

# Uig Community Council

## Minutes of Meeting

**TITLE** : Uig Community Council

**DATE** : 07-02-2022

**VENUE** : Uig Community Centre

**TIME** : 7.30pm

**DISTRIBUTION** : To all Council Members

**Present:** C. Maclean (Chair), G. Attrill, N. A. Macdonald, L. Darley (Clerk).  
Julia Shaw, Campbell Scanlan, Roddy Mackinnon.

Item	Summary and Action	Who?	When?
1	<b>Apologies</b> W. Greer, A. Murray, R. Fraser, Kevin Agg.		
2	<b>Approval of Minutes</b> Minutes of meeting held on 6th December 2021, agreed - proposed CMacL, seconded GA. <b>Matters Arising:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Thank you from Jutta and Rille Grix-Feldt <i>"Dear Uig Council. That was a real surprise to get a Christmas parcel from you. We enjoy the idea and we still enjoy the sweets. Thank you so much, it is very thoughtful."</i></li><li>• Verbal thanks for Christmas parcel from Rosie Roberts.</li><li>• Waste bin in car park: now removed.</li><li>• Tea Room opening: no update on opening.</li><li>• Breanish Monument: John Maclean is working with CMacL on proposal for a cairn and metal plaque. John has had no response so far from Uig and Hamnaway Estate regarding land.</li></ul>		
3	<b>Finance</b> Account balance is £6,200.21. This includes payment for bus invoices and a remittance of £990 received from CnES; and remittance of £873.30 grant from Challenge Fund.		

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4	<p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <p>Forwarded</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• From Fiona Galbraith, Robbie Drummond, Calmac, various re. Uig (Skye) Closure and service updates.</li> <li>• Anne M. Mackenzie, CnES, Building Standards &amp; Planning Service update and area responsibility.</li> <li>• Murdo A. Mackay, CnES, re Resilient Communities Fund.</li> <li>• John Ewen, re. pre-consultation enquiry - proposed mast at Kinlochroag.</li> <li>• From Madlaina Michelotti, NatureScotland, re. community marine biodiversity monitoring equipment fund.</li> <li>• From Belle Ann, re. Government Planning and Architecture Division updates.</li> <li>• From Belle Anne, press release regarding Islands Forum.</li> <li>• From Colin G. Morrison, Press Release re Comhairle response to Ferry debundling suggestion.</li> </ul> <p>Other</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Belle Ann and Catriona, Community Challenge Fund various notes and reminders.</li> <li>• Belle Ann, request for update of Community Council Membership/Office Bearers.</li> <li>• Sent notice to various Uig organisations re. co-opting members to UCC.</li> <li>• Remittance Advice from CnES for Community Bus and Challenge Fund.</li> <li>• Zurich Insurance - renewal due. Forwarded to Belle Anne and Winnie.</li> </ul>		
5	<p><b>Co-opting Members</b></p> <p>Following a notice to various organisations regarding co-opting members to UCC, three people put their names forward: Kevin Agg, Julia Shaw, and Campbell Scanlan., who were invited to attend this meeting. Kevin Agg was unable to attend due to sickness. LD to contact Belle Anne to confirm procedures and appointments.</p>	LD	
6	<p><b>Challenge Fund</b></p> <p>UCC successfully submitted an application to the 2021-22 Challenge Fund for a grant of £873.30 towards replacing the public noticeboard situated at the Carradh, Miavaig. CMacL to get exact measurements prior to ordering.</p>	CMacL	

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7	<p><b>Proposed Mast at Kinlochroag</b></p> <p>E-mail and documentation received from John Ewen (a Surveyor at WIP Telecoms Ltd), pre-consultation enquiry in respect of proposed installation of a 4G tower at Kinlochroag. LD had telephone conversation to establish further information. Following is a summary —</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Coverage.</b> The aim is to provide a community-wide signal, not just the emergency services 'roadside' signal. The new installations would improve existing signals and fill in some of the grey spots.</li> <li><b>Service providers.</b> Vodaphone, O2 and Telefónica signals will be catered for by the new mast. EE are not involved at the moment, but there should be no detriment to their service. It would also open up the possibility of using an alternative operator in Uig.</li> <li><b>Who is the initiator/client.</b> John (WHP Telecoms Ltd) is the agent working for Cornerstone (infrastructure supplier), and ultimately the Government (though not clear which - UK or Scottish).</li> <li><b>Timescale.</b> "Desperate". They are wanting to get everything up and running as soon as possible.</li> </ol> <p>This is part of a text message that John sent after our conversation "... The intention being the upgrade of existing assets and new tower south on hill and north co-located at Islivig should provide high-speed 4G possible 5G over existing gaps or areas of poor network performance. Timescales are deemed urgent, with Gov and operators keen to get agreements and planning in place asap . . . ". The reference to Islivig is because he had been working in Uig that day and feels that there could be a possibility to utilise the site of the old Connected Communities mast to further improve the network.</p>		
8	<p><b>Community Shout Out</b></p> <p>UCC was asked by Alice Murray/Leader to set up a community event to find out what residents want to see happening in the area and how they want to be consulted.</p> <p>CMacL has provisionally set up a community event at the Community Centre, 11.00am - 3.00pm, on 19th March, the aim being to showcase to all residents, the work of organisations in Uig. Shona Macleod has agreed to run the Café during the event.</p> <p>A letter has been sent to Uig groups asking if they would be willing to take part by having a table/stand and representatives to answer any questions. They are being asked to respond to two questions -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1: What would you like to see happening in your area? This could be more age appropriate groups, more accessible community amenities etc.?</li> <li>2: What do you think are the best ways to engage with communities? For example online, face to face, surveys etc.</li> </ol> <p>Other organisations, e.g. TIG, M-Power, Citizens Advice, Fire Service, will be invited to participate.</p>		

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9	AOCB	<p>Roddy Mackinnon (Uig Development Trust), is working with Uig Community Centre Association to obtain grant funding for a feasibility study of possible land at Erista for new Industrial Units.</p> <p>NAMacD has funding in place allocated to various Uig organisations, including equipment in Play Area that was damaged in storms; treadmill at Gym; ground work at back of school and community centre to allow for sheltered play; replacement roller-door at shop. NAMacD will send full list to clerk.</p> <p>Speed limit has been agreed for roads in the area of the school and community centre and signage should be installed shortly.</p> <p>Housing - the old Care Unit will be refurbished as either a single large or two small houses. Four houses (probably 3 bedroom) will commence construction at Leana Ruadh, starting in spring.</p> <p>CMacL has been asked whether there is a Dementia group in the area. She will refer to established groups.</p> <p>GA noted that the workmen carrying out ditching in the area have done a very good, clean, efficient job.</p>	NAMacD	
10	Date and Time of Next Meeting	Monday 7th March 2022 at 7.30pm, at Uig Community Centre (subject to any restrictions).		