

MOSSEND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

COMMITTEE MEETING 17th SEPTEMBER 2015

SANDWICK COMMUNITY ROOM 7pm

MINUTES

1. **PRESENT** Duncan Mackay, Anna Mackenzie, Etta Falconer, Ronald Maclean, Angus McCormack, Donnie Macdonald, Michael Smith, Claire Macleod

2. **APOLOGIES** Emma MacDonal, Margaret Nicholson, Murdina Orvis, Chrissie Macrae

3. **MINUTES** Approved – Michael Smith Seconded – Claire Macleod

4. **MATTERS ARISING**

 None.

5. **FINANCE**

 Updated financial statement attached. Current balance is £5545.87. Cheques to be issued to Anderson Road Nurseries for the hanging baskets (£832.30) and Sandwick Community Council for room hire (£20). Ward Priority Fund will contribute to the hanging baskets.

6. **COUNCILLORS REPORT – see attached report. In addition:**

Ward Priority Fund –

- £832 – Hanging Baskest
- £950 – Gate/Works at Stewartfield Lane
- £100 – Nicolson Institute S2 Rugby Team Fundraising for Shirts

WIPAG –

A course is being developed with the Nicolson Institute for senior pupils to begin training as carers, providing improved qualifications and a defined career ladder in the care profession.

9 Bethesda beds will be brought in to service in the new unit.

28 elderly people are currently in hospital and can't go home due to a lack of support for them.

WIHB –

Concerns about the out of hours service in Harris and Lewis in the press. Internal discussions with officers detail assurances that the current system is better than the previous system.

Steinish Lane –

Claire to speak to David Ross at Steinish Grazings. Estimate for the work to replace the gate and tidy up the area is £950.

Council Meetings –

Heritage Services – Lews Castle Museum Phase 1 & 2 complete. All public rooms are restored. Museum complete and fitted out. Lost 2 key members of staff (Archivist and Heritage Manager). Replacement Officers should be in post by Christmas.

Our Islands Our Future – Scottish Government pledge to “island proof” services and supplies.

Councillors Newsletter –

Angus has written an extensive newsletter which will be distributed in booklet format to all households in the area.

7. AOCB

Michael – Mossend Residents Association is to be represented at the LEADER Local Action Group. Michael is the main contact and Claire is the support contact. LEADER are a source of European Funding for community groups.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 2nd November 2015, 7:00pm.