

MOSSEND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

COMMITTEE MEETING 20 MARCH 2014

MINUTES

1. **PRESENT** Donald Macleod, Angus McCormack, Michael Smith, Etta Falconer, Claire Macleod, Murdina Orvis, Donald Maclean (Plasterfield Recreation Association), Neil Mackenzie (Plasterfield Recreation Association). Chair of meeting – Donald Macleod.

2. **APOLOGIES** Ishbal Scott, Anna Mackenzie, Duncan Mackay, Margaret Nicholson, Emma Macdonald.

3. **MINUTES** Approved – Etta Seconded - Murdina

4. **MATTERS ARISING**

 None.

5. **FINANCE**

 Bank balance of £6,782.31.

6. **COUNCILLORS REPORT – see attached report.**

Ward Priority Fund – Bayview Gardens Project £920 approved. Cheque to Donald Martin. Music Hebrides Instructor - £100 approved.

Dog Bins – Dispute over payment between CnES and Staran.

Roads/Water – raised with the council, large problem this year due to the weather conditions.

Plasterfield Recreation Association – meeting 15th March. Bank account is with Margaret Montgomery. Angus to ask Stornoway Trust about the possibility to transfer the lease to Mossend Residents Association. Letter sent to Stornoway Trust.

Stornoway Regeneration – Common Good Fund creation through lease income of town properties. c £30,000 is secured to contribute towards a Town Centre Manager post. Possible link with the new local branch of the FSB. Report to the Council in June.

University Town – proposal to build student residences (up to 60 students) in the town area.

Parks for People – Board met in March – plans to recreate original gardens in the Castle Grounds, plants, fountains etc.

Arnish – discussions re. future. Fuel depot, fuel operators may be happy to move.

Newton – 2 buildings possible demolish and recreate new business space – HIE.

Stornoway Port Authority – Master Plan. Further survey of area including Arnish, initial report by July.

Empty Properties – A lot of vacant properties in Stornoway presently. Anticipate turnover.

LPG Depot – best use of surrounding area. Pipe at Newton shore cause of concern.

PSDT – Board training taken place. Continued progress towards financial close. Bank want further drill hole on to site.

Scottish Water – Scottish Water have submitted an appeal against the decision of planning. Sandwick Community Council to consider representations at meeting of 25 March.

North Street Grazings – letter to Stornoway Trust. Grazing's have voted against housing on site.

Scottish Government – Member Officer Working Group. Under funded for 32 new builds per annum.

WIPAG – 24 April meetings – Stornoway and Uist. Launch Guides.

WIHB – Integration with CnES. Slow moving. Letter from Jinty Morrison to Stornoway Gazette seeking answers on the reduction of bed spaces at the Western Isles Hospital, where did the money go, what about community care? Scottish Government to report. CnES, WIHB and Scottish Government meeting to discuss integration progress.

Petition – closure of Inverness Fire Control Room – Stornoway petition collected 2700 signatures, sent to Petitions Committee in Edinburgh. Government official visit to island on Monday 24 March.

Lews Castle Development – “Natural Retreats” and Outer Hebrides Tourism Industry Association. Meeting Thurs 27 March.

7. AOCB

Bank Account

Michael proposed an application for internet banking. Approved.

Roads

Donald reported problems at Ivorhill/Mossend Junction, surface breaking up. Also potholes at Mossend Junction. Angus to follow up.

Western Isles Development Trust

Advertising for new members. Match funding potential. Wind turbine income.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

AGM

Monday 28th April 2014, 7pm, Sandwick Community Room