

Meeting of Shawbost Community Council
7.30pm on Tuesday 16 January 2024
Raebhat, Shawbost

Present:

Community Council Members: Peigi Ann Shields, Euan MacLeod, Donald Mackinnon, Alicia Matthews, Kathleen Macrae, Donna MacLennan.

From the community:

Cllr John Norman Macleod

Apologies:

Donna Morrison, Norman Campbell, Kenny Macleod, Effie Macdonald, Kaleigh Macleod, Donald MacSween, Tarmod Campbell.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Minutes of the 4 December Meeting were approved.

Matters arising:

- **Arnol Speed Limit:**

John Norman recognised the amount of work that had already taken place regarding efforts to set new speed limits for both the main road and village road in Arnol. The community has been fully supportive of the proposed change. John Norman suggested we contact CNES and local police officers.

We agreed to contact the appropriate officer at CNES to discuss the issue and get advice on what our next steps should be.

- **Response to Marine Scotland:**

Our response was submitted before the deadline. Everyone thanked Alicia for preparing the response document. We will share the document with the local councillors.

- **2024 Priorities**

We discussed several of the project ideas raised at the last meeting. Donna will try to find out who has responsibility for the now-closed public toilets at the old church/museum near Shawbost primary school. Other local community groups are currently managing public toilet facilities.

- Defibrillators

Horshader Community Development intend to run defibrillator training sessions. We will help to share news of the sessions once they have been advertised.

- Communications/Social Media

We discussed the best approach to publicising minutes, agendas, and other community council information. Input sent by whatsapp from other members of the community council was also considered.

Minutes must be made public via the CNES website (although the site is currently not working). Beyond this, we agreed to post a draft agenda to the Shawbost Community Council facebook page a few days prior to the meeting.

Our meetings will be held every second month, on the second Tuesday of the month. This gives us a programme of meetings: 12 March, 14 May, 9 July.

- Coastal Walk route – North Shawbost to Arnol

Part of the route (North Shawbost to South Bragar) was assessed. Few of the waymarkers are still standing. The stiles are also in very poor condition. We agreed to create a simple project plan to upgrade the coastal walk; this may be a good, relatively small project to embark on, and a good opportunity to work in partnership with local stakeholders (e.g. the estate, crofters, other community groups). We will work on a plan.

Financial Matters

Kathleen reported the advice given by CNES regarding financial management. We agreed to set up a new bank account. Once the bank

account has been established, we will transfer the balance from the old community council account. Donald, Euan, and Alicia were willing to be additional signatories of the new account.

Any Other Business:

- The fund Maoin Beachdan gu Gnìomh is open, but projects must be complete by the end of February. We agreed to contact the fund officer to see if they would fund a feasibility study for the coastal walk project.
- We talked about the skip provision for the area.

Date of Next Meeting

7.30pm Tuesday 12 March – Grinneabhat, Bragar