

Minute of Nigg and Shandwick Community Council meeting 10th December 2024.

1. Welcome – Lee Bruton (Vice-chair) welcomed all those attending and advised that the meeting was going to be recorded for the purpose of taking minutes of proceedings.
2. In attendance – Lee Bruton (Vice-chair), Kath Traquair (secretary), Lorna MacKay (treasurer), Alex Campbell, Andrew Chisholm,

Representative of highland council Maureen Ross – Maureen explained she would have to leave part way through proceedings due to a prior commitment.

3 Apologies Derek Loudon, Laura Dundas, John McKenzie, Emma Regan.

4 Minute of previous meeting – proposed Lorna MacKay, seconded Alex Campbell.

5 Planning update there are no current planning applications outstanding

6 Roads update there continues to be concern about the damaged culverts at Shandwick. Maureen Ross offered to raise this with the council.

There were also concerns raised about the road flooding near the RSPB reserve at Nigg Bay. This is particularly a problem at times of high tide. Maureen will also raise this.

7 Nigg Hall Stuart Maclean from the Nigg Hall steering group kindly attended the community council meeting to provide an update on progress. He advised that it has been decided that the Nigg Hall steering group will apply to set up a SCIO (a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation) to take forward the development of the hall. There is an application being made to the Scottish Land Fund by the community council to cover the cost of feasibility studies, structural surveys and conveyancing.

Maureen Ross emphasised the importance of the feasibility study and surveys for securing future funding.

Lee Bruton thanked Stuart for attending and providing the update.

8 Defibrillators Lorna MacKay reported that the community council has been successful in two applications for funding for defibrillators.

The community council would like to place on record their gratitude to

- 1) The North Highland Initiative Community Infrastructure Support Programme
- 2) The Highland Council Ward Discretionary fund

for their very generous grants of £2369.99 each. These grants will each purchase a defibrillator for the community of Nigg and Shandwick.

There then followed a general discussion about the most suitable location for the defibrillators to be located. It was agreed that the community council would seek permission for a defibrillator to be sited near Cameron Place in Nigg and a second defibrillator to be placed in Shandwick – the locations suggested were near the beach, at the bus-stop or possibly on a wall or fence of a private residence.

Maureen Ross suggested that an approach be made to Global at Nigg to see if they would be willing to fund a 3rd defibrillator.

Maureen Ross (Highland Council representative) left the meeting.

9 AOB

Beach maintenance at Shandwick – raised from the floor concerns about the erosion of the beach and damage to fence at Shandwick Beach. Enquired if there would be any sources of funding for remedial works to be carried out. It was suggested that these would be possibly carried out by the Shandwick swimmers group. Discussed that there may be funding available and that the community council would look into this.

Raised from the floor that there was a potential source of funding from the community resilience fund.

10 The next meeting date is planned for February and will be advertised on the Facebook page and the community council noticeboards. Lee Bruton thanked everyone for their attendance and drew the meeting to a close.