

Minute/Note of Meeting

TITLE	SCALPAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
DATE & VENUE	Monday, 27th Jan 2025, 7pm Scalpay Community Centre
DISTRIBUTION :	SCALPAY CC, CNES, Cllrs P Finnegan/K MacLeod

Present:	Shaun Bloomfield (SB) Jacqui Brookes (JB) Bryan McDiarmid (BM) Jeremy Wheeler (JW), Sheila Roderick (SR), Cllr Kenny MacLeod (KM),
Apologies:	Fiona Lassen (FL)

Item	Summary and Action
1/2	Welcome and Minutes of Previous Meeting Proposed: (SR) Seconded: (SB)
3	Matters Arising not on the Agenda None
4	Treasurer's Report Access has been gained to the funds accumulated by the previous SCC. The following agreed upon payments were made in Dec: £500 to Harris Football Club & £500 to the SCA for the children's activities as requested by Rachel Plant £25 to the NHT for Remembrance Day wreath & £40 to HVS (membership fees for 2023/24 and 2024/25). Revised 2023/24 Accounts, and supporting documentation, submitted to the Comhairle for audit. The bank account is now online & accessible with 3 signatories – Chair/Clerk/Treasurer. Op/Bal £5511.81, Cl/Bal £4446.81
5	Community Gritter/Hopper Discussion of a proposal (BM) for a Portable Community Gritter that could service some of the more inaccessible areas of Scalpay. The hopper would be towed behind a vehicle and cost approx. £2000. There are several answers to be sought going forwards to include, where to get the grit from, storage, maintenance etc. The Cllr (KM) agreed that a Community Gritter would be a worthy Community Project and would contact the Comhairle to see if there were any Objections in Principle, and also offered the possibility of a contribution from Ward Funding. It was also suggested that SCA own the Gritter thereby taking on the responsibility of insurance, ownership etc, with payment being made by donation from SCC, and possibly Ward Funding. It was agreed that SCC would write to the Cllrs to make a formal request for this potential contribution.
6	Bakkafrost Planning permission has been sought by Bakkafrost for siting of Petrol and Diesel tanks at Cuddy Point. Cllr KM provided background information on the use of fuel, currently at the Pier, by both Bakkafrost and the fishing vessels. The Cllr would contact the roads department to see if they have been consulted/informed about the condition of the road leading to Cuddy Point. No objections were raised.
7	Harris Forum Mtg on 4th Feb Harris Forum have arranged “drop in” sessions across Harris & Scalpay to discuss the “Local Place Plan” and Scalpay is on Tuesday 4 th Feb from 7-9pm. The mtg is for the community at large. As several SCC members are off island, JW has agreed to represent SCC. The mtg is to discuss if Scalpay would like to put forward its own Place Plan, with a list of suggestions eg. More affordable housing, sheltered housing and care units for example. Information will be gathered and if required a list of suggestions will be put forward for later in the year.
8	Correspondence None received
9	Cllr Updates Following last mtg's request for information, Cllr KM provided updates at the mtg and in writing on the following: further maintenance (bearings) on the bridge is now scheduled to commence on 10 th Feb for 6 wks, with any potential road closures only relating to site setup and dismantle, but currently no closures are expected: streetlights – replacement to the LED heads will only occur when the current light breaks down, and when there are sufficient numbers in an area requiring maintenance an engineer's visit wld potentially be scheduled; the directional sign for the parking area (left off the bridge) is on order; the Harris Roads Team will try and attend to the still outstanding potholes when the weather improves.
10	Future Dates Agreement was made that a list of dates would be put together so that most of the mtgs within the year can be advertised. The AGM was confirmed for the date of Monday 28 th April 7pm with the normal mtg to follow on directly afterwards. The AGM will be advertised in the De tha Dol at the appropriate time.
11	AOB (SR) The Comhairle are asking for applicants for the Children's Panel
12	DONM Monday 24 th March 7pm; AGM Monday 28 th April 7pm followed by normal mtg