

South Harris Community Council Minutes 20/01/23

In Leverburgh Free Church Hall

Present – Donnie MacDonald – Chair; Marion Morrison – Treasurer; Stephen MacKinnon – Secretary; Jenny MacAulay; John R MacLean

1. Apologies – Caroline Chaffer; Effie MacLeod; Cllr Fulton; Cllr Finnegan
2. Minutes of Previous Meeting 13th December 2022 – Proposed by Jenny MacAulay and seconded by Donnie MacDonald
3. Housing – Donnie to phone John MacIver at HHP to arrange a community meeting regarding planning for the new housing development. A key concern will be that the number of houses planned seems to have dropped to 6 from 12 – why was this decided and will there be potential for more? Free Church Hall will be available apart from Monday am; Wednesday pm and Thursday during the day.
4. Winter Resilience –
 - After discussions with Kathryn Campbell and Mairi MacIver regarding the best way to administer the £500 from the South Harris Comforts Fund, a number of suggestions have been put forward including: a donation to Café 34 in Leverburgh to provide lunch for free to vulnerable people; and buying electric top up cards and giving to those most in need – Donnie will follow up with Mairi MacIver.
 - Donnie spoke to Isobel Campbell who is happy for the Home to continue to be a central point in the Winter Resilience Plan.
5. Rodel Toilets – Marion to follow up with Carolyn at HVS regarding funding.
6. Access to School Gym – No updates since last meeting, position continues to be that school lets are unavailable in Leverhulme School. Jenny to speak to Head Teacher to offer to be available as staff member at Badminton. Cllr Fulton to be asked for any updates from his enquiries.
7. Funding Grants –
 - Challenge Fund – Marion completing application for £700 towards Rodel toilets and £800 towards Grass Cutting in Leverburgh. Challenge Fund will fund up to £1,000 with SHCC match funding the remainder. A post went out on the South Harris Residents Page but no other projects were suggested and Marion spoke to Kenny from the Parent Council re Leverburgh Playpark but they are too early in process to go for this fund.
 - HVS Environmental Improvements – This may be able to top up funding for grass cutting.
 - South Harris Sports Club - £1,000 for equipment still in SHCC account. Stephen to speak to DI MacDonald about using it with Harris Junior football.

- SSE Covid Resilience £1,000 still in account despite attempts by Marion to speak to those involved with the South Harris Response Group at the time. It was suggested that £500 be given to Leverburgh Home since it will be a place of resilience in emergencies and £500 to the Parent Council to go towards a school trip or school resources – this was agreed.
8. A.O.C.B – Stephen MacKinnon was asked to leave the room. While out it was agreed to award £150 to the Secretary towards postage and stationery costs as was done in the past.

Stephen MacKinnon returned to the room. Meeting closed at 9pm.

Date of Next Meeting – Donnie will contact members after he speaks to John MacIver at HHP.