

# **SANDWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

## **MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING**

**HELD AT 7.30PM ON TUESDAY 27<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

### **WITHIN THE UPSTAIRS MEETING ROOM, SANDWICK HALL**

**Sederunt:** - Bob Walker, Chairperson, Michael Smith, Vice Chairperson, Anna MacFarlane, Treasurer, Rosemary MacRitchie, Donald MacDonald, Joanne O'Donnell

**Councillors:** - Angus McCormack

**Apologies:** - Cllrs. Rae MacKenzie, Frances Murray, George Murray, Nicola MacSween, Kirsten MacInnes

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** - The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2025, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, were adopted as a true record. Proposed by Donald MacDonald and seconded by Anna MacFarlane

#### **Matters Arising**

**Memorial Plaque:** - Cllr. McCormack produced a photograph of the proposed Plaque. He advised the meeting that he had invited Ginny to the meeting but unfortunately dates were mixed up. It was unanimously decided that the memorial plaque should proceed to the next stage.

**Retain on Agenda**

**Ferry Services:** - Once again, the matter of the Passenger access system within the ferry terminal was discussed and Bob to write to Stornoway Port Authority regarding the communities feelings on this matter. It is 18months since the PAS came out of action with no response by Stornoway Port Authority regarding the repair or replacement of the PAS. Bob also to write to Caledonian MacBrayne regarding there computerised booking system stating false information regarding product availability.

**Retain on Agenda**

**Point & Sandwick Trail:** Path extension from Steinish to Sandwick with the Planning Dept

**Retain on Agenda**

**Sandwick Hub:** - Community is now preparing to purchase Sandwick School. An Lannair is going to meet once again with the Sandwick Hub Committee.

**Retain on Agenda**

**Community Council Finance:** - Anna informed the meeting that Sandwick Community Council's account presently stands £12,729.72p

**Retain on Agenda**

**Local Place Plan:** Bob to contact Mairi MacIver regarding this matter.

**Retain on Agenda**

**Spiorad na Mara:** - Further consultation to take place at the Caberfeidh Hotel.

**Retain on Agenda**

**Lewis Hub 400Kv Substation:** - Awaiting date of Planning Committee meeting.

**Retain on Agenda**

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

**Retain on Agenda**

**Flooding Mossend:** -Whins now cut back.

**Delete from Agenda**

**Facebook Page:** - Rosemary to progress and also possible Logo for Sandwick CC

**Retain on Agenda**

**AOCB:** - The meeting was advised that 39 beds were lost due to Blar Bhuide closing. A further 27 beds were presently being blocked due to patients being unable to source residential care or home care facilities. Some are being offered care in Tarbert or Leverburgh. This issue to be progressed at the next meeting.

**Date of Next Meeting – 24<sup>th</sup> June 2025**

