

# **SANDWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

## **MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING**

**HELD AT 7.30PM ON TUESDAY 1<sup>st</sup> October 2024**

**WITHIN THE UPSTAIRS MEETING ROOM, SANDWICK  
HALL**

**Sederunt:** - Bob Walker, Chairperson, Anna MacFarlane, Treasurer, Rosemary MacRitchie, Donald MacDonald,

**Councillors:** - George Murray, Frances Murray

**Apologies:** - Nicola MacSween, Rhoda MacKenzie Cllr. Rae MacKenzie,

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** - The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2024 which had been circulated prior to the meeting, were adopted as a true record. Proposed by Anna MacFarlane seconded Bob Walker

### **MATTERS ARISING: -**

**Ferry Services:** - The meeting voiced concerns that it was always the Lochboisdale – Oban ferry route that was targeted if there were any problems in the rest of the fleet. The meeting agreed that Cal Mac need to look at the way they pull ferries away from their normal routes to subsidies other at such short notice. Concerns were also raised about the lack of urgency by Stornoway Port Authority to get the Passenger Link Span at the Ferry Terminal. The meeting was advised that there may be a vehicle in place to take luggage on board to save passengers carrying the luggage up step stairs. The meeting was advised that a passenger had injured herself whilst descending the stairway. Bob was requested to write to Alex MacLeod, CEO, Stornoway Port Authority, for an update on the progress of getting the Link Span operational.

**Retain on Agenda**

**Point & Sandwick Trail:** - Nicola could not make this meeting and there was no further update since last meeting.

**Retain on Agenda**

**Sandwick Hub:** - Bob advised the meeting that there had been a public meeting by the Sandwick Hub Committee. A full briefing was by Sandy MacKenzie, Chairperson on the progress to date. There was also an update by representatives of An Lanntair who explained their role in the project. Architectural drawings were also produced of plans for the Sandwick Hub. Following full and frank discussions it was unanimously agreed by all present that this should be progressed for the benefit of the Sandwick area residents and those from further afield.

**Retain on Agenda**

**Community Council Finance:** - Anna reported that the account still stood at £8346.40p.

**Retain on Agenda**

**Local Place Plan:** - No further progress made. The closing date is September 2025.

**Retain on Agenda**

**Spiorad na Mara:** - This is presently out for consultation at various venues throughout the Isle of Lewis. The last venue in the Stornoway area will be held in the Caberfeidh Hotel, Stornoway between 10am and 2pm on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2024. Full discussion took place and the Committee agreed to await the outcome of the consultation process.

**Retain on Agenda**

**Lewis Hub 400Kv Substation:** - A public consultation will be held at the Caberfeidh Hotel on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

**Retain on Agenda**

**AOCB:** - There being no further business the meeting was closed

**Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

