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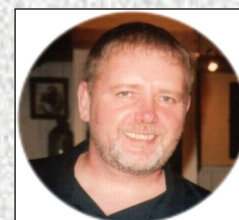
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- Councillor's Comment's

Chairman's Comments

Welcome to the October meeting and Newsletter



Winter has well and truly set in now I think it has rained since last meeting.

The planned bag packing in the co-op on the 30th and 31st December has been confirmed, as I mentioned previously we must take full advantage of these days to bolster our funds .Any help from friends and family would be a great help. This money goes a long way in helping the costs of various outings and dinners throughout the year.

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I attended a meeting of the Newton ward last month with a view to get any interest from there members to join us on our spring trip as they are also suffering from dwindling membership, a number of them are happy to join us (8-10) I will start looking at costs and accommodation over the next couple of months.

Since last meeting it was announced that LWP have been unsuccessful with funding for the Arnish wind farm project, we will however continue with our merger with Cearns to form our own trust, if in the future funding is approved we will be organized and constituted for that. All this now depends on the 600MW interconnector being approved
Regards, Eric

Councillor's forum

The time is passing so fast and I cannot believe we are at the October meeting already. The weather as usual is hit and miss but we have had a few clear nights already which brings about a sense of optimism for the rest of the month.

Since the last Manor and Castle Community Association meetings, we have had our council committees. There were numerous issues discussed and one that I brought up again was the situation at Stornoway Primary. Having discussed the ongoing issue with the pitch and the lack of drainage with the Primary Parent council, I put forward an amendment to pay for a new synthetic grass pitch from a cut in the mainland travel budget. This would have been a win-win given the pressure on local authorities to cut their carbon footprint and also to promote health and well-being and improved and increased family time. The amendment I proposed was deemed not legally competent and rejected by the council leader but I am assured that this will be discussed again in December.



The subject of Bethesda Hospice continues to be a troublesome time for the community as funding still has to be agreed. I have made my position clear that Bethesda Hospice should get the money they are owed by the Health Board and also any future funding agreement with the Integrated Joint Board (IJB) – the organization that brings the council and health board together on health and social care – establishes a 50% funding of the running cost as a baseline. I am hopeful that this will be agreed given the value the community places on Bethesda.

As we approach the festive season, bagpacking is the order of the day for raising funds for our Association events. Please volunteer your time or if you can find someone else to fill the slots for the bagpacking this year so that we can raise funds. Year upon year it gets more difficult to win funding and so volunteering is so much appreciated

The news that the LWP scheme did not win the Contracts for Difference auction means that there is not enough capacity for an interconnector. We have to now look at all options and I firmly believe that we need to ensure our resources benefit every household in the Western isles before any profits for companies.

Councillor Gordon Murray

Volunteers for Bagpacking

Please help our fundraising by volunteering or getting someone in your place to bagpack

Funding for:

**Senior Citizens Trip
Senior Citizens dinner
Children's events**

Manor footballing star continues to excel

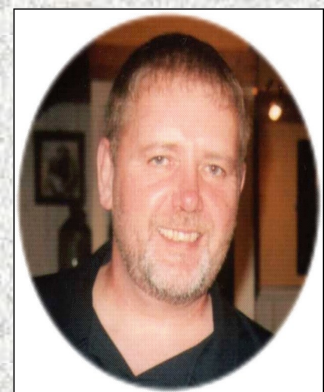


Kayleigh Mackenzie, previously lived at Perceval Road, is banging in the goals at Inverness Caledonian Thistle Ladies team. Kayleigh scored recently and is not a stranger to banging in doubles too. It is great to see her doing so well. Her father Lewis Mackenzie was a speedy winger at Stornoway United and is now passing on his skills to the youngsters at Western

Congratulations to our chair Eric Anderson!

Eric Anderson is part of the new Stornwoay Community Council which has formed after a number of years since it last sat.

We are delighted that he is part of the council and now a community councillor and wish him all the best in his new role,



COOKS CORNER

October Spaghetti

Ingredients

1 lb spaghetti

1 pinch salt

1 shallot, minced

1 garlic clove, crushed

1/4 cup red onion, diced

4 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil

1 (14 ounce) can diced tomatoes with basil and garlic, juice reserved

Method

- Boil spaghetti, drain and set aside.
 - In spaghetti pot over medium-high heat, add olive oil, garlic and shallot, and red onion; cook until onions are translucent.
 - Add tomatoes and 1/2 can juice; cook until hot.
 - Add spaghetti and toss.
1. Serve with parmesan cheese if desired.

