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Community Council 7:30pm, 13th May 2021 (Zoom)

Attending: D Anderson (DA) (Chair), J Jones (JJ) (secretary), E Sneddon-Hughes (ESH), (Treasurer) J Hilder (JH)

1. **Welcome and Apologies:**

2. Apologies: F Christian (FC), Cllr A Baxter

3. **Acceptance of previous minutes meeting held 15th April 2021:** Proposed: j Hilder,
Seconded: E Sneddon-Hughes

4. **Matters arising**

Police matters – PC Mciver sent her apologies for being unable to attend out meetings so far as she is currently covering the 5 community council and PC Campbell is not available at present.

Update: there have been no significant/known police issues in our area. The Police state the roads are obviously starting to getting busier as Covid-19 restrictions relax and PC Mciver has been doing some speed checks in the village of Strontian when possible and will continue this in the coming weeks and months. She is aware of the problematic area near the jetty, which is legally still in a 60 mph stretch of road and will work with the Community Council to see if the 30mph zone can be moved back to the cattle grid.

Heritage: Free Church Anchor – on going.

Monument Park Drinking Water Supply: on-going.

Dail Mhor House: Situation remains and nationwide there is no respite at present. Urram are currently fund raising for the feasibility study

Longrigg Woodland: The consultation has been deferred to September/ October when the situation with Covid may have settled down.

Correspondence item g) – Mr Niblock had volunteered services to renovate the K6 Kiosk in Scotstown – secretary to follow up

AOB:

- a) Village Clean up: Masks and gloves will be available from Denise Anderson in the car park and T Dobson has volunteered the use of his trailer
- c) Village Hall Committee item – T Dobson was to check and update

5. **Planning Matters**

- a. 21/01761/FUL Erection of house and garage, 180M North of Hillview, Upper Scotstown, Strontian – Noted
- b. 21/01810/FUL Marine Shellfish Farm, alterations to extension to install an additional 2 x 220m longlines for cultivation of mussels – An email has been received expressing concerns which will be included on the Community Council response on the Highland Council Planning portal. Also, whilst this application is not in the Ardnastang area it is noted that there has been an increase in the pollution i.e. the blue polypropylene rope offcuts washing up on the shore in

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Ardnastang bay and this has also been noted in the bay by the Strontian Hotel and further along towards the jetty. Furthermore, at the time of the last application comments and concerns were received that it was likely that the application would lead to requests to install more longlines, and this is now proving to be the case. The Sunart Community Council is concerned about the proliferation and extensions and the increased density of lines and the potential detrimental impact on the loch environment. Originally a request had been made for a full environmental survey but this was not considered a necessary requirement. We ask Highland Council as to whether or not NatureScot have been informed of this development

6. Correspondence

- a. Gaelic Medium catchment area for Acharacle Primary School Consultation - Noted
- b. New DCMS Guidelines on Flags and Flagpoles - how they affect Sunart CC - Noted
- c. Community Resilience Group Meeting 23/4/21 – Noted. These are posted on the website
- d. Facebook page plugin – D Mann – Agreed to discontinue the Facebook plug in
- e. Delayed opening of Ardnamurchan Lighthouse – Has been displayed and on Facebook
- f. Lochaber Health & Social Care Redesign Steering Group Meeting 29th April 21 – Noted D Anderson attends for the Community Council
- g. K6 Kiosk completion notice – noted, the formal notification and this is a listed asset for the Community
- h. Green Spaces for Good – Fields Trust – lobby election candidates N/A
- i. Damage to Drainage on School Road – Community Housing Trust - Noted
- j. Ariundle Bridges & Faeries Rd Bridges – FLS D Robertson – Noted and Secretary to reply
- k. Zoom – Personal Information Notice - Noted
- l. Reporting on Your Local Council – Accounts Commission, Audit Scotland - Noted
- m. Corran Ferry Slipway Options – See AOB item
- n. Surface dressing Programme re A884 & B8043– 2021 HC – Noted. However, the Community Council received no notification about the work and the A861 through the village
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7. Treasurer's Report

Current account: £4,669.87; Deposit account: £5,588.53. The loan of £5,000 to the Scotstown Grazings Committee: we await the repayment as the work has been completed. The payment for the cleaning of the toilets in the Village Hall has been paid.

8. Any other business

- a. There will be a survey about the Corran Ferry and it is vital that residents complete the survey when it is published. The Sunart Community Council express disappointment and concern that Transport Scotland and the Scottish Government do not want to fund the replacement ferries and have passed this back to the Highland Council
- b. Sunart Community Benefit Fund (SCBF) has distributed almost £16,000 to local causes. The Community Council are grateful to the SCBF who have agreed to contribute £5,000 to an endowment fund for the Sunart Community, which will be placed in ethical investments with Foundation Scotland. The aim is to build up an endowment fund over the coming years that will continue to provide an annual income

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for the Sunart Community when the feed in tariff payments (FITs) to the Sunart Community Renewable company (Hydro) end in approx. 15 years.

9. **Date of next meeting** – 10th June 2021 at 7:30pm, currently via Zoom as CV19 restrictions apply
The Sunart Community Council Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be 7pm Thursday 10th June 2021 – This will be a Zoom meeting. People wishing to attend can email the address below

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