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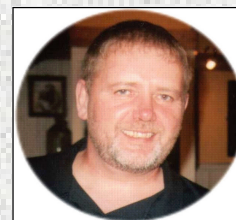
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Special points of interest:

- Chairperson's Comments
- Councillor's Comment's

Chairman's Comments

Welcome to the March meeting and Newsletter. We were fortunate to get a couple of bag packing days from the Co-op Last month, albeit at short notice, a massive thanks to all who managed to assist at both and especially to Phemie for putting together a fantastic basket for the raffle. Congratulations to Betty Jappy for winning the basket of goodies.



The first bag pack raised £900 which was fantastic with only 3 days notice. The second bag pack raised £720 not so busy on a mid month Friday, but hopefully give us some leeway on the upcoming trip.

On the down side we learned of the sudden passing of a Manor Park stalwart, Henry Patterson from Portrona drive, we offer our sincere condolences to Chrissie and their extended family at this sad time.

Plans are well underway for our annual senior citizens trip to the mainland. We hope to finalize places to visit on the trip at the last meetings before we depart. I have arranged a stopover in Aviemore for Soup, Sandwiches and tea/coffee on the way down at the usual place (Cairngorm Hotel) I have also arranged Calmac's Van to take the luggage over and back for us. Please be early if putting bags in the van.

Any points of interest that anybody would like to visit please bring up with Gordon or any committee member, Or at the meeting on Tuesday. We hope we can visit as many places as possible over the 3 days. Look forward to seeing you all the meeting, and on the trip.

Eric

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Its great to see the newsletter back after a month holiday!

In the middle of February until the start of March we had a series of meetings concerning the budget primarily and then the normal service committees.



I received a number of representations before the meetings about the council tax and how a rise would be difficult with all the other rising costs. Given the rising energy costs alongside the rental increases from HHP, the SNP group felt that the council should only raise the council tax by inflation rather than the maximum which was at nearly 5%. Unfortunately other councillors did not agree and the tax was raised by 4.79% which has been difficult for some households.

One of the most important issues that face the islands is the population decline and the overall long-term economic forecast that ensues. I raised at committee that we should have a sub-committee or forum that included elected representatives to discuss possible solutions but await to see if this will be taken forward.

Bethesda Hospice provides the community with an excellent service and it was with real disappointment that I learned that it had been underfunded since 2007. The new Integrated Joint Board (IJB) - a combination of council and health board—has responsibility for funding the hospice and I hope that they will restore funding levels to ensure long term sustainability and take the massive burden of the fundraising to plug the gap.

Stornoway primary is still an issue that we continue to bring up at the Education committee and it was good to see the issues recognised in a report such as the need for an all-weather pitch, a bigger gym and more storage facilities. The question is now just down to a matter of funding which, we have been assured, the director is exploring.



Lewis and Harris

Local Industry and Jobs Fair



Tuesday 26 March 2019, 1:45pm–5pm



Lewis Sports Centre, Stornoway



Meet local employers, discover opportunities and get inspired

In partnership with



OUTER HEBRIDES
Developing the
Young Workforce



Comhairle nan
Eilean Siar

WESTERN ISLES FAST CAMPAIGN - 18 - 22 MARCH

Chest Heart & Stroke Scotland will be in the Harris Sports Centre on Tuesday the 19th of March from 4pm onwards, as part of a week long FAST Campaign (Stroke Awareness and Prevention) across the Western Isles.

We will be fortunate to be joined by Stroke Liaison Nurse, Dolly MacLeod from the Western Isles Hospital, who will be on hand to undertake private and confidential Blood Pressure testing for anyone using the facilities at the Sports Centre or any passers by who would like to speak with us. Please come along and say hello and find out more!



Broadbay Medical Practice

PATIENTS DO NOT NEED TO BE REGISTERED AT BROADBAY TO BENEFIT FROM THIS FANTASTIC NEW SERVICE

Foot Health Service



This is a new non-NHS service carried out by our experienced Foot Health Practitioner, Marion Macleod, for those aged 16 and above.

Nail cutting 

Initial appointment: £30

This will be a 30 minute consultation where you will receive your own personal foot care kit.

Footwear advice 

Follow-up appointments: £15

General foot care advice 

TO BOOK

Please speak to one of our reception team or call 01851 70 3588.

Broadbay Medical Practice

We have had some excellent feedback regarding our new Foot Health Service. Appointments are available every week. If you think you could benefit from this service, regardless of what medical practice you are registered to, please get in touch on

01851 703588.

Alzheimers Scotland

Ceilidh@home is a person centred approach aimed at connecting people living with dementia in advanced stages and their families to their communities whilst supporting individualised activities in their home setting. Please come and meet us to find out more about this project and how you can get involved or be supported.



THE LEWIS & HARRIS PIPING SOCIETY CEILIDH



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RAFFLE £5 ENTRY PRIZES

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FRIDAY 5TH APRIL**