

## STAFFIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL



Minutes of Staffin Community Council held in Staffin School on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2007

**Present:** Les Downes (Chair), Sylvia Porter (Acting Secretary), Janet Lamont, Isobel MacDonald, Sheena MacLeod, Norma Young, Iain MacDonald (Councillor)

**Apologies:** Maoilios Caimbeul

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

### Matters Arising:

1. Fire Brigade: Les has been trying to get in touch with Alec MacAllister (Properties Dept) as he deals with the land purchase, but he has been away. Iain MacLeod, who owns the land for the permanent site, has had no update from the fire brigade regarding the change of ownership of the land. Les will see what he can sort out.
2. Potholes: The A855 potholes are ongoing, the single-track road in particular. One problem is that the potholes are filled, but the filler is washed out as soon as it rains. Other potholes of note are: Valtos between No 5 and the Old Post Office, Brogaig near Iain Matheson's Garage, and Storr Lochs. Norma queried about a 3-mile stretch of road at Gravir (Western Isles), and stated she had sent an e-mail to the Western Isles Councillor asking how, and where they got the funding from, but as yet had had no reply. There has been a lot of upgrading to the roads at Sleat, but nothing seems to come our way. The CC has been fighting for an upgrade of the single-track road for a number of years to no avail.
3. Village Officer: Graham has the matter in hand for the repair and preservation treatment of the picnic benches. Because of the weather and other commitments he has been unable to do any work yet. If he is unable to do them before March, he will give us costings. We still need suggestions for the rest of the money. It was suggested we contact Andy MacKay (Community, Learning and Leisure), as there is a system to help with the upkeep of the new playing field.
4. Bins at Slip: Still not been replaced and rubbish is piling up. Les to inform HC again. Also the bin at Rigg Viewpoint has blown away. It was suggested that if the bin was re-sited out of the prevailing wind, it might last longer.
5. Drains at Breckery: Still not been done. Les will contact HC to remind them. It was also suggested that as the problem didn't exist until the water board built the road, perhaps they should re dig the drains.
6. Portree Hospital: We were not able to meet with Gary Coutts at the last NHS meeting. He is due on Skye again in February. Iain stated that it is worth pursuing for another meeting. There has been no comment from the NHS regarding an update from the last meeting.

7. Rapsons: Further complaints regarding the bus timetable. According to the bus timetable the bus comes right round the North end of the island, but in fact either finishes at Flodigarry or Kilmaluag. We are aware of people who have caught the bus from Portree to Staffin and have been stranded at Kilmaluag and have had to ring friends or family to come and collect them. Rapsons are not replying to any correspondence either by letter or e-mail. Iain suggested getting in touch with David Simmers (transport dept for HC), to see if he can help.

**Treasurers Report:**

There is £1253-60 in the account, but includes the Village Officer money

**Highland Council Business:**

Planning: Erection of Garage – Connavern, 2 Valtos

Erection of extension – 10 Clachan

Erection of house and oil storage tank – south of 3 Grealin

Erection of house – West of Windy Hill, Marrishadder

Alteration and conversion of building – Keepers Cottage, Stenscholl

Erection of dwelling – north of 1 Grealin

We have also got the full plans for the house West of Windy Hill. We have no objections to any of the plans.

Electoral reform society: letter asking for volunteers

CC AGM: No-one from any of the North end CC's attended. Nothing new on the agenda or brought up on AOCB.

Licensing applications: Flodigarry Hotel – no objections.

**Other:**

NHS Team updates

Draft Corporate Plan: no plan enclosed, just a letter explaining it.

Hi Trans – regional transport

Housing Association: Annual report

Local Bites: Newsletter

Post Watch: Newsletter

OK Skate: Letter from the treasurer asking for help with funding

High School: Minutes

**AOCB:**

Door off the phone box at Marrishadder, caused by the weather

**Next meeting 7-30pm Tues 6<sup>th</sup> March at the school**

MINUTES SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

Les Downes (Chairman/treasurer)

Sylvia Porter (Acting Secretary)