

# South Harris Community Council Minutes 21/8/2023 in Leverburgh Free Church Hall

Present – Donnie MacDonald – Chair; Marion Morrison – Treasurer; Stephen MacKinnon – Secretary; Caroline Chaffer

Apologies – Effie MacLeod – Vice-Chair; Lucy Duff; John R MacLean; Cllr Fulton; Cllr Finnegan

1. Minutes of previous meeting – Proposed by Caroline and seconded by Marion.
2. Matters Arising –
  - SSEN Resilience Fund – This wasn't applied for due to time and capacity issues.
  - Hall – Cheque for curling equipment has been paid to the Hall.
  - Bank Closure – Agreed to come back to this at a future meeting.
3. Luskentyre Cemetery Parking –
  - Three Community Councils recently met Respect Luskentyre Cemetery campaign group.
  - A letter had been received by the three Community Councils in advance from the Luskentyre Common Grazings and Permanent Residents which stated they did not want the car park closed except for funerals, but they were of a mind to see solutions to the issue such as clearer signage and lined car park spaces.
  - A number of compromises were agreed at the meeting which formed the basis of a letter from the three community councils to CNES.
4. Housing – CNES and HHP have now approved 12 houses to be built in one phase. SHCC will put out a press release welcoming this as well putting together a response for the latest Strategic Housing Implementation Plan (SHIP). It was agreed that this was an excellent decision, but that momentum must continue.
5. Play park –
  - Latest is that parents have decided that bringing the PlayPark under Leverhulme Community Hub will be the vehicle to take the process forward.
  - A new condition survey report from MacIver Consultants has found that the current equipment is structurally unsafe and as a result will shortly be closed.
  - SHCC will continue to offer support to the development of a new PlayPark.
6. Community Garden –
  - Gordon Newman has done an excellent job clearing the community garden and it is now clear down to the stream.
  - Marion has arranged that a locked organic bin will be placed at the garden for garden waste to be uplifted from.
  - Agreed that a letter of thanks from SHCC be sent to Gordon as well as £100.
7. Road Signage and Safety – Lucy had asked for this to be included on the agenda but unfortunately couldn't attend the meeting. Lucy to be asked by email how she wants to take this forward.