

SANDWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD AT 7.30PM ON TUESDAY 24th JUNE 2025

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

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

Councillors: - Councillor Frances Murray

Apologies: - Cllrs. Rae MacKenzie, George Murray, Kirsten MacInnes

Minutes of the Previous Meeting: - The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 27th May 2025, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, were adopted as a true record. Proposed by Rosemary MacRitchie and seconded by Anna MacFarlane

Matters Arising

Memorial Plaque: - Bob showed different styles of the memorial plaque and it was decided that the figure head and lettering would be bronze with an oval shaped mounting board. It was proposed that following consultation by Bob to inform Ginny of the style of Plaque we required we would hope to hold the unveiling of the memorial plaque on Tuesday 11th November 2025 with a luncheon/dinner after with a possible Ceilidh.

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Ferry Services: - The Community Council continued to voice their concerns regarding the Passenger Access Ramp. The main concern was the lack of openness by Stornoway Port Authority, and it was viewed that the Authorities priorities seemed to be getting the infrastructure for cruise ships to be in place and that the PAS was secondary.

Concerns were also raised regarding a cruise ship being in port and that passengers were allowed to leave the ship with illness on board. This ship should have been quarantined until the source and if the illness was transmittable.

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Point & Sandwich Trail:- Steinish to Sandwich Path presently with the Planning Department for approval.

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Sandwich Hub: - This is now progressing and An Lanntair are presently discussing with the Committee the way forward for them.

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

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

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Spiorad na Mara: - Bob attended one of the consultation meetings and was very disappointed with the style of presentations. He felt that this was just a publicity consultation. When asking questions you were having 4 answering. In the end he was so frustrated and disappointed about the standard of the representatives that he walked out.

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

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

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Association of Community Councils : - This is ongoing.

Facebook Page: - Rosemary to progress and possible Logo for Sandwich CC

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AOCB:-

20mph Speed Restriction on East Street, Sandwich: - Calum Macleod CNES had asked for the Community Councils view on a 20mph speed restriction on East Street from the junction to Sandwich Hall and the junctions with Lower Sandwich and North Street. Following a lengthy discussion, it was the opinion of all those present that this was unnecessary. There is a 30mph restriction in place and unless this new restriction was properly policed the drivers that are currently flaunting the law would continue to do so.

Grass Cutting: - Bob requested that grass cutting be carried out on from the junction of Mossend to the bridge across the canal on Anderson Road to so that traffic have a clear view of the road from the junction towards the bridge. He requested that if this is to be carried out he requested that the verge from the Mossend Junction towards Sandwich Cemetery be asl carried out at this time.

Date of meeting would be notified to all after the summer holidays.