

SHAWBOST COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Monday 13th January 2025

Raebhat House

1. Present and Apologies

CC: Donald MacKinnon (Chair), Kathleen Macrae (Treasurer), Peigi Ann Shields, Norman Campbell, Donna Morrison, Kayleigh Macleod & Donna MacLennan

Apologies:- Euan Macleod, Effie MacDonald, Cllr Kenny Macleod & Cllr John MacLeod

Councilor's:- Donald MacSween

Members of the community: - None present

2. Minute of meeting on 10th December 2024.

Approved by Kathleen Macrae, seconded by Peigi Ann Shields

3. Matters Arising from Minute

South Bragar Grazings -Donald has been in touch with South Bragar Grazing but no meeting is planned yet.

North Shawbost shore bridge - Angus Gillies (CNES) did an inspection (11.12.24) at the North Shawbost shore bridge but there was no significant deterioration. It is on a 6 month list for inspection. There is some steel work corrosion. It would need only remedial works to remove the sand that has built upon the sides.

War memorial – planning has been approved.

Bragar Cemetery – no updated news.

Community Bins - Donald has not heard back from signage regarding the bins.

Arnol Speed Limit – reported that the Comhairle intend to do a report for the whole island. Next meeting is in February.

Bragar Slipway – Donald has spoken to Brownie. It was the Westside Association who took to do with the slipway but they folded when the Bragar & Arnol Community Trust came into being who were then to take on the slipway. There was a committee when it was built in 2001. Suggested that a meeting for interested users should be called to discuss it.

N4 Community Benefit Fund - There will be a consultation starting in the next couple of weeks being carried out by Aquatera Ltd (consultants appointed by Northland) on the

proposed £4.5million/ year community benefit fund. This will include governance, how the fund could be used and distributed. It will be for the benefit of wards 6-7 (Ness to Uig). This consultation is separate from Northland's formal consultation on the proposed windfarm development.

4. Finance

In bank at present is £5,955.65. We have outstanding invoices to pay.

Accounts & AGM. As we were only formed in November 2023 there was no AGM last year but we are having one this year. Kathleen to check with Shona at CNES for advice on AGM.

Our minutes are to be sent to Shona at CNES and she will see that they are put up on CNES website.

5. N4 Public Meeting

Donald has emailed Alasdair Allan and he is not able to attend our public meeting. He did say that many have been in touch with him and conveyed their opinion to him and N4.

Torcuil Crichton is willing to attend. Date and time Thursday 6th February @ 7pm at Ionad Siabost. Invites to go out to Paul Steele, Barvas Estate and Dalmore Estate (Miles Bremner). Angus Macdonald (ex BBC) to be asked if he would chair the meeting.

The councilors to be sent a formal invitation to be on the panel. A call to go out to the community asking for questions before hand.

6. Secretary Arrangements

Euan is hopeful to come back to the CC. We will formalise something meantime.

Kathleen to speak to Shona (CNES) on options and to see if they have a job description.

All committee members to be asked if they want to do it temporarily. Example of organisations having previously fulfilled this role were discussed.

7. AOCB

Alicia Matthews has intimated that she wishes to step down. The committee wish to thank her for her contribution.

Horshader Invoices – We have had 3 invoices from HCDT. Two for £50 and one for £30.

Donna to look into the charges as they are very high.

Gas delivery. Peigi Ann spoke of the problem Grinneabhat is having getting gas delivered. Sweeney said that the problem has been raised at CNES. Peigi Ann to send Donald dates when there was problems and he will pass onto Sweeny.

8. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 10th March @ 7.30pm