

**MOSSEND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION**

**COMMITTEE MEETING 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2015**

**SANDWICK COMMUNITY ROOM 19:00**

**MINUTES**

1.     **PRESENT**         Duncan Mackay, Chrissie MacRae, Etta Falconer, Murdina Orvis, Angus McCormack, Donald Macleod, Ishbal Scott, Margaret Nicolson, Claire Macleod
  
2.     **APOLOGIES**     Anna Mackenzie, Emma MacDonald
  
3.     **MINUTES**         Approved – Donald                     Seconded - Etta
  
4.     **MATTERS ARISING**  
  
          Grant – Bayview Gardens £200 and previous balance approved (c £180). Michael to send cheque to Donald Martin.
  
5.     **FINANCE**  
  
          Nothing to report.
  
6.     **COUNCILLORS REPORT – see attached report.**  
  
          *Ward Priority Fund* – £396.15 left – will be carried forward.  
  
          Enable – respite break £200.  
  
          Dog waste bins – each council ward will pay the council a contribution towards the cost on emptying bins and replacing bins.  
  
          Future money could be used to start building up a small match fund for the construction of the Steinish Shore Walkway for when the income from the Point and Sandwick Wind Farm statistics come in.  
  
          *Transportation* – Works at Ullapool due in May. Good feedback from passengers from Loch Seaforth.  
  
          Complaints from passengers of Loganair over quality and reliability of aircraft on the routes. Loganair will attend the next Transportation Committee meeting. Stornoway to Benbecula link could be improved potentially if public authorities were to pay full fares in the future.  
  
          *Stornoway Regeneration* – Newton Project has been approved by the Comhairle – tidy up area, additional car parking areas, signage, HIE interested in investing in the area though regenerating properties for lease to business. Stornoway Port Authority have a master plan for Goat Island and prepared to work with HIE and CnES over the development.  
  
          *Stornoway – University Town – Student Residence* – Deal to build is no longer there but the funding is. The Legion building is a potential site.

*Hebridean Mens Cancer Support Group* – AGM postponed until 3<sup>rd</sup> April (due to weather).

- MacMillan Development Officer for the Western Isles – early discussions putting structure and funding in place (retention of monies locally).

*WIPAG* – Perth meeting with SSE (Angus attended). A good amount of publicity associated with the campaign. £40,000 was pledged to a charitable trust giving advice on heating issues. Affordable warmth manifesto issued in writing. SSE and Ofgem have been invited to come and speak about reducing the tariff price.

*Newspapers* – No progress. Will be raised at the Transportation Committee Meeting with Loganair.

*PST* – Turbine 3 complete, Turbine 2 in progress. All is going well.

*WIHB* – Appointing a Prostate Cancer Nurse – 3 days per week – 1<sup>st</sup> year funded by Prostate Cancer Trust, thereafter WIHB.

Transforming Care After Treatment – MacMillan Cancer Initiative. Angus on the group.

WIHB and CnES integration. Slow progress. Trying to appoint the Lead Officer who will be the central co-ordinator driving the process.

*Energy MOWG* – Angus now is attending through work on PSP. Interconnector is fully committed at present. Talk of upgrading to allow other community wind farms access. Meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> April to which SSE has been invited.

*Ionad Hoirt* – James Rebanks to present final report on 1<sup>st</sup> April.

*Roads* – Mossend Junction to North Street repairs have been reported. Comments about poor quality repairs.

*Lionel School Closure* – Under appeal with the Scottish Government.

*Newsletter* – Angus to produce newsletter for the Ward.

## **7. AOCB**

Etta – Salt bin at MacRae Road / Springfield Road is covered with duck tape. Angus to investigate.

Ishbal – Did Stornoway Regeneration get funding for the Bridge at Bayhead?

- Scheme is under consideration – Stornoway Port Authority have moved / removed the Bridge
- Gate at Steinish Lane. Quote to be obtained from Woody. Angus to speak to Woody.

Duncan – Removal of Christmas Tree – ACE Electrical installed the box. Angus to speak to ACE to disconnect the electrical box.

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

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April, AGM. To be advertised in the Gazette.