

Minute/Note of Meeting

TITLE	SCALPAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
DATE & VENUE	Monday, 24th March 2025, 7pm Scalpay Community Centre
DISTRIBUTION :	SCALPAY CC, CNES, Cllrs P Finnegan/K MacLeod

Present:	Shaun Bloomfield (SB) Jacqui Brookes (JB), Fiona Lassen (FL), Jeremy Wheeler (JW), Cllr Kenny MacLeod (KM), Michael Hunter (Grazings Chairman) (MH), Eva Kreileder (EK)(Harris Forum Development Officer HFDO)
Apologies:	Bryan McDiarmid (BM), Sheila Roderick (SR),

Item	Summary and Action
1/2	Welcome and Minutes of Previous Meeting Proposed: (JW) Seconded: (SB)
3	Michael Hunter Attending for CGs Michael Hunter (MH) attended (Chair of Scalpay Grazings Committee) as a request for further information had been requested following suggestions from the Community Harris Forum/Harris Place Plan Mtg of the 4 th February. The suggestion was that volunteers could help to re-instate some of the broken fencing on the CGs. MH said that there were materials left from last year, and that the CGs were about to have their AGM (in 2 days time) and re-election of office bearers so any arrangements for a volunteer group would have to liaise with the new committee, if one was actually formed.
4	Matters Arising not on the Agenda Confirmation of advert for AGM on 28 th April and a copy was put in the notice board. It was proposed and agreed that should there be a community event organised by SCA for VE Day (potentially 10 th May), that a donation be made of £500. It was also suggested that at the AGM the idea of a “Volunteer Day” be organised for Scalpay, maybe once a month or every few months.
5	Treasurer’s Report The Opening Balance is £4446.81, and the Closing Balance is £4596.81. The difference is £150 compensation payment from the Bank of Scotland in respect of our complaint. The revised accounts for 2023/2024 with supporting documentation were re-submitted to the Comhairle. The auditor has approved the accounts and our £1000 will be paid this financial year.
6	Harris Forum Mtg update The “Scalpay” Harris Forum/Harris Place Plan MTG on the 4 th February organised by Eva Kreilder (EK) (HFDO) and with SCC rep. JW, with a few local residents attending. The suggestions will be collated and available to see in Tarbert later in the year, and any final additions included. Suggestions from attendees had included: Community Shop, Pub, Community Centre improvements, tidy up Bayhead, Sheep grazing and fencing. Following grazing’s fence comments by some attendees, it was suggested that a group of volunteers could be found to help patch up some of the fencing. Correspondence will be sent to the new CGs committee after their AGM to discuss this issue.
7	Correspondence None received
8	Cllr Updates (Cllr KM). Bridgeworks have been extended as further work has been uncovered; It was suggested that a representative from Bakkafrust come to the meetings; The Scalpay School project was held up by Title deed/Croft Map issues, but is moving forwards, and it is hoped that an advert for a project manager will soon be put forward; applications are now invited for the Crown Estate Fund.
9	Future Dates Proposed future dates are: Mondays – 2 nd June, 21 st July, 15 th Sept, 17 th Nov, 16 th Feb 2026 and 16 th March 2026.
11	AOB One update on the Community Hall – investigation on how to insulate it and make it better heated are ongoing.
12	DONM Monday 28 th April 7pm for AGM and then followed by normal mtg