

**MOSSEND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION**

**COMMITTEE MEETING 27<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2014**

**SANDWICK COMMUNITY ROOM 19:00**

**MINUTES**

1.     **PRESENT**       Ishbal Scott, Anna MacKenzie, Etta Falconer, Duncan MacKay, Claire Macleod, Michael Smith, Angus McCormack
  
2.     **APOLOGIES**    Murdina Orvis
  
3.     **MINUTES**       Approved – Ishbal                                Seconded - Etta
  
4.     **MATTERS ARISING**  
  
          None
  
5.     **FINANCE**  
  
          Bank of Scotland – statements are still being sent to Donald MacLeod. The Bank of Scotland wants new forms completed. The forms have been sent but the Bank have lost them. Angus will send Michael a copy of Council payments made in to the account.  
  
          Balance at present is £5,520.96.
  
6.     **COUNCILLORS REPORT**  
  
          **Ward Priority Fund** – Carl MacPhee – contribution to a fund in his name – possibly a Sport Fund. Support by £100.  
  
          **Dog Bins** – Agreement to pay £90/£100 to cover the cost of the bins. Discussion amongst councillors is that it should be paid for by the Council and not out of the Ward Priority Fund.  
  
          **Christmas Lights** – Town Centre Legacy Fund – could partially fund the Christmas lights with the balance being met by Ward Priority Fund. Money by the 8 Stornoway Town Councillors - £250 contribution.  
  
          **PSDT** – 12<sup>th</sup> September – Achieved financial close. AGM on 24<sup>th</sup> October well attended.  
  
          **Stornoway Regeneration**  
  
          Castle Grounds Project going ahead in 2 Phases:  
  
                          Phase 1- structural (walls etc.)  
  
                          Phase 2- New developments. £3.4 million development

Lews Castle – good progress, project up to date.

Newton Area Redevelopment. Engages 2 students to engage with the businesses in the area. Positive response from businesses – all want to be part of redevelopment works.

Funding from HIE and Comhairle nan Eilean Siar in consultation with the businesses and the public. Parking to be built in to the development plans. Park and Ride for Stornoway Town Centre. Improved bus services.

ACRES Opening – staff and residents delighted with the faculty. Angus attended the opening.

**Road Markings** – Not yet completed.

**Hebridean Men's Cancer Support Group** – 25 men at the last meeting. Going well. Liaison with NHS24 – they are looking for support and feedback on how NHS24 can offer telephone based support. Promotional item in Events paper.

**WIHB/Comhairle** – Integration proposals. Delayed discharges, bed blocking, efficiencies are some of the topics being discussed.

**Western Isles Poverty Action Group** – 2p surcharge on utility tariffs in the Western Isles. SSE have said that Ofgem have enforced the surcharge. A lot of publicity surrounding the 2p/unit surcharge. SSE customers are not eligible for the free loft insulation scheme due to the island location. Online petition launched 27<sup>th</sup> October 2014 – growing steadily. Keep publicity going and to say publically to SSE that charges on the tariff can be reduced.

The Energy Advisory Service (TEAS) are promoting the use of LED light bulbs – only use 10% of the electricity.

Petition to the utility companies to request the supply of LED bulbs to households free of charge.

**Traffic Management** – Kenneth Street and Church Street – no parking on Church Street. Kenneth Street will have priority.

- Kenneth Street/Bayhead Junction – further restrictions on parking
- Cars for sale being parked on Bayhead. Angus to follow up.

## **7. AOCB**

**Christmas Tree** – Angus has spoken to Tony Robson who is willing to assist with the selection/siting of a new tree/s for the Mossend corner. Michael to draft a letter to Tony Robson to follow up.

**North Street Planter** – letter of thanks to be sent to Alison and David Carty, Maybury Gardens. Claire to send.

**Christmas Night** – Sat 6<sup>th</sup> December – Check with Donald & book Auction Mart. Book Pursuit Hebrides.

## **8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday 25th November, 7pm, Sandwick Community Room