

SANDWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT 7.30PM ON TUESDAY 18th MARCH 2024
WITHIN THE UPSTAIRS MEETING ROOM, SANDWICK HALL

Sederunt: Mike Smith, Rosemary MacRitchie & Bob Walker(Chair)

Councillors: Angus McCormack & George Murray

Attendee: Kirsten MacInnes,

Apologies: Nicola MacSween, Anna MacFarlane, Donald MacDonald, Rhoda MacKenzie Cllr. Rae MacKenzie & Francis Murray.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 6th February 2024 were accepted as a true record. Proposed by Mike Smith and seconded by Rosemary MacRitchie.

Matters Arising:

Posthumous Award WW2: Cllr McCormack informed the meeting that he is awaiting for Ginny to return to the Island to progress the Memorial Plaque

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Association of Community Councils: The Chair advised the meeting that this Association is no longer in existence. He stated that he was very disappointed that as we were members of the Association we had not been contacted by the Chairperson or the Secretary of the Association regarding this.

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GDPR: The Chair advised that this matter should be deleted until we get an update from CnES. All present agreed.

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Local Electricity Bill: Still going through Parliament. Until we get an update on this matter it is to be deleted from Agenda.

Delete from Agenda

Ferry Services: This is an ongoing issue. Continual amendments to timetables and breakdowns is not acceptable to the Western Isles Communities. Some Island communities are now without ferries for days. Bob to try and get the Association of Community Councils to restart and raise this with the Scottish Government.

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Point and Sandwick Trail: Councillor McCormack thanked the Community Council for their kind donation of £2000.00. The upgrade to the path at Sandwick Cemetery should have commenced but due to weather it was unable to go ahead.

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Sandwich Hub: Cllr. Angus McCormack advised the meeting that the Committee are continue to work hard on this project. They are in Discussions with An Lanntair regarding a small arts centre. Although consultations have taken place a compromise will have to be reached regarding this project.

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Local Place Plan: Mairi MacIver to be asked to attend the next meeting of Sandwich Community Council.

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Project List: No response from SHARE. Item to be deleted until a response is received

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Finance: Anna MacFarlane, Treasurer was unable to attend the meeting. Update will be given at the next meeting.

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Percival Square Stornoway: It is anticipated that the toilets will be open prior to the first cruise liners arrival. Various ways are being looked at to counter the youths gathering in the area and causing serious damage to the toilets.

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CnES Waste Disposal/Recycling: Cllr George Murray will advise the next meeting.

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Braighe: Dog Fouling: This issue has now ran its course and will be monitored in the future.

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SSE Interconnector Building: SSE are no longer progressing with this at the location specified.

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Traffic Management Issues/Driver Behaviour: Sandwich East Street. This issue is still being monitored by the local Police and CnES.

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Donation to Sandwich Hall: Bob advised the meeting that he had presented a cheque to Christina, SHARE and she was extremely happy with the donation received from Sandwich Community Council.

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Date of Next Meeting: 7.30pm on Monday 13th May 2024

There being no further business the Chairperson closed the meeting and wished everyone present a safe journey home.