

SHAWBOST COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Tuesday 8th October 2024

1. Present & Apologies:-

CC:- Donald Mackinnon (Chair), Kathleen Macrae (Treasurer), Norman Campbell (Vice Chair), Effie Macdonald, Donna Morrison, Kayleigh Macleod & Donna MacLennan (Minutes).

Apologies: – Euan Macleod (Secretary), Peigi Ann Shields, Alicia Matthews & Cllr Kenny Macleod

Councillors:- Donald Macsween & John N Macleod.

Community Residents:- Richard Greenslade, Alex Stewart, Peter & Elaine Borthwick.

2. Minutes of Meeting 13th August 2024.

Minutes approved by Kathleen Macrae and seconded by Norman Campbell.

3. Matters arising –

Donald to chase a point about Northland having compulsory purchase powers.

Organising a meeting with representatives to be discussed later.

South Bragar Machar Bridge - Richard said it is in a state of disrepair and should be closed. Donald got in touch with Grazing Committee. CC are happy to take a project forward to repair it. A meeting to be organised with reps from CC and CG to find out how much we can contribute towards it. On Common Grazing Cllr Macsween proposed CAGS. There is a need for a follow-on meeting. Grazing said bridge was funded by a one-off fund. CG does not feel it is something they use. You can not get a quad over it. It is 6 meters and is repairable. RG has done an indicative report. Best to close, but whoever takes that action will be liable for it.

Richard Greenslade from CG, Kathleen, Donald & Tormod from CC and a representative from the Estate to have a meeting to discuss the bridge. RG left the meeting.

Technical Services will have a report re the North Shawbost bridge.

War memorial planning has been submitted to CNES.

CC to write to planning re the Bragar cemetery as it is on hold for the extension due to them wanting a SEPA report and an archaeological report.

Bragar Shore Road – Donald awaiting response from CNES.

Donald to get in touch with Iain Norman re signage for bins.

4. Finance - Current balance - £5,955.65 – Only expense is room hires for meetings.

5. Crown Estate Funding – Donald has circulated a note on a meeting he had with Ness and Airidhantuim CC.

The Crown Estate Funding worked well till there was an issue. It was thought that councillors received training on how to allocate funds but this was not the case. This year there was £75/80K but more than that was requested by organisations. They do not know how much will be allocated in next years budget.

A lengthy discussion followed due to Arnol Gateway not receiving any funding. Lessons have been learned and hopefully the process will be smoother next year.

6 - Local Place Plans – Donald was at a meeting to do with local place plans. If local plan says housing is a priority, then planners would have to think of that. There are guidelines for local plans to be accepted at CNES planning. We would need to find out what organisations are doing in the area. Sometimes geography's can overlap. HCDT , Barvas Estate & Grinneabhat– to be contacted to see if they have any plans in place.

7. Planning Applications – Donald has sent payment request to John Smith today for Westside War Memorial.

8 - AOCB –

Speeding in Arnol. Arnol & Galson do not have speed limits. There is a change in policy so it might be a good time to apply again. Maybe on our Facebook page we could mention speeding in Arnol. DML to get in touch with Calum Mackenzie at CNES re speeding in Arnol .

Facilitate a community meeting with representatives from the Estates, CNES, MP & MSP to discuss the N4 proposal. Dates looked at were Friday the 24th or 31st of January 2025. Donald to email MSP & MP.

Donald to speak to John Smith re the slipway in Bragar – maybe get a group together who use it to form a group to look at it.

9. Date of next meeting;- Tuesday 10th December 2024 @7.30pm in Grinneabhat.