

STAFFIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL



Minutes of Staffin Community Council held in Staffin School on 18th February 2008.

Present: Les Downes (Chair), Sylvia Porter (secretary), Janet Lamont, Sheena MacLeod

Apologies: Maolios Caimbeul, Norma Young, and Isobel MacDonald

The previous meetings minutes were proposed by Sheena and seconded by Janet.

Matters Arising:

1. **Fire Brigade:** E-mail has been received from Tony Wood, Acting Chief Fire Officer, from Highlands and Islands Fire and Rescue. He is still looking into everything, and has nothing further to report, other than that the land for the permanent fire station has now been decrofted
2. **Bins at Rigg:** Still not been replaced
3. **Village Officer:** We have now received the £250 for the Village Officer
4. **Murdo Beaton talk:** Murdo has been booked for the 11th April 2008, for a talk about the visit to WW2 gravesites. Sheena will book C1400. The talk is 1 ½ to 2 hrs long. He will provide his own projector. There was a discussion regarding the evening. It was decided that we would charge admission of £3, and provide tea, coffee, and biscuits. Sheena undertook to place advertisements at Cuillin FM, Radio Nan Gaidheal, and posters and the Free Press.
5. **Culnacnoc Cemetery:** Sheep are still getting in over the wall. TEC services are aware. Any sunken graves are the responsibility of the family
6. **Harmony:** It has been removed from the Slipway

Treasurers Report:

There is currently £1285 in the account, which includes the £250 grant for Village Officer. Les has put in a claim for travelling expenses for attending the ward forum meeting, which still has to be paid.

Highland Council Business:

1. **Ward Forum:** The next meeting is 17/3 at Sleat. Other dates are 28/4, 9/6, 11/8, 22/9, 3/11, 15/12, the venues are to be confirmed. Staffin CC have offered apologies for the next forum meeting, although we have asked that the problem of ditching or lack of it on township roads is on the agenda.
2. **Letter from Jan Laing,** introducing herself as the new Ward Manager for Skye and Lochalsh, and asking to come to a meeting. We will invite her to the June meeting
3. **Local Plan:** If anyone has any thoughts, comments, or recommendations about the local Plan, can you write to Highland Council at Inverness before March 7th
4. **Planning and Development of CC:** A draft report from Richard Hartland, regarding the role of CC's in planning decisions
5. **National Planning Conference:** To be held on 21st February at Ramada Jarvis Hotel, Inverness

Other Correspondence:

1. **Fire Brigade:** Draft annual action plan regarding self assessed risk assessments for Hotels, B&B's and Self Catering establishments
2. **RAF:** Letter from Community Relations Officer offering to visit a meeting to explain the reason for low flying exercises
3. **Housing association:** Newsletter
4. **INNIS:** Newsletter
5. **Portree High School:** Minutes
6. **Post Offices:** Area plan for the North of Scotland
7. **Scottish Health Council:** Newsletter

AOCB:

1. Lealt Falls: There is still no keep left sign at the car park exit
2. Crash Barrier Rigg: Suggestion that a crash barrier be placed at the top of Rigg due to the cliff top position of the road
3. Late night taxi: Complaints are being received regarding the late night taxi not doing a double run. Glasgow bus passengers have to wait in the taxi until the Inverness bus comes in an hour later – advised to complain to H/C direct
4. Tipping Valto's Lay-by: After the council workmen cleared the drains at the front of the Old Mission House, Culnacnoc, they were seen to dump the rubbish in the lay -by at Valto's. It still has not been moved.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 1st April 2008, 7-30pm at the School

The Minutes are subject to approval

Les Downes (Chairman)

Sylvia Porter (Secretary)

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