

## Minutes

### Sunart Community Council

7.00pm, Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2025 Village Hall

#### 1. Welcome and Apologies:

Attending: A Gainsford (Treasurer) - Chaired the meeting, J Millar-Craig (Secretary), P Adams, M Stewart, T Bolton (West Highland Medical Centre)

Apologies: J Jones (Chair), C Hunter, A Evans

#### 2. Acceptance of previous minutes (inc. amendments)

No Amendments

Proposer: M Stewart      Seconded: P Adams

T Bolton, of the West Highland Medical Group, shared the thinking and rationale behind the practice moving to ordering repeat prescriptions online rather than via the telephone. The technology offers a more secure and reliable reordering service and is used by many medical practices across the area. Once patients have registered with their E mail address, it is a quick and easy way to order repeat medication. There will, however, also be the option of placing a reorder slip e.g. in box at the Strontian surgery. People are encouraged to contact the Practice (or Urram) should they need help to set up their online account or to discuss any concerns. There will also be other support options available. Currently the system is still being set up and further information will be made available when everything is ready.

#### 3. Matters Arising

- a. Bridge on Fairies Road / HF Holidays Pathways Fund Charity – a couple of quotes are to be ‘chased up’. **AG/JJ to action**
- b. Bus Service – Ariundle – this service has commenced. A poster has been placed in the Community notice board.
- c. Oaktree Dal Nam Mart/ Burnside – Highland Council see this as part of their normal cycle of checking and maintenance.
- d. Public Toilet at Shops – this matter is in hand and a ‘follow up’ is taking place. **JJ to action**
- e. Trees at Parking Area Surgery/ Village Hall – still to be trimmed. **JJ to action**
- f. Parking Area Show Ground – flytipping – P Adams had cleared this up. Thank you.
- g. Posting police information leaflets on notice board- these had been placed in the Community Notice Board.
- h. Join Rural Watch Scotland – JMC had signed up to the Rural Watch service as a contact point for the Community Council. A number of generic information E mails had since come in. **JMC to action**
- i. Laudale felled trees – they have been contacted. JJ waiting to hear back. **JJ to action**
- j. Extra / Larger bins for village centre – **JJ to action**
- k. Wreath for Remembrance Day – this had been ordered and has since arrived.
- l. Fireworks and Bonfire – PA to make a poster and to contact the Scouts **PA to action.** Ordering of fireworks **JJ to action.**
- m. Dualchas Funding Request – a thank you E mail had been received from Dualchas.

4. **Police Matters** – New Driver Scheme. The Roads Policing Unit is offering a session which presents a hard-hitting message aimed at addressing poor driving and speeding, especially in young drivers. Parents are also welcome to come along. There is more information in a post on social media.

5. **Planning Matters** – none

## 6. Correspondence

- a. Halkirk CC, Renewable Energy. There was discussion regarding this item which had come in from Halkirk Community Council. It was fundamentally a request to support their motion to Highland Council which aimed to stop any further development concerning renewable energy. Having also consulted with Sunart Renewables, it was felt that this action could put a stop to any local, small-scale initiatives and the decision was, that at this stage, not to support their motion. **JMC to contact them.**
- b. AGM Community Housing Trust - noted
- c. Lochaber Community Partnership Event – AG is to attend this event. **AG to action**

7. **Dail Mhor** – no further information

8. **Old Primary School** – no further information

## 9. Corran Ferry

### Maid of Glencoul

The most up to date information on the Maid is from 1<sup>st</sup> September. Further breakdowns requiring parts has led to further delays. It could take several weeks to get parts, carry out works and the necessary checks.

### Parking at Ardgour.

JMC had sat in on the planning meeting as reported at last meeting. Since then, an E mail has been received from Andrew MacIver who is the Principal Engineer – Strategy and Testing, in relation to the objection to ‘Residents Only Parking’. He confirms that ‘consideration will be given to providing parking spaces to accommodate commuters. The details and location of the parking spaces will require to be assessed for inclusion in the forthcoming construction works.’

### Next Steering Group Meeting

Will be Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September. Hopefully there will be some progress to be relayed on the ‘Tendering process’ and new ‘Resilience Plan’ – as outlined at last meeting.

10. **Place Plan** – AG is still following up on further demographic information. **AG to Action,**

## 11. Treasurer’s Report

Deposit Account: £3,214.76      Current Account: £14,542.80

SSE – Kingairloch Hydro Scheme Funding. The three Community Councils are meeting with SSEN and a member of staff from Kate Forbes office on 7<sup>th</sup> October to discuss potential for uplift on the funding from Kingairloch Hydro Scheme.

## 12. Any Other Business

- a. VAL Belford Hospital Event, Nevis Centre – PA and MS are to attend.

**Date of Next Meeting- Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2025 7pm, Strontian Village Hall**