

MOSSEND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

COMMITTEE MEETING 3rd February 2015

SANDWICK COMMUNITY ROOM 19:00

MINUTES

1. **PRESENT** Ishbal Scott, Etta Falconer, Duncan MacKay, Claire MacLeod, Angus McCormack, Michael Smith, Donald MacLeod

2. **APOLOGIES** Anna MacKenzie, Murdina Orvis, Margaret Nicholson, Emma MacDonald, Chrissie MacRae

3. **MINUTES** Approved and seconded unanimously

4. **MATTERS ARISING**

None

5. **FINANCE**

Balance £5,266.26.

Made £123 at the Christmas Party.

Bank Mandates – Michael has been to the Bank of Scotland – proving problematic.

6. **COUNCILLORS REPORT**

WPF – Balance £971.15. Request from Wee Studio for Young Musicians: £50.

- Grant Mossend Residents Association - £200 approved.
- Grant Bayview Garden - £200 Approved.
- Newton Project has gone ahead - £1,000.
- Hire of Town Hall for WIPAG - £75 will be refunded as the event did not go ahead.
- Next £1,000 will go to Cllr Rae MacKenzie – Project is the refurbishment of the garden/bridge area at the Bridge Centre entrance to Castle Grounds.
- Michael to let Donald Martin know what the balance of funds is for the Bayview Gardens Project.

PST – Work to take place February – April.

Stornoway Regeneration – Report on the Newton development. HSE determine on a case by case basis whether development can go ahead. HIE looking at regenerating the area. 72 companies in the area have been surveyed to establish a plan for the regeneration of the area. Traffic management will be addressed with designated parking areas.

Stornoway as a University Town – meeting held by Frank Rennie. Good attendance. Building of a hotel will be a key objective. Council will be assisting in identifying a suitable site.

Hebridean Men's Cancer Support Group – Don MacLean is the new secretary following the passing of Kenneth Murray. Christmas Raffle raised £10,000.

MacTV is going to record a programme on the group, following the group for a year in their activities.

Western Isles Poverty Action Group – Campaign to remove 2p surcharge – a lot of publicity. Meeting with Chief Executive of SSE with Danny Alexander at the end of February to lobby against the 2p surcharge. Home insulation scheme exclusion to island home will be brought to the attention of the Chief Executive at this meeting.

Budgets – Recommendations:

- Accept settlement from Scottish Government
- Strategy to agree savings proposals – all departments asked to find 3% savings
- Some fees/charges have gone up
- Council Tax Frozen
- £3m kept in balances for contingency
- 2 Year Budget Strategy 2016-2018

New Ferry – New taskforce introduced, long overdue. Transport Minister has taken an interest and progress is being made. Promise of Isle of Lewis for the summer, potentially longer.

Barra Air Service – Glasgow – Barra – 2 additional rotations, fully utilised. Air Company will reserve 2 seats per flight for patients.

Health & Social Care Integration – Going to public consultation. Council delegated services and Health Board delegated services.

Stornoway Historical Society – Talk by Ian MacLeod, Development Officer at the Council. Castle Project on target. Castle Building and Museum work close to completion. Work then starts on Museum Displays which have been taking place for 2 years in advance of a July opening.

Education Committee – Lionel School Closure – 9 votes to 6.

7. AOCB

- Ishbal – lane across from her house – can it be tidied up. Public right of way. Gate in poor condition – overgrown. Quote from Woody to put in gate (about 10 foot) and clear the hedges.
- Sandwich Commemorative Book – there is still one box left in the Library.
- Duncan - Newspapers – in the last 2 weeks there have been no newspapers in the town for 5 days. Angus to enquire about the Royal Mail Air Service.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 31st March 2015, 7pm, Sandwich Community Room