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Minutes of Sunart Community Council  
Meeting held Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2021 (7:30pm), video meeting

Attending: D Anderson (DA) (Chair) J Jones (JJ) (secretary), F Christian (FC), J Hilder (JH) (Treasurer), E Sneddon-Hughes ESH, Cllr A Baxter at 8pm, S Corrigan 7:30-7:55pm

1. Welcome and Apologies  
Apologies: Secretary apologised for late despatch of the agenda
2. Minutes of meeting held 10<sup>th</sup> December 2020: Proposed: D Anderson, Seconded: E Sneddon-Hughes  
Amendments: None
3. Matters arising from the previous minutes  
Police Matters: None

Heritage: Free Church Anchor – on going.

Monument Park Drinking Water Supply: on-going.

Dail Mhor House: An on going reminder about the Urram public survey for the Dail Mhor Care Hub Concept and Vision for the site: hard copies are available at the Village Store, the Post Office and on line via the website <http://urram.net>. If you prefer, it can be completed by phone on 07517 035005. We encourage people as possible to complete the questionnaire.

Longrigg Woodland: The consultant's report has been received and will be presented to the Community Company directors on the 1<sup>st</sup> February. It will be published and presentation and consultation with the community arranged in February/March. Meetings will be virtual, as COVID restrictions will likely still apply.

**Correspondence:** Drimnatorran Cemetery – The Secretary has written to the Highland Council to ask for a copy of their letter to the landowners. The Secretary will follow this up.

Enquiry from P Ashburner (Re possible development of land between fire station and high school) that was passed to the Community Company - The Community Company discussed this at their meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> January where it was agreed that currently the Company are not in a position to consider this piece of land, however, they will review the situation periodically in the light of community needs.

**AOB:** Corran Ferry – We apologise for the delay posting the minutes of the December Corran Ferry Steering Committee on the website; these are now displayed. The Corran Ferry committee and Community Councils ask local residents to lobby the Minister to express the need for this service and for the replacement ferries.

4. Planning Matters –  
Midland Bank Quarry Planning and Environmental Review Dec 2020 – S Corrigan attended the meeting to discuss any points that the Community Council might have. J Hilder and J Jones declared an interest as Mr Corrigan has assisted with acquiring and installing the Men's Shed. Questions were asked about the final size of the quarry, this is indicated on the maps and plans. The site has been used for stone for the road way for extracting timber on the Laudale side of Loch Sunart; the quarry is not currently visible and mitigation measures are planned to ensure minimal visual impact from the north; Mr Corrigan currently employs approx. 20 people, the quarry will assist an additional two or three jobs and it will help sustain other parts of the business; the current licence applied for is for 20 years and 1 day, so the commitment is for the long term. The Community Councillors thought it a potential benefit. Details will be placed on the website and a notification placed on the CC Facebook page.

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### 5. Correspondence

- a. Highland Council: Supporting our Winter Gritting & Covid Response Efforts – Noted
- b. Events: COSS Introduction to Community Asset Transfer webinars – Noted
- c. Ariundle Bridges – Update (Upper bridge over Strontian River re-opened) – Noted and put on Facebook
- d. Polloch K6 Telephone Box – JJ has emailed the FLS and the Highland Council (HC) and spoken with Mark Smith (HC) to establish who owns the land on which the box stands. Hopefully, this should be clarified in the near future
- e. Helping Hands useful contact numbers – Details have been put on Facebook and the Website
- f. Community Resilience Group Update 8-1-21 – Noted and details will be posted on Facebook
- g. Consultee Access for Planning – Noted, for secretary to use for Community Council comments
- h. Ranachan Woodland Creation Plans – Noted, the proposal is to plant native woodland species is viewed positively. Details will be placed on Facebook and the website.
- i. Email of complaint – received from an individual demanding to know why he did not receive a Christmas “hamper”. These had been distributed to 18 local residents, whom the councillors, in their opinion, felt might welcome the good will gesture given personal circumstances, and was made to help brighten the festive period and lockdown. – After reviewing the allocation process, all councillors agreed that the distribution required no further consideration. Reply to be sent by the Secretary.

### 6. Treasurer’s Report

Deposit Account is £10,587.99; Current Account is £3597.83. The deposit account will decrease by £5,000 for the loan to the Scotstown Common Grazings.

### 7. Any other Business (AoB) –

- a) Carnoch track – complaint received about vehicle using the FLS track and causing concern for dog walkers. FLS have previously provided the rules for vehicles using FLS tracks and these will be posted again on Facebook. No unauthorised access allowed.
- b) Glencripesdale – Information about the RSPB acquisition of the Glencripesdale woods has been on Facebook and no comments received. RSPB have offered to form a joint management group to include interested parties and Morvern CC and Sunart CC. E Sneddon-Hughes will be the Sunart representative.
- c) Corran Ferry – We apologise for the late posting of the notes for the Sunart Community Council of the Corran Ferry Steering Committee Meeting. See SCC website for details.
- d) Corran Ferry Replacement – Councillor Baxter explained that the Highland Council Corran Steering Group are seeking funding for the next stage of the process i.e. the planning proposal for purchasing the two replacement ferries and works to the jetties. The Highland Council are applying to the Scottish Government for match funding. As is mentioned in the Notes of the Corran Ferry Steering Committee meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> December, “the community is seen as key in a co-ordinated lobby capacity to Kate Forbes in particular”. All Community Councils on the peninsulas encourage members of their communities to write or email Kate Forbes

Date of next meeting: The Sunart Community Council is scheduled for Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2021 at 7:30pm via Zoom as Covid 19 restrictions apply.

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