



Minutes of Staffin Community Council held in Staffin School on 8th August 2007

Present: Les Downes (Chair), Sylvia Porter (Acting Secretary), Janet Lamont, Sheena MacLeod, Maolios Caimbeul, Isobel MacDonald

Apologies: Norma Young, Angus MacLeod

The minutes of the previous meeting were proposed and seconded by Maolios and Sheena

Matters Arising

1. FIRE BRIGADE: There is no change and no news. The position is still the same, awaiting Highland council legal team
2. POTHoles: See later
3. VILLAGE OFFICER: He has been approached to trim the beach road from Herd's to Staffin Bay Cottages – update this has now been done.
4. BINS AT THE SLIP AND LOCH LANGAIG - They should be in place soon as H/C are expecting a delivery of new bins. Les will remind them and also mention the rubbish bags. Update – There is a new bin at the parking space at the beach, and also on at the storehouse. Rubbish bags have been cleared. Don't know about Loch Langaig.
5. WARD FORUM – see later
6. CORE PATHS – Sylvia went to the meeting. The paths in our area appear to be the ones the Staffin Trust and Ceumannan are promoting. If anybody wishes to have a look at the core paths and the unofficial rights of way the maps are on the H/C website.

Treasurers Report

There is £1937-08 in the account. This includes this year's grant of £731 -24 and the secretarial allowance of £250. The public liability insurance is taken off at source. Previously, the secretarial allowance has been split between Sylvia and Les. There were no objections to this procedure continuing. Therefore Sylvia and Les get £125 each.

Highland Council Business

WARD FORUM: 18th June Meeting – This meeting was mainly the setting up of the forum and planning future meetings. Also present were the members of the police, and NHS. The 4 Councillors for Skye have set themselves specific areas to deal with, which are

- John Laing – Tec Services
- Iain Rennick – Planning
- Hamish Fraser – Social Work
- Drew Millar – Education

6th August Meeting – Time was spent discussing the A87 trunk road from the bridge to Uig. Money was allocated for the following sections Luib to S conser, Glen Varigill phase 1 and 2, Glen Varigill to Aros. The bridge over River Varigill will be re - aligned. A large amount of the money available will be for the Sligachan to Portree section. There is also money available for the single track A855.

The next meeting is on 3rd September at Kyleakin at 7pm, which will concentrate on home care.

As all members have to travel to meetings travelling expenses can be paid from the CC grant
PLANNING – Columba 1400 – the use of land as an all weather pitch

Outline planning for a house south of 6 Garafad – Mr and Mrs K Gillies

House Plot 1, 8 Marrishadder - Andreas Reynolds

Extension 5 Garafad – Mr A Cruickshank

No objections to any of the applications. The CC does not object to planning matters unless it directly affects the community.

REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS: There is no change to our area or our polling station.

Scottish Exec Business

RURAL POST OFFICES: Letter from Peter Peacock MSP regarding the future of rural post offices.

BORD NA GAIDHLIG: Maolios taken

Other Correspondence

Crofting Enquiry

NHS: Newsletters and information about the annual review at Inverness on 21st August. There will be a public access at 3 points in the highlands via video link. There is no link near us.

SLCVO: Renewal notice

Housing Association: Annual review

Portree High School: Minutes

Innis: Newsletter

Food Network: Details of a conference in Strathpeffer on 27th October

AOCB

1. Due to the increasing amount of vehicular traffic on the road to the beach, walkers using the road have no escape from oncoming traffic. It was suggested that perhaps a drainpipe could be placed in the ditch, and the ditch could then be covered over, so it would become a narrow path
2. The phone box at C1400 has broken windows
3. The effects of the recent Foot and Mouth are effecting our movements of animals
- 4 Taxi bus – complaints are being received that the driver is refusing to take people from the Inverness bus, and making them wait for the Glasgow bus. If any one has any complaints these should be directed to H/C.

THE NEXT MEETING IS TUESDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER 7-30PM AT THE SCHOOL

MINUTES SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

Les Downes (Chairperson)

Sylvia Porter (Acting Secretary)