

FINAL
Minutes
Sunart Community Council
7:30pm, Thursday 9th June 2022 Sunart Community Centre

1. Welcome and Apologies:

Attending: D Anderson (Chair), E Sneddon-Hughes (Treasurer), J Jones (Secretary), J Hilder, J May, and one member of the public
Apologies: Cllr Sarah Fanet; V Balnaves-Aitken
Minutes taken by the Secretary

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting

2. Acceptance of previous minutes (Inc. amendments)

Proposed: J Hilder Seconded: J May
Amendment: None

3. Matters arising not included in the agenda

- a. Police matters – none notified at the time of the meeting.
- b. Item 7a) Draft letters to Don Esson, Highland Council copied to MSP, MP and the 4 Highland Councillors – the parent and the Community Council are still awaiting a response
- c. Item 7b) Condition of the state of the road on Anaheilt – future comments have been received Please see item 5h)

4. Planning Matters

- a. 22/00932/FUL Create a car port Horsley Cottage, Strontian – E Sneddon-Hughes declared an interest and did not participate in the discussion - Noted
- b. 22/01776/PIP Erection of House Gorten, 13 Anaheilt Strontian - Noted
- c. 22/01902/FUL Erection of house Land at 6 Anaheilt Strontian - Noted
- d. 22/02016/FUL Extension to form new porch to dwelling Glenhurich Cottage, 6 Glenhurich, Polloch - Noted
- e. 22/02288/PNO Forest Track Land 570M south of Croit Shanndain, Bells Grove, Strontian - Noted
- f. 22/01768/FUL Alteration and extension to outbuildings to form staff accommodation Laudale House Ardgour Fort William - Noted

5. Correspondence

- a. Salen Community Woodland Update – A note of support was sent previously
- b. Contact Form – enquiry re moorings – Pass to the Community Company who manage the moorings
- c. Woodland creation research – forward to the Longrigg Woodland working group and share on the website and Facebook
- d. Community Resilience Briefing 20/05/22 – Noted. Check with Dean Mann as to whether there is a link of our website to the Highland Council
- e. Regeneration Capital Grant Fund open - Noted
- f. Walking Away from Highland Council but for a good cause – Andrew Baxter, who previously served our Ward for 10 years, was walking 100 kilometres to raise money for Dementia UK and was asking for a donation. After discussion it was agreed that as Andrew had served our community for the last 10 years, the Community Council would on this occasion make a donation; £200 was approved
- g. Corran Steering Group - Noted
- h. Re Road Surface – Anaheilt a reply has been received from Forestry and Land Scotland (FLS) informing us that the FLS will “substantially fund the road repair at Anaheilt... The repair to their road is led by [Highland Council].... as to when to carry out the work” After discussion it was agreed the Secretary will write to Mark Smith, Senior Engineer

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- i. Strategic Plan Consultation – Scottish Fire Service - Noted
- j. Food Support Update – Noted
- k. K6 Kiosk – Polloch – Noted and Secretary to email local SSEN contact
- l. Community Resilience Briefing – 2/06/22 - Noted
- m. NHS Share, The Scottish Health Research Register – Noted and placed on Facebook
- n. Recovery Conversation Café - Noted
- o. Paths for all funding – Noted and passed to Community Company
- p. Community Paths Grant Fund – Now Open
- q. Survey of University Studies – Seaweed Harvesting - Noted

6. Treasurer's Report

Current A/c: £12,212.53; Deposit A/c: £10,590.97

The payment for the fireworks remains outstanding.

7. Any other business

- a) Passing places Ardnastaing Beach Path - - Pass to Community Company for signs to be renewed. Also, discuss with Longrigg Woodland Group
- b) Installation of the second Police Officer image – this is to be installed on the A861 beyond the Ardnastaing bridge towards Salen
- c) A plaque will be placed on the seat out the front of Oakwood in commemoration to Fiona Christian who passed away whilst serving on the Community Council. This is to recognise the work that Fiona did with the setting up and operating the Community Council Helping Hands, which operated during the two Covid lock-down periods during 2020 and 2021.
- d) Grass cutting – We understand that the grass cutting contracts were awarded late and at short notice by the Highland Council and hence the grass got very long. The Community Council wish express our appreciation to Catherine Mackellaig for the extra efforts and diligence required to cut the grass.
- e) It has been noted that there is grass and garden waste being dumped on the public car park referred to as 'the Showfield Car Park'. We ask for this practice to stop, as this is not an area for the disposal garden waste and takes up the time of Council staff to clear up.
- f) The Fire Service is currently down to the minimum number of five fire fighters that is required to maintain the service here in Strontian. We would urge anyone who might be interested in serving as a fire fighter to make enquiries and apply.

- 8. **Date of next meeting** – 11th August 2022 at 7:30pm, Sunart Centre. There will be a Special General Meeting followed by a Monthly Community Council meeting

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