

# Uig Community Council

## Minutes of Meeting

**TITLE** : Uig Community Council

**DATE** : 01-11-2021

**TIME** : 7.30pm

**VENUE** : Uig Community Centre

**DISTRIBUTION** : To all Council Members

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**Present:** C. Maclean (Chair), G. Attrill, N. A. Macdonald, L. Darley (Clerk).

Alasdair Allan MSP, Richard Davies.

Item		Summary and Action	Who?	When?
1	<b>Apologies</b>	W. Greer, C. Mackenzie, A. Murray, E. Macleod, R. Fraser.		

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2	<p><b>Questions to Alasdair Allan MSP</b></p> <p>CMacL welcomed Alasdair Allan and thanked him for agreeing to attend the meeting. AA said that he was pleased be here to answer questions - it is better to meet face-to-face.</p> <p>UCC have raised the following points regarding the ongoing Mobile and Broadband connectivity problems in Uig -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any update you may have on the progress of the works - what, where and when.</li> <li>• Lack of accurate, consistent information coming from EE.</li> <li>• No central point of contact where EE are in possession of the facts of any outstanding problems in a particular geographical area.</li> <li>• Poor service from EE - many, many calls are left waiting to be answered for up to 40 minutes, and then the caller has to go through all the same questions that they have previously answered.</li> <li>• No policy on refunds. Each individual has to negotiate for any refund every time they call for an update.</li> <li>• In the event that there is no timeous resolution to all these issues, any suggestions or recommendations as to how Uig Community Council can proceed.</li> <li>• An update on the progress of the R100 rollout, which would give at least a choice of provider and potentially a much more stable connection. And whether the whole of Uig will be included.</li> </ul> <p>Following a full discussion of all the above points, AA felt that he had a much clearer understanding of the difficulties and frustrations being experienced in Uig. He will put forward a question to the Scottish Parliament. He will also continue to work on EE to find some answers regarding the above issues, and to see if there is a way for the community to have a more direct and central route to EE updates/services/enquiries.</p>		
3	<p><b>Approval of Minutes</b></p> <p>Minutes of meeting held on 6th September 2021, agreed - proposed GA, seconded CMacL.</p> <p><b>Matters Arising:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chessman - on recommendation, CMacL has purchased saturater and high gloss varnish (as used on marine craft). Roddy Maclean has applied three coats at Ardroll and there is enough material to apply further coats in spring. He also noted that water is still getting into the bottom of the chessman.</li> <li>• Waste bin in Community Centre car park: NAMacD stated that the bin has not yet been removed, but will be when a suitable vehicle is available.</li> <li>• Notice Boards: Postponed until next Challenge Fund grant is available.</li> <li>• John Maciver Shield: CMacL has now purchased an engraved shield. Presentation to be discussed further.</li> <li>• Remembrance Day: NAMacD has ordered wreaths.</li> </ul>		

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4	<b>Finance</b> No transactions since last meeting. Account balance is £5,237.86.		
5	<b>Correspondence</b> Forwarded <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• E-mail from Local Government Housing and planning, Regulations on proposals made by Boundaries Scotland.</li> <li>• E-mail from Fiona Macleod, Digital Inclusion funding.</li> <li>• Updates from Alasdair Allan.</li> <li>• Email from Kate Smith - Local Government survey on forthcoming Short-term lets regulations.</li> <li>• Consultation on draft Outer Hebrides Flood Risk Management Plan.</li> <li>• E-mail from Alice Murray, Outer Hebrides 'Community Shout Out' initiative.</li> <li>• E-mail from Alice Murray, Bonfire/Fireworks Events.</li> <li>• E-mail from Belle Ann - CalMac Southern Isles proposed timetable 2022.</li> <li>• E-mail from SFRS - Strategic Plan 2022-25 Consultation.</li> </ul> Other <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Various e-mails to and from Alasdair Allan, re. Broadband and Mobile phone problems.</li> <li>• Invitation to Housing Needs and Demand presentation.</li> </ul>		
6	<b>Housing Needs Survey</b> LD, to attend an on-line presentation on 3rd November, giving results of recent consultation. AA acknowledged the importance of providing housing in fragile rural areas such as Uig. NAMacD reported that building of four new houses in Uig should be starting in February/ March.		
7	<b>Christmas Dinner</b> A provisional date of 4th December has been reserved. However, in the current unsettled health climate, agreed to put Christmas Dinner on hold this year. Parcels to be distributed to over-80s.	CMacL	
8	<b>AOCB</b> • GA asked whether any plans or dates have been given for opening the Tea Room next season, as opening of Uig Museum is somewhat dependent. NAMacD said that there were no plans he knew of at present. CMacL to e-mail EMacL for any information.	CMacL	
9	<b>Date and Time of Next Meeting</b> Monday 6th December 2021 at 7.30pm, at Uig Community Centre (subject to any restrictions).		