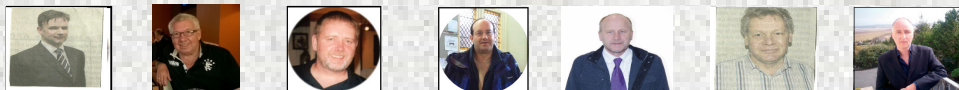




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Special points of interest:

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- Councillor's Comment's
- Local information

CHAIRMANS VIEWS

Hello everyone and welcome to the April Newsletter and our meeting tonight.



Though some days it still feels like winter with cold winds, ice and snow, the fact that there is now more daylight is so welcome and hopefully as the season goes from Spring to Summer the days will be getting warmer.

Highlighting below changes in legislation for Carers which I hope will be of assistance to those who are Carers in our community.

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Roddy Nicolson

NEW RIGHTS FOR CARERS



From 1 April 2018, carers in Scotland have new rights. All carers in Scotland are now entitled to an Adult Carer Support Plan (ACSP) or a Young Carers Statement (YCS). These replace the old carer's assessments.

There is no need for the carer to be providing a regular and substantial amount of care in order to get an ACSP or a YCS drawn up.

The ACSP or YCS will set out details of the care that the carer provides and the impact that this has on their health and their day to day life, as well as how much the carer is able and willing to carry on caring. With young carers, the statement will address whether it is appropriate for the child or young person to be caring for the cared-for person.

The ACSP or YCS will also give details of any 'personal outcomes' of the carer. These are any day to day goals or longer term aspirations that the carer has so that they can carry on caring if that is appropriate, or have a life alongside caring. Depending on these personal outcomes, the responsible authority may identify needs for support to help the carer achieve those outcomes. Each local authority has its own eligibility criteria which it will use to decide whether the carer will be entitled to support over and above services that are already available to carers or to everyone in that area.

When a responsible authority draws up an ACSP or a YCS and it identifies a carer who has needs that meet the eligibility criteria, it must consider whether the carer might need a short break to help meet those needs.

The Scottish Government has produced a Carers' charter, setting out information about carers' rights in Scotland. This can be found on the Scottish Government's website at www.gov.scot.

Councillor's forum

I hope everyone enjoyed the Easter break and we were blessed with good weather although a bit chilly.

There were no meetings since I saw you last but we still have the two main ongoing issues still waiting resolution,

Assaye Place

After lots of correspondence, the council have now put Assaye place as a priority 1 category with a number of other Traffic regulation orders (TRO) - in the current financial climate, the Comhairle have stated that it won't be as imminent as we thought.

This is very disappointing as I believe there is a recognition of a problem and child safety is at risk. I will keep pursuing this issue at every opportunity as it has been outstanding for seven years since the last time Assaye Place was discussed when a proposal to put in a one way was declined due to one objection. Roads have got busier and Assaye Place has had more families with young children move in—which is a great thing. So the need for safety measures is far more important now than it ever was.

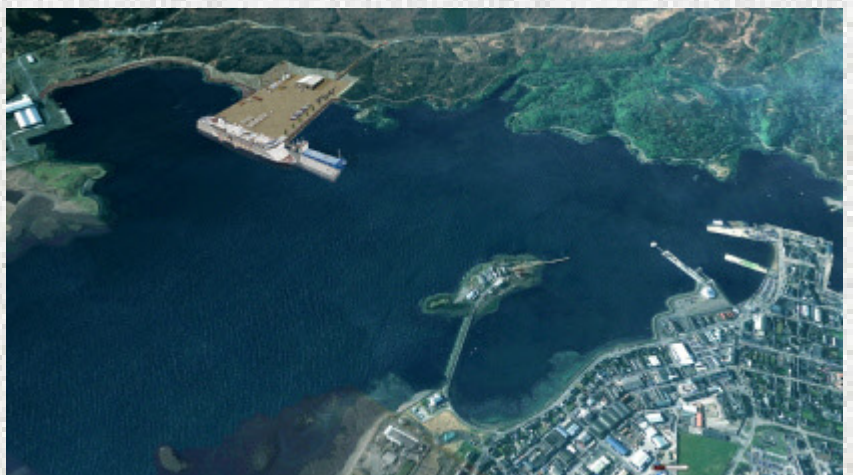
Stornoway Primary

As I write this, I believe that the Parent Council will be notified of the report on the Stornoway Primary and if this assessment agrees with myself and the majority of councillors that there is work needed to be done then I believe that that would be the right thing to do.

I would finally like to wish all our students the very best of luck in their exams in the coming month—this is a time of great anxiety but I hope that, for once, the weather gets worse so our young people can study in doors and exceed expectations! Best of luck!

Stornoway Port Authority

I had a meeting with the Chief Executive of the Stornoway Port Authority, Alex Macleod, who discussed the plans the authority have for developing Stornoway harbour. Exciting developments are planned for both Goat Island and Arnish and I admire Alex's ambition for the area and wish them all the best in a venture which will bring more income to the islands.



COOKS CORNER

Frozen Fruity Yoghurt

Ingredients

- 1 ripe banana
- 400 g ripe seasonal fruit, such as mangos, plums, pears, blueberries
- runny honey , to taste
- 500 g natural yoghurt
- 150 g raspberries

Method

1. Discard any stalks from all the fruit, and peel, if necessary, then cut into bite-sized chunks.
2. Place the chopped fruit onto a tray in one even layer, then pop into the freezer for 2 hours, or until frozen.
3. If serving in glasses, rather than ice cream cones, place 6 small glasses in the freezer to get extra cold.
4. When you're ready to go, place the honey and yoghurt into a food processor and blitz to combine.
5. Add the frozen fruit to the processor, then blitz again until smooth.
6. Remove the glasses from the freezer (if using). Divide the raspberries between the glasses or ice cream cones, then spoon the frozen yoghurt over the top. Serve straight away – keep any leftovers in an airtight container and freeze for another day.



**COMHAIRLE MEETINGS FROM
TUESDAY 24TH—MAY 2ND
LISTEN IN AUDIO ON THE COUNCIL WEBSITE**