

SANDWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD AT 7.30PM ON TUESDAY 25th JUNE 2024

WITHIN THE UPSTAIRS MEETING ROOM, SANDWICK HALL

Sederunt: - Bob Walker, Chairperson, Anna MacFarlane, Treasurer, Rhoda MacKenzie, Vice Chairperson.

Councillors: - George Murray

Apologies: - Nicola MacSween, Mike Smith, Cllr. Angus McCormack, Cllr. Rae MacKenzie, Cllr. Francis Murray

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:- The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 28th May 2024, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, were adopted as a true record. Proposed by Anna MacFarlane seconded by Bob Walker.

MATTERS ARISING:-

Ferry Services: - Bob advised the meeting that he had contacted Stornoway Port Authority regarding the access via the walkway which had been out of commission since December 2023. He received a reply from Mr A MacLeod Chief Executive stated that this was an ongoing priority for the Port Authority and are continuing to work hard to resolve the issue with the walkway as soon as possible.

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Point & Sandwick Trail: -

Aird/Sheshader and Black Sandie is the committee's priority. Work has started on the route that will restore old croft access routes as well as the old school path from Sheshader to Aird community hub. A subsequent route will enable easier access to Black Sandie headland. Works are progressing efficiently given the driest conditions. Once completed it will be possible to walk the circular route from Shuilshader to Flesherin and with care, from Sheshader to Bayble.

The Braighe route is currently awaiting the PAB meeting; scheduled for June 2024.

E Bikes: A very successful “Try Out” session was held at the Beacon Café, Aird. Undoubtedly down to the café footfall and the weather. The P&ST Trail Ranger set up a similar session at Steinish Mart. This had no accompanying event. Aim is to regroup with a community event alongside at the same venue. The Community Garden maybe a possibility. Any suggestions welcome.

An E-cargo bike is now on loan to Sandwick Bay Candles.

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Sandwick Hub: - No further update

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

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Honorarium: - Bob raised this as he wished the matter to be agreed by all members. Rhoda was the only member in attendance who was not at the last meeting on 28th May 2024 and she agreed to Bob receiving the honorarium.

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Prescription Changes: - Bob had written to Broadbay Medical Practice and received a reply from Stephan Smit. He basically responded by stating that the Practice was not obliged to provide a telephone service for repeat prescriptions. The main reason to close was the focus around workload and efficiency.

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AOCB

There being no AOCB the meeting was closed.

Date of Next Meeting - 20th August 2024

