SANDWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 7.30PM ON TUESDAY 14th JANUARY 2025 WITHIN THE UPSTAIRS MEETING ROOM, SANDWICK HALL

Sederunt: - Bob Walker, Chairperson, Rosemary MacRitchie, Micheal Smith, Joanne O'Donnell, Kirsten MacInnes Community Development Worker.

Councillors: - Cllr. Frances Murray

Apologies: - Nicola MacSween, Rhoda MacKenzie, Anna MacFarlane, Donald MacDonald, Cllr. Rae MacKenzie, Cllr Angus McCormack, Cllr George Murray.

Prior to the meeting going forward Bob informed the meeting that Sandwick Community Council had for years tried to get a representative from the Parkend area to be a member of the Community Council. Joanne O'Donnell, Chairperson, Parkend Residents Association had attended the meeting of 19th November 2024.

Bob informed the meeting that he would like to nominate if Joanne was agreeable to coopted as a member of Sandwick Community Council. All present agreed. Bob informed the meeting that although Rhoda and Anna were unable to attend the meeting, they agreed that Joanne be co-opted as a member of Sandwick Community Council.

Joanne kindly accepted the nomination to be co-opted.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting: - The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 19th November 2024 which had been circulated prior to the meeting, were adopted as a true record. Proposed by Michael Smith seconded by Rosemary MacRitchie.

MATTERS ARISING: -

Ferry Services: - Bob informed the meeting that he had written to Stornoway Port Authority regarding the Passenger access ramp, but had not received any reply

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Point & Sandwick Trail: - Nicola could not make this meeting and there was no further update since last meeting. (Unfortunately, did not receive response until I got home after the meeting.

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Sandwick Hub: No further update at present on this.

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Community Council Finance: - Anna was unable to attend the meeting but there had been no payments made. The account still stood at £8346.40p.

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Local Place Plan: - Mike to Planning aid. Rosemary to invite Angela MacRitchie to a meeting.

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Spiorad na Mara: - Awaiting the planning application to be submitted for Sandwick Community Council can respond to the application.

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Lewis Hub 400Kv Substation: - Following a full and frank discussion Bob was instructed to write to Kevin Morrison SSEN and invite them to attend our next meeting on 18th February 2025.

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AOCB: -

Melbost West – Housing Development: Following on from the first consultation Bob and Mike to write to both Hebridean Housing Partnership and Stornoway Trust regarding the views of Sandwick Community Councils views on this proposed scheme.

Date of Next Meeting – 18th February 2025