

SANDWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD AT 7.30PM ON TUESDAY 29th April 2025

WITHIN THE UPSTAIRS MEETING ROOM, SANDWICK HALL

Sederunt: - Bob Walker, Chairperson, Anna MacFarlane , Treasurer Rosemary MacRitchie, Donald MacDonald.

Councillors: - Kirsten MacInnes, Nicola MacSween, Michael Smith, Joanne O'Donnell, Rhoda MacKenzie

Councillors: - Angus McCormack, Rae MacKenzie, Frances Murray.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting: - The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 23rd March 2025, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, were adopted as a true record. Proposed by Donald MacDonald and seconded by Rosemary MacRitchie.

Memorial Plaque: - Cllr. McCormack was unable to attend the meeting but informed Bob that he was going to meet up with Ginny Hutchison in May when she returns to the island.

Ferry Services: - No further update.

Point & Sandwich Trail: Nicola forwarded the following prior to the meeting: -Just heard from Alisdair Nicholson that a funding bid for the Steinish to Sandwich section has been lodged with Path for All. They have been keen to receive this and if successful works will be onsite and completed this financial year.

Tony Robson (Holm) has compiled a "Stornoway Circular" route that includes the completed Trail sections at Lower Sandwich to Stoneyfield and the lolaire as well as Steinish.

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Sandwick Hub: The decision has been made that the building is to be purchased. Presently not known the extent of Ann Lantair's involvement will be. Nursery to be held in the Hall and will and the Scout Hall model would be ideal. Point and Sandwick Trust to fund a Project Manager.

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Community Council Finance: - Anna reported to the Community Council regarding a possible fraud. This involved the Community Council's account when she received notification from the bank sent to her home address with the name Keith Sanderson. This also included a bank Card. She advised the meeting that she had contacted Bob who advised that she contact the bank immediately. This she had done but was not impressed with the way the bank dealt with this. The matter is still ongoing, and the outcome will be reported back to the Council.

The Sandwick Community Council's account presently stands £12,729.72p

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Local Place Plan: Mike to progress this.

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Spiorad na Mara: - No further update available

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Lewis Hub 400Kv Substation: Sandwick Community Council has lodged its objection to Western Isles Council.

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Melbost West – Housing Development: - Awaiting for the planning application to be submitted to the Western Isles Council.

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Flooding Mossend: - Delete from agenda. Waiting for the whins to be cut back to the fence line on the Stornoway side of the road.

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Facebook Page: - To be progressed

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AOCB: - None

Date of Next Meeting – 27th May 2025