

<b>Minute/Note of Meeting</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>SCALPAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING</b>		
	<b>DATE</b>	<b>Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> Nov 2024</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>6pm</b>
	<b>VENUE</b>	<b>Scalpay Community Centre</b>		
	<b>DISTRIBUTION :</b>	<b>Scalpay CC, CNES, CLLRS P Finnegan &amp; K McLeod</b>		

<b>Present:</b>	Shaun Bloomfield (SB) Jacqui Brookes (JB) Fiona Lassen (FL), Sheila Roderick (SR), Michael Hunter (MH)(Scalpay Common Grazings); Member of Public
<b>Apologies:</b>	Bryan McDiarmid (BM); Jeremy Wheeler (JW)

Item	Summary and Action	Who?	When?
<b>1</b>	<b>Welcome &amp; Apologies</b> Chaired by (SB) meeting opened at 6pm due to clash with Harris Forum mtg at 7pm; Apologies from (BM) & (JW)		
<b>2</b>	<b>Minutes of Previous Meeting</b> Proposed: SR Seconded: FL		
<b>3</b>	<b>Michael Hunter invited from Scalpay Common Grazings</b> MH, representing Scalpay Common Grazings, agreed to attend the mtg to offer assistance with questions raised by residents regarding, eg livestock in the village and on the island in general, damage to property, sheep marking/tagging and closed township options. Tagging/marking of sheep is not required until after 9 months, and the sheep colour mark refers to the crofter/owner. Changing from open to closed township, aside from any legal framework and consensus as to if required, would require acceptance, acknowledgment, agreement and potentially financial input from shareholders and 40 croft owners/tenants. Very generally, and not specific to open or closed township issues, if your house is on a feu, the responsibility is on the house owner to fence to keep out livestock/animals, this is a general UK wide principle and not specific to crofting. For damage to vehicles on roads or carparks, the principle of "at owners risk" appears to be the main "grey" area that this comes into, there maybe others but one suggestion would be to have signage to this effect, either at a carpark, outside a business or even at the bridge to inform vehicle owners that this is an open township etc. These principles affect visitors and residents. This is a condensed narrative of the meeting but it captures the most important elements.		
<b>4</b>	<b>Matters Arising not on the Agenda</b> Discussion on what the CC could do to assist people who are suffering from immediate fuel poverty, and JB suggested eg a bag of coal to those who feel it would help, notwithstanding there would be residents who decline, or require an alternative to coal. Suggestions as to how this could be administered wld be required, if deemed worthy of further consideration.		
<b>5</b>	<b>Treasurer's Report</b> Fiona reported that a Replacement Signatories form has been completed and sent to Bank of Scotland Business Banking. As soon as we have confirmation that the account is active, payments will be made to the Harris Football Club £500; HVS £20 and Nth Harris Trust for the Wreath. Rachel Plant, who runs the Scalpay children's activity club, has not yet submitted a formal request for funding. (SB) to follow up with Rachel. As soon as Fiona can access the bank statements for the last financial year, she will submit them, with the accounts, to the Comhairle so that we can get our £1000 annual grant.		
<b>6</b>	<b>Councillor Updates</b> No councillors attended, but it was agreed that the Clerk would send a list of questions out so that the community has some feedback on certain issues, such as ongoing bridge maintenance, street lighting and road maintenance		
<b>7</b>	<b>AOCB</b> It was agreed that at least 3 future meeting dates would be agreed upon and included on the printed minutes.		
<b>8</b>	<b>DATE OF NEXT Mtgs</b> <b>7pm for- Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> January 2025, Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2025 and potential date for AGM Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April</b>		