

STAFFIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL



Minutes of Staffin Community Council held in Staffin School on 1st May 2007

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

Apologies: Norma Young, Maolios Caimbeul, Iain MacDonald (councillor)

The previous minutes were proposed by Sheena and seconded by Les

Matters Arising:

1. Fire Brigade: Nothing heard from the Fire Service. Les has spoken to both Kenny MacDonald and Iain MacLeod and they haven't had any update either.
2. Potholes: This is an ongoing problem throughout the area. H/C are aware of the problem and we will continue to pressure them, but the matter is closed
3. Village Officer: Graham Wade is hoping to get the jobs completed in the near future. He has sent us an estimate for the outstanding work for the end of the year accounts.
4. Staffin Slip: The rubbish bins have still not been replaced. There are now bags of rubbish on the foreshore. H/C are aware of the problem. Regarding the breakwater damage, we are still awaiting the harbour master to report back
5. Drains Breckery: They still haven't been done. The H/C are aware. The matter is closed
6. Speed Cameras: Not heard anything, but the police are aware. Matter closed

Treasurers Report:

At the end of the financial year there is £1198-30 in the account. We were given a copy of the audited end of year accounts. There was a discussion regarding these, and it was agreed that they were in order. There was a suggestion to put a ½ barrel of flowers/bulbs by the information panel that is to be erected at Culnacnoc. This was agreed, but we would wait until the board had been erected.

Highland Council Matters

Planning: Replacement radio mast and ancillary equipment at Tote Forest, Rigg

½ 9 Clachan, erection of house

Interpretive boards at various locations – Staffin Trust

Letter from Head of Planning Standards: Letter from Richard Hartland regarding the new planning standards

Planning Agendas:

Scottish Exec

Marine National Parks: Report into the National parks. This is also available on the website along with the responses from the questionnaire.

Other Correspondence

NHS: Highland Staff Award Scheme. Isobel to have a look at

Letter from Gary Coutts offering to come to a council meeting to discuss the NHS (or his deputy)

INNIS: Newsletter

SLCVO: notification of courses they are running and a complaints/suggestion form for the Old Peoples Welfare bus. Janet taken the form as she runs the bus for Staffin

Letter from Murdo Beaton – Sconcer: There is a trip for WW2 veterans to Flanders and the battlegrounds. Gaelic Television will televise the trip. He was asking for a donation, which was given

UHI Foundation: looking for new members from community councils.

Friends of the Earth: Offering free training on the new planning regulations

AOCB

1. The sheep are back in the Culnacnoc Cemetery (Monday Night), and the gate was propped open. Possibly done by the grass cutters who had been there earlier in the day. Mark Crowe to be informed
2. Drains at Old Mission House, Culnacnoc: The drain that runs outside the house in front of the gate is blocked. When it rains, the water runs down the drive collecting at the front door. The owners have contacted the council 3 times but nothing as yet has been done. Les will inform Mark Crowe, and that Mr & Mrs Nicolson speaks to him direct.
3. An e-mail has been received from a new resident of Staffin asking about cutting peat. A reply was sent directing them to Seerad and the township clerk.
4. Suggestion about a barrier to run from Keepers Cottage down to the river crossing due to the steep drop into the river. As it is an unclassified road, and never having a barrier we didn't think we would get one, but would put it to H/C

NEXT MEETING TUESDAY 12TH JUNE 2007 7-30 PM AT THE SCHOOL.

Minutes subject to Approval

Les Downes (chairperson)

Sylvia Porter (acting secretary)

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