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Minutes of Sunart Community Council
Meeting held Thursday 11th March 2021 (7:30pm), video meeting

Attending: D Anderson (DA) (Chair), J Jones (JJ) (secretary), F Christian (FC), E Sneddon-Hughes (ESH), (Treasurer), Cllr A Baxter, D Ferguson Highland Council Ward Manager,

1. Welcome and Apologies
Apologies: J Hilder (JH)
2. Minutes of meeting held 11th February 2021: Proposed: F Christian; Seconded: E Sneddon-Hughes
Amendments: None
3. Matters arising from the previous minutes: None
Police Matters: None

Heritage: Free Church Anchor – on going.

Monument Park Drinking Water Supply: on-going. The secretary has emailed Scottish Water and an update is awaited, however, the situation is likely to remain as it is during the Covid pandemic. A second email has been sent, awaiting an update.

Dail Mhor House: Situation remains and the Community Council remind people about the Urram public survey for the Dail Mhor Care Hub Concept and Vision for the site, and encourage everyone to complete the survey. Hard copies of the survey are available at the Village Store, the Post Office and on line via the website <http://urram.net>. or by phone 07517 035005. Currently 205 complete questionnaires have been received which include new ideas, as well as positive and negative responses.

Longrigg Woodland: The consultant's report was presented to the Community Company directors on the 1st February. The Board has agreed to launch the consultation and recommend purchase of the woodland subject to consultation. Details outlining the current position will be sent to households and the consultants report will be placed on the Sunart Community Company website

Correspondence: Drimnatorran Cemetery – The Secretary has written to the Highland Council to ask for a copy of their letter to the landowners. The Highland Council's view of the access situation has been confirmed as follows:

The Title To Drimnatorran Farm contains a public access right (including vehicles) to the Cemetery. The Title contains no public right to use the turning circle, however, if openly and peacefully used for 20+ years then prescriptive rights may apply. If prescriptive rights apply, the Farm owner does not have to maintain the turning circle. The Highland Council will not attempt to evidence prescriptive rights to the turning circle, this is open to member/s of the public to do so. The Farm owners are fully entitled to erect a gate providing this does not prevent public use of the access right.

AOB: Corran Ferry – Cllr Baxter is meeting with Kate Forbes MSP on the 12th March.

Planning Matters –
None

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4. Correspondence

Ewen's Room Application for Funding – Previously agreed and noted
Lochaber Health & Social Care Community Services Meeting 18th February 2021 – DA apologised as she had been unable to attend
To All CCs re Updating details and generic email addresses – All community councillors have responded so secretary will send information to Dot Ferguson
BT K6 Kiosk – Polloch – BT have contacted the Community Company and they are finalising the transfer the kiosk; the Community Company will hold this asset as a heritage item on behalf of the community
Email re minutes and use of “compliment” or “complement” – Noted
Community Resilience Briefing 26th February 2021 – Noted
Scottish Forestry re FLS Plan Amendment Glenhurich – Noted, revised plan
Reply from Kate Forbes MSP – Re Corran Ferry meeting with Highland Council on 12th march 2021 – Noted
Acknowledgement from Finance secretary's Office re Corran Ferry letter – Noted
Emergency Closure Notice – Burnside Road & School road and email (j.1) Noted. A question was received from a member of the public saying that there are other culverts in the village of the same age and asking if the Highland Council will be checking the condition of these other culverts as they may be in a similar condition i.e. being close to failing. Secretary will email the Highland Council
Scotstown Grazings Grant /Loan – email. The loan has been made which the Grazings Committee will repay on receipt of their grant payment
Complimentary places for CCs online conference – Scotland's Housing to 2040 – Noted
Community Resilience Group Briefing 5th March 2021 - Noted

5. Treasurer's Report

Deposit Account is £10,588.41; Current Account is £4,580.33. The deposit account will decrease by £5,000 for the loan to the Scotstown Common Grazings who have confirmed completion of works. The Treasurer has finalised loan documents with reference to the grant confirmation from SGRPID. Paperwork has been signed and monies released.

6. Any other Business (AoB)

- a) Fly tipping in the river on the Manse Brae – A complaint has been received and the Chair will check the regulations. JJ asked whether this was something to be reported to SEPA as it might pollute the water course
- b) Bench past the far bridge on the [Ariundle] nature trail. It appears that this bench has been removed by FLS during the path closures whilst the bridges are being repaired. The request to have the bench reinstated has been received. Action: secretary to liaise with JH and contact FLS
- c) De tha dol? – the DtD is currently suspended, there is a public meeting (Zoom) on the 31st March 2021
- d) Flood risk – ESH raised the issue about water spilling out from the water course behind Dalmhor House, just beyond where the Men's Shed is located, running down the slope and flooding the gardens below. ESH declared an interest. After a brief discussion it was agreed the secretary will raise this with Roy Cattle in the first instance
- e) The Sunday dinners - Helping Hands will be delivering lunches for the next two weeks
- f) Corran Ferry Fares: Cllr Baxter gave an update. Highland Council officers are still going to seek to raise an additional £100,000 from the Corran Ferry account. However, Cllr Baxter said a compromise has been agreed: to maintain the current ticket book price in order to minimise the impact on the residents of Lochaber, however there will be the previously agreed increase of 3% that will apply to cars, rising from £8.80 to £9.10. Small camper vans will now incur a new tariff of £13.00, and camper vans longer than 8 metres will incur the new rate of £20.00. Proof of residency will be required when purchasing a ticket book and

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the standard new rates will apply to second-home owners. With the anticipated increases in staycations it is hoped to raise the £100,000 within a year.

Date of next meeting: The Sunart Community Council is scheduled for Thursday 08th April 2021 at 7:30pm via Zoom as Covid 19 restrictions apply.

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