

Minutes of Meeting held on 14th July, 2005 in the Community Hall at 7.30 p.m.

Present : Alistair McCowan; Janet Mackay; Juliet Mellor; Murdo Finlayson.

Councillor Ewen Mackinnon; 2 Members of the Public

Apologies from Ishbel Ferguson and George Graham

Minutes of Previous Meeting

These were approved, proposed by Murdo Finlayson, seconded by Janet Mackay.

Treasurer's Report

Balance stands at £1,119.75. Transactions during the month were secretary's expenses of £167.99, mainly associated with the postal ballot.

Applecross Woodlands

There has been no contact with Bob Wilson since the last meeting and it is assumed that he had no progress to report.

Housing Needs Survey

Questionnaires have been issued to all adults in the community as we requested and are due to be returned (to Highland Small Communities Housing Trust) by the end of July.

Community Council Elections 2005

It was noted that there are nine candidates, and an election will take place by postal ballot. Ballot papers and stamped return envelopes have been issued with ballot papers due to be returned to the returning officer no later than 22nd July.

Any Other Competent Business

- a. Wild Camping : It was noted that there is a lot of wild camping around the bay this year and unfortunately vehicles driven off the roads on to grass are causing considerable damage to the grass area. It was considered that some control of these vehicles is desirable.
- b. Caravan at Public Car Park : It was noted that the caravan about which we have previously complained has been moved from adjacent to the public toilets to the opposite corner of the car park only. No action appears to have been taken by Highland Council.
- c. Rubbish Bins : Highland Council has been notified that there is no rubbish bin at Toscaig pier, which is frequented by tourists and that there is now no rubbish bin at Craig Darrach because it has been moved by the 'bin men' to the car park near the post office. We also requested that the bins which were at the

head of the bay and were moved to Clachan after the January storms should be returned but so far there has been no action.

- d. Verge Grass Cutting : The grass verge between Shore Street and Milton has now been strimmed – as we agreed at the last meeting.
- e. Clachan Church : Considerable numbers of visitors have recently complained about the state of Clachan Church. Water is entering the north east corner, there is a hole in the roof visible from inside and window frames are rotten. This building is important in terms of Applecross history, and repair work should be carried out. We also understand that complaints have been addressed to Applecross Trust.
- f. Retiring Councillors : Murdo Finlayson said that he would like to record his appreciation of the service given by those community councillors retiring at this election.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Thursday, 11th August, 2005. The new council will take over at this meeting.

The Chairman thanked all those present for their attendance and the meeting closed at 20.30 hours.

