

Final

Community Council 7:30pm, 10th June 2021 (Zoom)

Attending: D Anderson (DA) (Chair), J Jones (JJ) (secretary), E Sneddon-Hughes (ESH), (Treasurer) J Hilder (JH) F Christian (FC), Clare Slinger, Learning Centre Manager, UHI

1. Welcome and Apologies:

Apologies: Cllr A Baxter

2. Acceptance of previous minutes meeting held 13th May 2021: Proposed: D

Anderson, Seconded: E Sneddon-Hughes

3. Matters arising

Police matters – None reported

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 – there was a positive meeting with the NHS Highland and Highland Council representatives. The NHS has reiterated that building or running care homes is not part of their strategy. Urram have raised £10,000 towards the cost of a feasibility study and hope to send out invitations to tender to consultants very soon.

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

AOB:

a) The Village Clean up was well attended. We wish to thank all the people who volunteered, and also to Tony Dobson who volunteered the use of his trailer and removed the bags of rubbish that were collected.

c) Village Hall Committee – T Dobson to check and update the Community Council – the secretary has emailed Mr Dobson.

4. Planning Matters

a. 21/02386/FUL siting of a letting pod, Bruadar Iain, Ariundle – Noted

b. Result of quarry application at Midland Bank – Permission has been granted by Highland Council under delegated powers

5. Correspondence

a. Acknowledgement of Marine Shellfish Farm comments - Noted

b. Corran Narrows Socio-Economic Study – Resident and Community Council Survey – This has been posted on Facebook and the Website and councillors, as individual members of the community, have completed the survey. The Community Council survey was completed at the meeting and submitted.

c. GO-HI Rural MaaS project – Background Survey – Noted

d. Loch Sunart Governance interview – Noted as above J Hilder will speak with Ms Watson

e. Notification Forthcoming works – A861 & B8007 - Noted

f. Duke & Duchess of Cambridge launch Fields in Trust Green Space Index - Noted

g. Funding Request for local reading programme – Funding approved

h. Stickers & Design - Noted

i. Community Resilience Group Briefing 4/6/21 – Noted and posted on the website

j. NHS Update for key Stakeholders 3/6/21 – Has been posted on Facebook and website

k. Guidance to CCs on Meetings – Noted and forwarded to T Dobson

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- l. Charities Buying Group - Noted
- m. Public Sector Executive (???) _ Noted this is a selling pitch
- n. Loch Sunart Mussel Farm Extension – Email from Chris Nall, Coastal Planning Officer, Highland Council replying to the Community Council’s enquiries re planning permission, our questions and comments about the blue rope pollution on the shoreline and enforcement. Photographic evidence of the pollution provided.

6. Treasurer’s Report

Current account: £4069.47; Deposit account: £5.588.57. The loan of £5,000 to the Scotstown Grazings Committee: we await the repayment as the work has been completed. Interest will be charged if the loan is still outstanding after 12 months.

7. Any other business

- a. Clare Slinger joined the meeting to explain her role and that of the UHI with regards to courses that are available to individuals and employers. Clare explained that there is now a Gaelic tutor and it is the hope to organise a bi-weekly Gaelic practice group, which would be free. Some courses are face-to-face but currently the majority are on line. JH explained that Rory Green, who also works for the UHI, has been in touch with Becky Drinkwater at the Sunart Community Company, and they are liaising to promote the training and will be contacting local employers, too. Clare asked if she might attend meetings from time to time to liaise; the Chair gave an open invite. Clare will send a list of courses and a poster when one is produced.
 - b. Grass cutting in the village – there has been a number of complaints about the appalling standard of the grass cutting about 10 days ago. The secretary is asked to contact the Highland Council at Carr’s Corner expressing our concern. The recent grass cutting seems much improved.
 - c. 4th July is “Thank You” day- <https://thankyouday.org.uk/about/> is a community inspired opportunity to thank friends, neighbours, volunteers and organisations that have helped us and our community, during the Covid Pandemic. The suggestion is to produce “Thank You” certificates for all the volunteers who helped through the Community Council Helping Hands initiative. The certificates will also reference all the organisations that provided grants and assistance. JH will organise.
 - d. Eden Court touring theatre are presenting a “Summer of Hope” production and to present this in a tent in Strontian 29th July-1st August for evening performances and activities
8. **Date of next meeting** – The Sunart Community Council does not meet in July, so the next meeting is 12th August 2021 at 7:30pm, currently via Zoom as CV19 restrictions apply

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