

MOSSEND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 28th APRIL 2014

MINUTES

PRESENT Duncan Mackay, Ishbal Scott, Anna Mackenzie, Etta Falconer, Claire Macleod, Murdina Orvis, Chrissie Macrae, Angus McCormack, Margaret Nicolson, Emma MacDonald, Michael Smith

APOLOGIES None

MINUTES Minutes of the 2013 AGM were circulated, and:

Approved by – Chrissie Macrae
Seconded by – Ishbal Scott

Duncan welcomed all to the 2014 AGM of Mossend Residents Association, a special welcome to Chrissie and congratulations from all on the Association on her MBE award.

MATTERS ARISING

None.

CHAIRPERSONS REPORT

See attached report from the Chair.

TREASURERS REPORT

See attached report from the Treasurer. Mossend Residents Association are liaising with the Stornoway Trust regarding transfer of the lease at Plasterfield Playpark to allow the £4000 to be used for improvements in this area. Also to be noted was the very positive feedback received from families in the area from the Christmas Evening held at the Auction Mart and the activities provided by Pursuit Hebrides.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

Chairperson Duncan MacKay
Vice Chair Ishbal Scott
Treasurer Michael Smith
Secretary Claire Macleod
Committee Donald Macleod, Etta Falconer, Donny Macdonald, Anna Mackenzie, Ronald Maclean, Chrissie Macrae, Murdina Orvis, Emma Macdonald, Margaret Nicholson.

COUNCILLORS REPORT

See attached Report.

1. **Ward Priority Fund** – balance to be checked. Budget for next year is £5000. Requests for support received from Merchant Navy Association (£200 pledged); Swimming Club (£100 pledged); Martial Arts Club (further information requested – c/f to May).
2. **WIPAG** – Poverty Awareness Day great success “Survival Guide” launched.
3. **Stornoway Regeneration Group** – Common Good Fund to contribute to lights, flowers etc. Start-up monies in place. Also, local branch of FSB launched.
4. **Newton Area Redevelopment** – working with HIE and Technical Services Department on plan for the area.
5. **University Town** – proposals for construction of Halls of Residence, announcement in late 2014, hope is that the build will be in the town centre.
6. **Lews Castle Project** – issues being raised by local tourism operators about the impact of Natural Retreats offering. Consultant’s Report recommends the Natural Retreats proposal. Natural Retreats aim to bring new visitors to the island groups and create a spin off effect for local businesses. Decision on 30th April. The building is now sealed, wiring and plumbing works in progress, heating systems and internals being worked on, use of replica materials. Museum and Archive Building is almost complete.
7. **New Ferry** – concerns about capacity and the need for a second back up vessel. Transport Committee Meeting.
8. **Traffic** – MOWG Report – 8 hour parking on Bayhead, Pay and Display on South Beach, Traffic Warden 1 year contract secured, ongoing discussions regarding the post. Town Centre parking issues – No. 1 and No. 3 Piers. Church Street – double yellow lines, Kenneth Street priority.
9. **Council Budget** – set at £11.4 m, savings needed. No settlement with COSLA.
10. **Our Islands Our Future** – Scottish and UK Government pledges to 3 island communities’ pre Referendum.
11. **Ionad Hiort** – HIE funding, design studio Glasgow partner, interactive models.
12. **Parks for People Project** – 3 June bid deadline. Bridge configuration is crucial.

AOCB

1. Old Cars

Murdina reported that there was still a problem with old cars being left in the Plasterfield area.

2. Bayview Gardens

Thanks by Margaret to all who have contributed in time and effort with the gardens. Tractor has ploughed 3 areas and potatoes will be planted. Donald has asked if there can be some support with Petty Cash money. Possibly looking at polytunnels next year.

Meeting closed at 20:15 pm.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 29th May – Sandwick Community Room – 7pm.