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Chairman's Comments

Hello everyone and welcome to the second last Newsletter and indeed second last meeting for 2016.

I know it is an often used cliché', but as we all look back, we ask ourselves "where has the year gone"? And with just under 7 weeks to the start of 2017 it is quite a sobering thought as one year ends and swiftly passes into another.

After a fairly good spell of dry weather it is now very noticeable that the temperature is dropping and I hope that people take advantage of any available schemes to maximise help with heating costs over the winter as there are plenty of statutory and voluntary agencies available to offer advice on this very important matter.

Below is some information about grants and schemes which may help you to make your home more efficient in the energy that is used. Better energy efficiency can help you to save money on fuel bills, too. There is also information about grants that you may be able to get if you are in debt to your energy supplier.

Energy advice
 Winter Fuel Payment
 Cold weather payments
 Warm Home Discount Scheme
 Home Energy Efficiency Programmes (HEEPS) funded by the Scottish Government
 Grants to help pay off your energy debts
 Home Energy Scotland renewables loan scheme funded by the Scottish Government
 Local authority grant or loan
 Landlords and energy saving measures
 Local community energy initiatives
 For further information on any of above you can contact The Energy Advisory Service (TEAS) 704300 or the Lewis Citizens Advice Bureau on 705727

Roddy Nicolson

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Councillor's Report

Just a few things to report as we head into the later part of November.

The Post Office have sent out a consultation notice whereby the Trading Post will be closing and the only proposal they have received is to have two branches located in the Cearns at the Cearns Community Shop and at Campbells Filling Station in Newton. This is something we need to discuss at the next meeting so that views of the community can be fed back to the Post Office.

There was a very successful Halloween Party for the Manor Children at the Grianan Centre where around 60-70 children turned up in fancy dress.

The **Senior Citizen's lunch** has been booked—**11th January 2017 at the Caladh Inn starting at 12pm.**

We looking for volunteers for bagpacking to raise funds for our community events—names will be taken at this meeting and the next and it would be good if we can fill up our dates which are 22nd and 23rd December.

I have delivered to a few houses in the ward a newsletter and if it is well received , I will continue every month to put out a newsletter detailing what is happening in the ward.

Councillor Gordon Murray

The History of Manor Park—Part 1 (Malcolm Macdonald)

MANOR PARK

In the first of a series for the newsletter, individual streets are examined to see who first lived in the houses of Manor Park. Old Manor (Assaye Place, Canada Crescent, Willowglen Road and one side of Macaulay Road was erected by Stornoway Town Council and tenants moved in prior to hostilities in 1939. New Manor (the other side of Macaulay Road, Portrona Drive, Morison Avenue, Macleod Road, Perceval Road South, Bain Square, Queensland Road, India Street and Torquil Terrace, were all built and occupied after the Second World War.

Up until 1945 the houses in Old Manor were numbered together with no street names. The tenants in 1945 with the old Manor Park numbers in brackets were:

ASSAYE PLACE

Odd Numbers: 1 - Mrs Flora Silkstone (38), 3 - Neil Morrison (36), 5 - Donald Macaskill (34), 7 - Malcolm Mackenzie (19), 9 - Mrs Dolina Maciver (17), 11 - James Macnaughton (15), 13 - Mrs Janet E Morrison (13), 15 - John Buchanan (11), 17 Mrs John Macleod (9), 19 - Mrs Mary Maclean (7), 21 - Roderick Fraser (5), 23 - Alexander Mackenzie (3), 25 - Mrs Effie Mackenzie (1).
Even Numbers: 2 - Mrs Isabella Ferguson (40), 4 - Donald Macrae (42), 6 - Angus Campbell (44), 8 - Roderick Smith (20), 10 - Archibald Macleod (18), 12 - James Sneddon (16), 14 - William Martin (14), 16 - Kenneth Mackenzie (12), 18 - Mrs Donald Macneil (10), 20 - Mrs Catherine Smith (8), 22 - Alexander Macleod (6), 24 - Mrs John Macdonald (4), 26 - Mrs John Montgomery (2).

CANADA CRESCENT

Even Numbers: 2 - Donald Macdonald (58), 4 - Arthur Maciver (60), 6 Mrs Margaret Harris (62), 8 - Malcolm Nicolson (61), 10 - Peter Macleod (59), 12 - Malcolm Macdonald (57).

WILLOWGLEN ROAD

Odd Numbers: 1 - Kenneth Macdonald (56), 3 - Murdo Campbell (54), 5 - Mrs Ann Macleod (52), 7 - Kenneth Mackay (50), 9 - Norman Afrin (48), 11 - Mrs Catherine Macarthur (46), 13 - Angus Macarthur (32), 15 - Kenneth Maclellan (30), 17 - Kenneth Mackay (28), 19 - Mrs Dolina Fulton (26), 21 - Donald Matheson (24), 23 - Mrs John Campbell (22).

MACAULAY ROAD

Even numbers: 2 - Donald Macleod (55), 4 - Murdo Graham (53), 6 - Mrs John Mackay (51), 8 - Mrs Mary Macdonald (49), 10 - Charles Smith (47), 12 - Alexander Macleod (45), 14 - Donald A Maclean (43), 16 - William Macdonald (41), 18 - Mrs Sybil Macinnes (39), 20 - John Maclellan (37), 22 - John Macritchie (35), 24 - Donald Matheson (33), 26 - Mrs Isabella Macleod (31), 28 - John D Campbell (29), 30 - Mrs Margaret Macarthur (27), 32 - John Campbell (25), 34 - Angus Macleod (23), 36 - Mrs Angus Macdonald (21).

The next edition will cross the road to some of the first streets in New Manor.

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I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My role is Tenant Participation. I am employed by the Tenant Participation Advisory Service (Scotland) TPAS, based in Glasgow. TPAS has been appointed by Hebridean Housing Partnership to develop and increase opportunities for tenants to get involved and have a stronger say in HHP and related services.

I am very keen to hear your thoughts, ideas and suggestions about your housing service and regarding the communication, information and support provided by HHP. My role also extends to working together with other community groups and associations in your neighbourhood.



Tenants & Residents Meetings –

Across the Western Isles there are three formal registered tenants and residents groups: one working across the Western Isles (chaired By Maree Hoy), one in Benbecula, (chaired by Roddy Mackay) and the Cearns Residents Association, (chaired by Barney Mackay). There are also several local groups, sometimes referred to as village voices. If you would like more information about these groups, meetings dates and interested in setting up a local group please get in touch with Jane.



Tenants and Residents groups can and do make a difference to the service provided to tenants by working together and raising issues, collectively. HHP is legally required to consult with the tenants groups on issues that affect tenants.

WORKING TOGETHER - GETTING INVOLVED

There are a number of ways tenants and residents can get involved with us. You should be able to choose a method which suits your level of interest and personal circumstances. If we haven't offered you something that suits you and you would like to suggest something else please get in touch with us.

Please get in touch or return the attached form

Our tenant participation person, Jane is based at the FES offices on Inaclete Road, Stornoway. Contact number is 07487891242 and email is jane.ballantyne@tpasscotland.org.uk.

Please let us know if you need help with expenses such as travel or childcare.

If we haven't offered you something that suits you and you would like to suggest something else please get in touch. I look forward to hearing from you.

Tenants' Panel/Register

The panel/register provides a tenant's voice to make your views known on, for example, housing policies and service standards. HHP will regularly consult with and involve tenants on the register over a variety of housing issues. This can be by phone, post, e-mail or group sessions.

The Panel/Register contains contact details of tenants who would like to be consulted on issues they are particularly interested in.

Reading Panel

HHP want you to be involved in helping us make sure our information is clear and user-friendly. It is important that we are using the right words, in the right way, to get our message across. To help make sure that we are communicating as best we can - we want to set up a tenants reading panel. The purpose of a reading panel is to allow tenants to examine and comment upon printed material produced by us before publication.

Working Groups

These provide tenants with a 'hands on' option of developing new services or policies. Working groups are attended by both tenants and staff members. You will be paid a fee to cover their time and expenses.

Focus Groups

Focus groups provide opportunities to have their say on aspects of policy or service and are usually a one off meeting. They provide good information to HHP on how you see the organisation and the services it delivers. You will be paid a fee to cover their time and expenses.

Tenant Led Inspections

You will be involved in reviewing your housing services. You will be given training on policies and procedures and then use a variety of different methods to 'test' services, with the support of staff.

Estate Inspections

HHP inspect housing estates on an annual cycle and involve tenants in this process. The purpose of these inspections is to look at the overall appearance of each estate, including open spaces.

COOKS CORNER

Lamb Loin with Rocket, New Potatoes & Salsa

Ingredients

- 1 x 4kg/8lb 13oz [pumpkin](#)
- 125g/4oz [butter](#)
- 2 medium [onions](#), peeled, finely chopped
- 1 [cinnamon](#) stick
- freshly grated [nutmeg](#)
- salt and freshly ground [black pepper](#)
- 1.7 litres/3 pints chicken stock (vegetarians may substitute [vegetable stock](#))
- 3 tablespoons [sherry](#)

Method

Heat the oven to 180C.

Boil the potatoes in salted water for 15-20 mins until just tender. Drain and keep warm. Top & tail and blanch the beans for 1 min.

Meanwhile, heat a frying pan, add a tbsp of oil. Season the lamb and brown all over in the pan. Reduce the heat and add the butter, basting the meat for 1 min. Transfer to an oven tray and cook in the oven for 6-8 mins. Remove and rest the meat for 5-10 mins.

Reheat the pan and stir fry the blanched beans. Keep warm.

Blend all the salsa ingredients in the food processor. Don't make it too far ahead. Halve the potatoes and place in a bowl with the warm beans, pan & meat juices, parsley and a little oil. Season and mix.

Divide between 4 plates with slices of lamb. Top with rocket tossed in oil and spoon the salsa around.



DIARY DATES

NEXTR MANOR MEETING 20TH DECEMBER 2016

SANTA RUN 17TH DECEMBER 2016

BAGPACKING 22-23RD DECEMBER 2016

SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS LUNCH 11 JANUARY 2017

November 's speaker

Chief executive of HHP,
Dena Macleod

