

Minutes
Sunart Community Council
7:30pm, Thursday 14th May 2022 Sunart (Zoom)

1. Welcome and Apologies:

Attending: D Anderson (Chair), E Sneddon-Hughes (Treasurer), J Jones (Secretary), J Hilder, J May, and three member of the public
Apologies: 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: Item 7 Any other business, (a) third sentence, change “agreed at he” to “agreed at the” and fifth sentence, change “publication” to “publications”.

3. Matters arising

- a. Police matters – none notified at the time of the meeting. The local Police Officers produce a newsletter a copy of which can be posted in the noticeboard
- b. Faeries Route – Secretary will email D Robertson at Forestry and Land Scotland to see if the bridge has been delivered to Strontian
- c. Road Markings A861 – on going
- d. Resilience Plan – there was a meeting on 28th April where it was agreed that there would be a small working group, comprising C Skeath, J Tait, T Burke, M Hilder and P Sharples, to develop the governance and command and control of the Community Emergency Action plan. There is a meeting being arranged for the 7:30pm 21st June 2022 at the Sunart Centre for the volunteers coordinators and specialist services. The Chair commented that on a different matter BT had informed her that with regard to analogue telephone lines, she was told there is no immediate changeover planned for the Strontian area
- e. AOB a) Copies of the De tha Dol? being sent to the National Library in Edinburgh - on going, Secretary to email the De tha Dol? Reply received 15th May 2022, which confirmed that copies are indeed sent to Edinburgh.

4. Planning Matters

Application for Grant for Premises Licence Uircheann Rìgh, 28, Anaheilt Strontian PH36 4JA – The Chair declared an interest, as a near neighbour she'd been separately informed, and took no part in this item – This item has been posted on the Facebook page and no comments have been received - Noted

5. Correspondence

- a. Power Cut on the peninsula – Cllr S Fanet - noted
- b. Polloch Road – We are informed that there is a loose surface on the Polloch road causing vehicles to skid and cars have been in the ditch – Action: Secretary to contact R Cattle
- c. Retirement – A Henderson - Noted
- d. Re Monument Park Water – Noted
- e. Play Park – S Fanet – J Hilder provided information that he had applied to the Highland Council who had been provided with additional funding from the Scottish Government specifically for play parks. As Treasurer of the Community Company he had been liaising with members of the local community and submitted a grant application to the Highland Council and £6,000 has been awarded. Hannah McDonald, a Community Company director, will be working with the community on this matter. It is noted that a replacement swing costs in the order of £14,000

- f. Scottish Health Research – NHS Scotland Noted and this item has been posted on the Facebook page
- g. Highland Council Community Resilience Group Briefing – Noted and Secretary will contact Dean Mann with regard to future postings of these items on the website

6. Treasurer's Report

Current A/c: 12,212.53; Deposit A/c: 10,590.04

The payment for the fireworks is still outstanding. There will be a payment of the £7,500 to the Community Company towards the Sunart Community Endowment Fund. This means that with the contributions from the Sunart Community Benefit Fund and the Sunart Community Renewables Ltd the threshold of £25,000 to start the endowment fund has been achieved. The Community Company will now contact local landowners, etc. to canvas for donations to try and reach £50,000, this would mean we would achieve the maximum "pound for pound" matched funding from Foundation Scotland.

7. Any other business

- a) School Transport – Mr and Mrs Morris outlined in great detail the issues, problems and frustrations they have encountered over the years in trying to obtain assistance for transport for their daughter to get to Glencoe House in Lochaber High School in Fort William. After questions, clarification and discussion it was agreed that J Hilder would draft a note to the Highland Council to request clarification on this matter
- b) A member of the public has commented on the condition of road surface on Anaheilt, which we are told has deteriorated significantly as a result of the heavily logging lorries using the road. Secretary to contact Forestry and Land Scotland to ascertain what was the original agreement for reinstatement after the felling operation was completed.

- 8. Date of next meeting** – 9th June 2022 at 7:30pm, Sunart Centre for the Annual General Meeting, which will be followed our monthly meeting.

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