

South Harris Community Council Minutes

03/09/2024 in South Harris Free Church Hall

Present – Donnie MacDonald – Chair; Lucy Duff – Vice-Chair; Marion Morrison – Treasurer; Stephen MacKinnon – Secretary; Bob Chaffer; Patricia Martin; Effie MacLeod; Julian Saurin; Etta Olley

1. Apologies – Cllr Paul Finnegan; Cllr Kenny MacLeod; Caroline Chaffer
2. Minutes of last meeting 05/08/2024 were proposed by Bob and seconded by Donnie.
3. Matters Arising – Northton road re-surfacing to begin in October.
4. New Co-Opted Member – Lucy proposed Etta Olley as a new co-opted member, this was seconded by Marion. Donnie welcomed Etta to the Community Council.
Stephen to contact CNES.
5. Nursery –
 - Currently operating 3 days a week for this term. The finishing time each day has been flexible but there is now sufficient cover in place to provide the full 3 days.
 - The full-time job has not been re-advertised yet.
 - Parent Council due to meet in next couple of weeks. It was agreed that if they wish to make a formal complain to the CNES Chief Executive – South Harris Community Council would provide full support and co-sign the letter. **Lucy to report back from Parent Council meeting for next steps.**
 - A public meeting was also suggested.
6. Housing Project Update –
 - Groundworks are ongoing.
 - There was a complaint made about the speed of the lorries on the west side of Harris. Donnie met the foreman where it was agreed there was a problem, this has now been addressed.
 - The Clachan corner and speed through Leverburgh were also raised as issues.
7. Beach E-Coli Update – Sub-group is still investigating and waiting on receiving further information. Nothing further to report currently.
8. A.O.C.B –
 - Playpark – No further information has been received. **Cllr Finnegan to be asked for any updates – Stephen**
 - Finances - £3,268 in bank account. Still waiting on £1,000 admin grant from CNES.
 - Agreed that £250 to be paid to Shonnie at Pier for looking after Community Skip.
 - Agreed to pay Gordon Newman £100 for his ongoing hard work in the South Harris Community Garden.
 - Rodel Toilets – **Donnie to order replacement cash box. Once it arrives, Bob and Julian to put up both cash boxes.** New doors expected in next few days and will be installed. **Marion to chase up HVS funding for Rodel Toilets.**
 - HVS and Volunteer Centre – It was suggested that the HVS and Volunteer Centre Development Managers Juliette and Kath could be invited to future meeting to discuss a number of issues including: a South Harris equivalent of Tarbert in Bloom, repurposing of phone boxes as information points, and Christmas lights money for South Harris. **Stephen will make contact.**

- Police – **Donnie to visit Police Station in Stornoway to invite Chief Inspector as well as the Harris Police Officer to a future meeting.**

Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 5th November 2024 at 7.30pm in Leverburgh Free Church Hall.