

Meeting of Shawbost Community Council
7.30pm on Tuesday 12 March 2024
Grinneabhat, Bragar

Present:

Community Council Members: Peigi Ann Shields, Euan MacLeod, Donald Mackinnon, Kathleen Macrae, Donna MacIennan, Tarmod Campbell, Effie Macdonald, Kaleigh Macleod, Cllr Donald MacSween, Donna Morrison.

From the community: Marion Mackay, Angela Morrison, Peter Borthwick.

Apologies:

Kenny Macleod, John Norman Macleod, Alicia Matthews,

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Minutes of the 16 January Meeting were proposed for approval by Donna and seconded by Donald.

Matters arising:

- Arnol Speed Limit:

Cllr MacSween advised on road safety issues that have concerned another local community council. We still intend to contact the appropriate officer at CNES to discuss the issue and get advice on what our next steps should be.

- Northland Power Project:

We were contacted by representatives of the two other community councils that make up the Taobh Siar agus Nis ward regarding the Northland project. They propose that the community councils come together to discuss the development of the project, its potential impact, and the best way to represent the interests of the local communities as the situation progresses. We agreed to meet with the other community councils whenever convenient.

- Communications/Social Media

The CNES webpage which shows the approved meeting minutes of all community councils is currently inactive due to the recent cyber attack. As such, we will post approved meeting minutes to the Shawbost Community Council facebook page.

- Coastal Walk route – North Shawbost to Arnol

We agreed to proceed with the coastal walk upgrade project. Initial steps will be to contact local stakeholders (estate, local development groups), and get a better estimate of costs.

Financial Matters

Kathleen has opened a new bank account with Bank of Scotland. The new account has a debit card and internet banking facility. At the moment the account has no funds but we will transfer the remaining funds from the former community council bank account, £5,020.65. Kathleen also spoke to CNES about funding available to community councils; these grants are normally payable on receipt of end of year accounts, but a council officer is looking into our eligibility. Donald thanked Kathleen for the progress.

Cllr MacSween suggested a Challenge Fund, up to £1k per annum.

Invoices for room hire will be forwarded to Kathleen to be paid once funds are in place.

Any Other Business:

- We will contact Paul Steele to request feedback from the CNES budget meeting in Barvas, November 2023. No feedback has been received to date.
- A Bragar resident has raised concerns about parked cars blocking Doune Road, resulting in large vehicles reversing out onto the main road. We will seek advice from HHP.
- A recently installed sign (with info on traoin/corncrakes) is affecting visibility for drivers using the Gearradh Buidhe road in Shawbost.

We will investigate and raise concerns to the group responsible for the signage.

- There are a few areas with overgrown verges that may be causing flooding on the road surface. Concern was also raised regarding the condition of the bridge providing access to the shore in North Shawbost. We will contact the appropriate officer at CNES.

Date of Next Meeting

7.30pm Tuesday 14 May – Venue tbc