

STAFFIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL



Minutes of Staffin Community Council held in Staffin School on 3rd April 2007

Present: Les Downes (chair), Sylvia Porter (Acting Secretary), Sheena MacLeod, Iain Macdonald (Councillor)

Apologies: Norma Young, Isobel MacDonald, and Janet Lamont

The previous minutes were proposed and seconded by Sheena and Les

Matters Arising:

1. Fire Brigade: Les has tried to contact Alec MacAllister to find out about the current situation with the permanent fire station. He has been on a course all week and been unavailable.
2. Pot holes: Les has been in contact with Mark Crowe and updated him regarding the current situation.
3. Village Officer: We have spent all but about £70 of the village officer fund. Sylvia hasn't spoken to Donald MacDonald (from the Trust) regarding a picnic bench at Loch Cuithir, but Donald MacLeod (Culnacnoc grazing) has no objections proving we consult about where to position the bench. **Update** – Sylvia has now spoken to Donald MacDonald and he has no objections, so she will get quotes.
4. Bins at Slip: They have still not been replaced, and there are bags of rubbish being left at the beach. The Council state they are going to replace the bins in the next few weeks. It was suggested that the bins had been stolen, and could it be that as new/replacement bins are £37, that people who require a bin are acquiring a free one. Iain will enquire with the council to see whether checks can be done. While we were talking about the Slip, it came to our attention that the force of the waves has moved the large stones at edge of the slip. Sylvia will get in touch with the harbour master, as there may be structural damage.
5. Drains at Breckery: Mark Crowe made aware. The flooding at Glasphein will be looked at in the near future
6. Phone box Marrishadder: No update.
7. Speed Cameras: No update

Treasurers Report:

There is £1253-60 in the account. As soon as Les receives the bank statement, he will get the accounts to the auditor.

Highland Council Business:

Planning: Tote Forest, Rigg: Replacement telecommunication mast

Dun Flodigarry Hostel: Erection of managers house adjoining hostel

SE of 22 Garafad: Erection of house (approval of reserved matter)

Land between 1 & 2 Garafad: Erection of house (Building warrant)

Insurance: The Public Liability Insurance has been renewed

JP's List for Skye and Lochalsh: We have 3 in our area, Angus Ross, Ellishadder; Margaret Gillies, Glasphein; and reserve Dolly MacInnes, Garafad.

Food Safety Training: This is aimed at Voluntary groups, not individuals and is free. It is on 17th April at Church of Scotland Hall, Broadford. Anybody interested to apply to Joyce Heggie H/C environment officer.

Other Business:

Scottish Parliament: An update regarding the Post office Survey we completed last month. Some of the suggestions made (not necessarily our views) were to replace post offices with mobile post office, surgery post office, attached to another service e.g. library

Fire Brigade: Consultation Questionnaire, which was passed to Donald MacDonald for his perusal.

Portree Rotary Club: Requesting nominations for the Maurice Nicholl Award. There was a discussion regarding nominations. Les will formulate a reply.

Blythswood: There will be a collection of textiles, footwear and bric-a-brac from Staffin Hall once a month. The first collection will be the afternoon of 17th April

Portree High School Minutes:

Postwatch Scotland: Letter asking for update of e-mail addresses

Community Care Forum: Newsletter

SLCVO: A list of courses they are providing

AOCB:

Complaints have been received regarding sheep and pigmy goats in the Clachan Graveyard again. Les will inform H/C

Staffin Trust is putting an interpretive panel for Brothers Point in the lay by at Culnacnoc. The matter has been brought to our attention due to the rubbish, old trailers etc that have been left in the lay by. Sylvia informed Donald MacDonald (Staffin Trust) regarding the complaint.

NEXT MEETING 1ST May 2007 at the school

Minutes subject to approval

Les Downes (Chair)

Sylvia Porter (Acting Secretary)