

Sandwick Community Council

Reconstituted, Michael and Duncan both elected. Bob Walker and Alison Carty also elected. Mackenzie Park member to be co-opted. Iolaire Commemoration is being planned – national event involving UK and Scottish Governments.

WIHB –

Financial difficulties, budget has a shortfall of £1m pa. Out of hours cover concerns. Assurances received from local doctors that the service will be provided.

Hebridean Mens Cancer Support Group

Strong and popular organisation. At least 20 men attend weekly. Programme aired on BBC Alba 2nd November.

Stornoway Historical Society

Busy organisation supplying information to a variety of bodies.

Council Meetings

Due to take place in December. Bad financial situation this year, local government not in receipt of additional funding from the Scottish Government. 10% reduction required across all budgets. Public consultation will be held on 11 November in the Council Chambers.

Ward Priority Fund –

- £100 – Swim Western Isles (purchase of tops/travel to competitions)
- £200 – Pony Club (Buckinghamshire Competition)
- £100 – Hebridean Castle Trading (Social Enterprise, Lews Castle College)
- £100 – Nicolson Institute Football Team (shirts)

Councillors Newsletter

Angus has written an extensive newsletter which will be distributed in booklet format to all households in the area. Print Room quoted £40 for 500 booklets. To be distributed throughout the ward area.

7. AOCB

Margaret – reported on the success of the garden plots, considering polytunnels.

Claire – **Christmas Lights night at the Auction Mart – Saturday 5th December.** Angus to organise the lights for that date. Claire will book the Auction Mart and Pursuit Hebrides, and create the posters/publicity. **Help is needed with organising the food, the raffle, decorating the Auction Mart and sorting out the wooden post and “on switch” for the Mossend Corner.**

Duncan – reported that the new traffic calming measures on North Street have been a success.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 1st December 2015, 7:00pm.