

South Harris Community Council Minutes

26/09/2023 in Leverburgh Free Church Hall

Present – Donnie MacDonald – Chair; Marion Morrison – Treasurer; Stephen MacKinnon – Secretary; Cllr Fulton

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

1. Minutes of previous meeting – Proposed by Donnie and seconded by Marion.
2. Matters Arising –
 - Community Garden - £100 paid to Gordon Newman as thanks for his efforts. Organic bin has been delivered for use in garden.
 - Luskentyre Cemetery – David MacLeod of CNES meeting with sub-group of community councils re wording on signage approaching road end and at cemetery. There will be at least 6 spaces marked out for use of cemetery visitors on days with no funerals. On days of funerals there will be further signage at road end and at cemetery. Discussions ongoing over wardens.
 - Play park – It looks like there is money within CNES for upgrading play park equipment so proposal to bring play park under the Hub has been postponed for the moment. Harris Forum Chair and Development Officer confirmed at meeting last night that proposed Leverburgh play park works are a top priority in the Harris Plan and are ahead of the two Tarbert play park projects. Grant to contact Catriona MacLennan for update.
 - Road Signage – Clachan corner and Dunmore Crescent were previously identified as dangerous and requiring of road signage and possibly speed humps. Police are not visible in Harris to deter speeding. Grant to raise within Community Safety Committee and Donnie to contact Lucy to ask if there were any other issues identified.
3. Community Skips –
 - The use of community skips across the Western Isles could be suspended from the beginning of October amid concerns over the cross contamination of waste. This move comes ahead of the expected release of new guidance by SEPA on the collection, treatment and disposal of Waste Upholstered Domestic Seating (WUDS).
 - Marion to phone Iain Campbell at CNES for further information.
4. Housing Update –
 - Donnie attended Sustainable Development Committee meeting last week where CNES and HHP are working to update 5 year SHIP plan, as well as the annual housing position update.
 - John MacIver of HHP updated Donnie that HHP are on course to appoint a contractor but have to follow due diligence.
 - It's expected to be at least another 3 to 4 weeks.
5. Rodel Toilets –
 - Mairead to be sent card thanking her for her service in cleaning and maintaining the Rodel toilets.
 - Marion has highlighted the puddle on the road next to toilets to CNES.

- A rota is required for cleaning up until the end of the season. Funding will then be required to pay a cleaner next season. Grant has sent details of CLLD Small Grants Fund round.
6. Thanks to Councillors – Donnie formally thanked Grant and Paul for all their help over his term as Chair of SHCC.
 7. Future Meetings – Election is taking place in early October. It was agreed that after the inaugural meeting meetings should be held every two months with dates set in advance, unless there is reason to hold any meetings in between.