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MANOR & CASTLE NEWSLETTER



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Chairman's Comments

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A warm welcome to you all to our February meeting.

BIRTH

Congratulations to Gordon and Julia on the birth of their son in January and hope they are all doing well.

LOGANAIR

Hopefully the meeting on Monday 8 February 2016 between Loga-nair and the Comhairle will lead to positive action and that we can all come to depend on a reliable air service between the Western Isles and the mainland as I am sure like me on more than one oc-casion we have had to spend an extra night away from home due to the plane not flying for one reason or another.

Roddy Nicolson

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Councillor's Report

First of all I would like to thank you all for your kind wishes on the birth of our new son, George, at 9:51am on Tuesday 26th January. Mum and son are doing well and are being looked after by Grace, my daughter.

It has been a busy month since I penned the last councillor's report with budget consultations and the budget setting process taking place in mid February. These are very difficult times but our priorities should be with the vulnerable first and foremost and we should not be looking to cut services that hurt our elderly, sick, young in our community.

In the near future, I am happy to say that the play park at Columbia Place should be getting a revamp and this is great news for all the local children who use the play area. I have got HHP and the council to help me with this project that will benefit the children.

I am hoping to arrange community skips for the end of February for Bain Square and Kennedy Terrace—once confirmed I will be putting the notice out in the local news.

The issues at Stornoway Primary are still ongoing with the gym space, storage and changing facilities high on the list of priorities for parents and children. I will continue to push that these issues be resolved as soon as possible.

Councillor Gordon Murray



FUNERAL POVERTY

A new report on funeral poverty by CAS has found funeral director and local authority costs should be more consistent and bereavement support more widely available. The report by John Birrell, chair of the Scottish Working Group on Funeral Poverty, and Citizens Advice Scotland, highlighted factors that contribute to funeral poverty and called on the UK and Scottish Governments, the funeral industry, local authorities and others, to take action. <http://www.cas.org.uk/publications/funeral-poverty>

DOGS

All dogs in Scotland will need to be microchipped from April 2016 under planned changes to the law in Scotland.

Compulsory microchipping aims to help re-unite lost and stolen dogs with their owners and will also allow authorities to directly identify dog owners and hold them accountable for their dog's behaviour.

Ahead of the new rules coming into force, Dogs Trust is offering free microchipping to all unchipped dogs in Scotland at mobile drop-in events or by appointment at its two rehoming centres in Scotland. For more information, see www.chipmydog.org.uk.

HHP Investment Programme

Ward 6	Heating	Kitchens	Bathroom	Windows	Roofing	Roughcast
Gleann Dubh						
Grant Square						
India Street	2016					
Macaulay Road (evens)	2017					
Macaulay Road (odds)	2017					
Macdonald Road	2016					
Macgregor Park						
Macleod Road	2016	2018	2017			
Macmillan Brae			2018			
Milestone Cottages						
Morison Avenue	2017	2016				
Murdoch Place	2017		2016			
Perceval Road (3/4)		2017				
Perceval Road (17-31)		2017				
Perceval Road (33-42)		2017				
Perceval Road* (57-66)		2017				
Portrona Drive	2017					
Queensland Road		2017				
Riverview						
Tighean Allt Na Broige	2016					
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COOKS CORNER

Scotch Broth—mainland version!

Ingredients

250g/8oz carrots, peeled, diced

250g/8oz turnips, diced

2 onions, peeled, diced

1 celery stalk, diced

1 leek, white part only, sliced

75-125g/3-4oz pearl barley

125g/4oz dried peas, soaked in water for 4-5 hours, drained

salt and freshly ground black pepper

2.3litres/4 pints lamb or mutton stock

85g/3oz kale, chopped (optional)

salt and freshly ground black pepper



Method

1. Heat all of the ingredients, except the kale, in a large saucepan until boiling.
- 2.
3. Reduce the heat and simmer gently for a 2-3 hours, or until the peas and pearl barley are soft.
- 4.
5. Stir in the kale and cook for a further 10-12 minutes, or until the kale is tender. Season, to taste, with salt and freshly ground black pepper.