MOSSEND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

COMMITTEE MEETING 2nd NOVEMBER 2015

SANDWICK COMMUNITY ROOM 7pm

MINUTES

 PRESENT Duncan Mackay, Margaret Nicholson, Anna Mackenzie, Etta Falconer, Angus McCormack, Ishbal Scott, Michael Smith, Claire Macleod

2. APOLOGIES Murdina Orvis, Chrissie Macrae, Emma Macdonald

3. MINUTES Approved – Etta Falconer Seconded – Michael Smith

4. MATTERS ARISING

Michael reported that the LEADER programme was launching this week. Open for enquiries for projects. Expressions of Interest can now be taken and the Committee are to consider what projects we want to apply for funding for.

Ishbal reported that work was progressing with the lane in Steinish and the replacement gate to the shore.

5. FINANCE

Updated financial statement attached. Current balance is £4313.55. £380 differential between bank and treasurer statements. Michael to follow up.

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

Plasterfield Residents

Angus has been approached by Amanda Maclennan and 6 other parents from the area looking to set up or be involved in a local association. Angus has invited Amanda to attend a meeting of Mossend Residents and see what the priorities for parents in the area are.

WIPAG -

Local and national discussions about the reduction in tax credits. Fuel costs (utilities) reduced by 30% but not being passed on to the consumer. Lack of new housing is an issue. Success with the insulation project run by TIG.

Point and Sandwick Trust

Project to assist every house in Point and Sandwick area. Introduction of LED bulbs. Home visits, advice and assistance with home insulation. Dividend expected April 2016. AGM held on 23 October, well attended and a very successful meeting. Angus was re-elected as Chair, Duncan as Vice Chair and 2 new board members – Alison Carty (Sandwick) and Sonja Macleod (Point). PST is a finalist in the Scottish Renewables Awards in December.

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.