water apologised and said the meeting will be rearranged once the crisis is over.

Dail Mhor House: On going and Dail Mhor is currently on lock down. The URUM charity registration is being progressed. Following the insert in the De tha Dol? there have been a number of expressions of interest and these will be forwarded to Highland Hospice.

Longrigg Woodland: Representatives from the steering group met (via video link) with the owner of Ranachan to discuss options for timber extraction, however this route has been discounted. The steering group will continue to explore the Longrigg Road option.

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### AOB:

- Car park, Polloch: On going: JH will contact Forestry re access to the pontoon.
- Church of Scotland: on going, awaiting a building structural survey.

### 4. Planning Matters –

- a. 20/01224/PNQ Craigrowan Anaheilt Strontian Formation of private way - Noted
- b. 20/01269/FUL The Bield, Strontian Alterations and extension – Noted. JJ declared an interest
- c. 20/01041/FUL Land 55M SW of Strontian Primary School Erection of 2 houses – Noted but a query was raised as to the numbering to be given to these houses

### 5. Correspondence

- a. Innogy Renewables Community Fund CV19 Update - Noted
- b. Richard Birkett – weird letter CV19 is a conspiracy – Noted and any further emails will not be included
- c. D Anderson – recognition of resilience – Noted and agreed to discuss when crisis is over
- d. Volunteering Networks – sharing info 31/3/20 - Noted
- e. SSEN £350,000 Resilience Fund 31/3/20 – J Hilder has submitted application for grant for setting up Helping Hands
- f. Funding For Community Resilience CV19 31/3/20 – Noted J Hilder has submitted an application
- g. SSE Transmission News 1/4/20 – Noted
- h. Zurich Insurance Renewal 1/4/20 – Noted

### 6. Treasurer's Report

There have been no transactions through the account this month. Deposit Account is £10,576.18; Current Account is £2,713.54  
Dean Mann will be taking on the role of Treasurer from James Hilder.

### 7. Any other Business (AoB) –

- Helping Hands is working well; the number of calls to the helpline has reduced which is probably due to local families and neighbours providing support. The Lochaber Food Bank is now an independent organisation, which should permit it greater local flexibility.
- Morvern Community Council received an enquiry about making a donation to the food bank, as the link to the food bank is not working. The link is being rectified so if people wish to donate food they can do this at Morrison's in Fort William.
- As a result of an initiative by the Bothy Bar, prepared cooked meals were distributed to 14 single people aged of 70, self-isolating in the village. J Hilder will explore whether the Kilcamb Hotel, the Ariundle Centre and A MacLean would be interested in continuing this, on a rota basis with the Bothy Bar, for the duration of the crisis.
- J Hilder is arranging a supply of disposable gloves and tabards for use by the Helping Hands volunteers when making deliveries.
- Ewen's Room have launched a new chat line "EwenMe" - 01967 750845, for people who would like a bit of a "blether". A link is on the Community Council website.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2020 at 5:00pm is CV19 restrictions still apply, 7:30pm Village Hall Strontian if restrictions permit.

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