

Uig Community Council

Minutes of Meeting

TITLE : Uig Community Council

DATE : 10-02-20

TIME : 7.30pm

VENUE : Uig Community Centre

DISTRIBUTION : To all Council Members

Present: W. Greer, C. Mackenzie, N. A. Macdonald, C. Maclean, L. Darley.

Item	Summary and Action		When?
1	Apologies G. Attrill, A. Morrison, A. Murray, R. Fraser, S. Brown		
2	Approval of Minutes Minutes of meeting held on 2nd December 2019, approved by CMacK, seconded by CMacL. Matters Arising: Two bins have been replaced by larger black bins at the Carradh bin store at Miavaig. LD contacted Stephen Hayward, sculptor, regarding Chessmen in need of repair/maintenance at Ardrol and the Community Centre. Stephen will be coming to Lewis this year and will contact to arrange meeting with Community Council to assess what needs to be done.		
3	Finance Balance stands at £5,513.97. Invoices have been paid for items for the Senior Citizens' Dinner. Cost of fireworks for Bonfire Night to be shared between Community Centre Association and UCC.		

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4	Correspondence	<p>E-mails forwarded to members -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning - weekly lists. • E-mail - Sophie Brown - re. Signage to Uig. • E-mail - Belle Ann - link to Strategic Transport Projects Review survey. • E-mails - Belle Ann - link to Police Scotland Survey on area policing, and printable version of on-line questions. • E-mail - Belle Ann - link to Scottish Government Planning Performance and Fees Consultation. • E-mail - Scottish Rural Action - job opportunity. • E-mails - Belle Ann - National Planning Framework 4 notice and link to details, then list of resources. • E-mail - Belle Ann - My Place Awards 2020, nominations and submissions. • E-mail - Belle Ann - notice of Local Place Plans Webinar. • E-mail - Scottish Rural Action, Chair and board opportunities. • E-mail - Scottish Rural Action, January Newsletter. • E-mail - Belle Ann - forward of information for VE Day 75. • E-mail - Jane Ferguson - Research Opportunity • E-mail - Belle Ann - forward of newsletter Democracy Matters (Scottish Community Councils). • E-mail - Belle Ann - proposed Community Council seminars (mid-late March) <p>Other correspondence -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • E-mails - Mary Ann Maciver & Stephen Hayward - regarding contact details for Steven Hayward, sculptor of Chessmen, and confirming telephone conversation with SH. • E-mail - Uig News - Elections, (December) Membership notice. (January) 4 photographs from Senior Citizens' dinner. • E-mail - Sophie Brown - (personal) thoughts on signage. • E-mails - Winnie - query on new bin store. • E-mails - Angus Morrison - re. Breanish AED pads 'best by' date looming. • E-mail - Catriona - Heb Net close down, and meeting with Ron Culley re. care unit • E-mails - Catriona and Tinie - change of meeting date. • E-mail - Belle Ann - guide to Generic e-mail address, and Setting up Social Media Account. 		
5	Senior Citizens' Christmas Dinner	<p>Forty-nine people attended the dinner on 7th December 2019. Feedback regarding the new date and time, and the menu has all been very positive. Murray Macleod showed cine films recorded over many years by Dr. John Hay, which was particularly well received by all present. Thanks, as always, to all who helped with organising, cooking and serving.</p>		
6	Care Unit	<p>CMacL attended a meeting with Ron Culley on 20th January. Invitations were restricted and the meeting content was not as anticipated. Negotiations on the Unit are ongoing and what the community identifies as a use will be taken into consideration. CMack, Sophie Brown and Today Mackenzie also attended the meeting.</p>		

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7	Respite Care Consultation	CMacK attended a meeting on 17th January. Respite booking has been changed to every quarter. (There are currently 9 beds at Bethesda, with a maximum of 8 weeks stay). CnES and the Integrated Joint Board are working on their own policy, rather than using the Scottish Government policy. They are looking for comments and ideas.		
8	Hebrides Net	Members discussed the termination of hebrides.net (Scot Net) broadband. hebrides.net contacted customers on 9th January announcing that Highlands and Islands Enterprise are withdrawing support for the Connected Communities network on 31st March 2020, meaning that radio broadband service will cease from that date. For customers in Uig, the only alternatives are - buying services from EE, Satellite broadband, or dial-up connection using BT landlines. As there is no access to fibre services in Uig, that is not an option. Many premises in Uig are unable to receive an EE signal. CMacL and LD to write to MP/MSP etc.	CMacL LD	
9	Community Bus	Funding for the Community Bus service, run by Peter MacIennan, will run out at the end of March. CMacL/LD to contact David Macleod to ascertain funding for April onwards. LD to e-mail Peter MacIennan to request invoices for the current service.	CMacL LD	
10	Planning Application - Gallan Head Trust	John Smith, Project Worker at Gallan Head Trust, has requested that Uig Community Council apply for Planning Permission for a Motorhome Hookup project on the headland, on their behalf. Agreed. CMacK to contact John.	CMacK	
10	AOCB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussed update of Discovering Uig book. CMacK and WG to meet to review, and WG will contact Sophie Brown for any input. LD received advice from CnES regarding setting up 'Generic e-mails' for UCC. Agreed that current system works well, but will bear in mind this method of communication within the group. NAMacD spoke briefly about £1.7m of Crown Estate funds granted to CnES and its allocation of £100,000 across each of the nine CnES wards. He tabled a draft letter, written by Great Bernera Community Council, which also sums up the similar situation in Uig, and suggested that UCC and other groups in Uig should work closely with Bernera to ensure that these funds are distributed in the way the Crown Estate intended. NAMacD is hoping to hold meetings with interested parties in the near future. 	WG CMacK	
11	Date and Time of Next Meeting	Monday 2nd March 2020 at 7.30pm, Uig Community Centre.		