

## STAFFIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL



Minutes of Staffin Community Council held at Staffin School on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2008

**Present:** Les Downes, Sylvia Porter, Isobel MacDonald, Sheena MacLeod, Maolios Caimbeul, Janet Lamont and Jan Laing (Ward Manager Highland Council)

**Apologies:** Norma Young

Jan Laing was welcomed to the meeting where she dissolved the community council. She stated that there had been 7 nominations for a place on the council, and all were valid and had been accepted. As no election was required a new community council could be formed. The office bearers were then elected from the nominations as follows:

**CHAIRMAN** - Les Downes: Nominated by Sheena, seconded by Sylvia

**TREASURER** - Les Downes: Nominated by Janet, seconded by Isobel

**SECRETARY** - Sylvia Porter: Nominated by Les, seconded by Janet

**VICE CHAIRMAN** - Sheena MacLeod: Nominated by Maolios and seconded by Janet

### **CO-OPTED MEMBERS**

1. Angus MacLeod (now living in Ayrshire, but still webmaster for the web site):  
Nominated by Maolios and seconded by Isobel
2. Chrissie Ann Ross, 5 Tigh Na Glebe, Staffin (not on electoral roll, so couldn't stand for election): Nominated by Janet and seconded by Les

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

### **Matters Arising:**

1. Keep left signs Lealt: Still waiting the white liners to paint arrows in the road. Jan to chase up
2. Subsidised Taxi: Jan was updated on the history of this problem. She will chase up
3. A855 single-track road: Sheena had written to all the councillors for confirmation that this was on the capital programme. She had had no reply from any of the councillors. Jan will chase up
4. Recent Resurfacing: When the council did the Grealin Road sweep after the surface dressing, the sweeper has gouged holes 1" deep in the topdressing. Jan will pass this on
5. Rubbish Dumping Valtos: Jan updated on the history and will chase up

Jan advised us that the next ward forum meeting is 2pm on the 9<sup>th</sup> June at Tigh Na Sgire. She then left the meeting.

6. Fire Brigade: Nothing further received
7. Murdo Beaton Talk: £103 was taken at the door, which will be passed to the charity "Hope for Heroes". After a discussion it was decided the council would make this amount up to £200.

### **Treasurers Report:**

There is £1192 in the account and no outstanding cheques.

### **Highland Council Business:**

1. Draft Code of Contact for CC
2. Storr Woodland Restructuring: It is due to start in 2009. The final restructuring is no different to the plans at the consultation.
3. Data Protection: To comply with the act, we need to register with them, as CC 's are no exempt from the law. Sylvia will arrange
4. Archaeology fortnight: This year it will run from 4<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> October. Staffin CC wont be arranging any activities but it is believed that the Staffin Trust may be organising something
5. There is a civic welcome for Judy Woolfenden MBE on 3/6/08 at Tigh Na Sgire
6. Local Plan: After the consultations a few errors have been rectified and amendments made

### **Planning:**

All planning applications are available on the H/C website

On an advisory note: The planning Dept have refused both Lidl and Tesco supermarket applications for Portree. This matter is now going to planning committee

Full plans received for Dougie and Rosemary Ross for a house at 5 -8 Ellishadder – no objections

### **Other Business:**

1. Consultation Paper on the Education additional support for learning Act 2004, amendment 2008.
2. SLCVO: membership renewal form and newsletter
3. NHS: Team update newsletter
4. Scottish Exec: Safer Scotland – Licensing Scotland 2005 leaflets
5. Housing Association: Newsletter and notification of AGM on 09/06/08 at Cuillin Hills Hotel
6. State of Staffin Slip: Copy of the most recent literature that George Nicolson (Glaspein) has sent to the Highland Council regarding the deterioration of the beach area at Staffin.
7. High School Minutes

### **AOCB:**

1. C1400: Complaints received from residents in Trotternish Ave regarding the noise from C1400, namely the cattle grid being loose, and the noise from people using the recycling bins. Is it possible for the recycle bins to be relocated away from residences at C1 400 or move them from there completely, and the cattle grid be tightened.
2. Bus Shelter Staffin House: The glass broken again believed by youths congregating there
3. Litter around the Village: Les to speak to C1400 to see if they would be able to do a litter pick
4. Village Officer: There is £250 available. The work we would like doing is Strimming around the bus shelters, painting with preservative the picnic benches, strimming the slip road from the main road to the chalets. It was agreed that if the bill was more than this, we would pay out of CC funds

THE NEXT MEETING IS 15<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2008, 7-30PM AT THE SCHOOL

### **MINUTES SUBJECT TO APPROVAL**