

# MANOR/CASTLE WARDS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

TUESDAY 16<sup>th</sup> January 2018

GRIANAN Centre at 7:30pm

## **1. Present**

Roddy Nicolson (Chair), Eric Anderson (Vice Chair), Dolene Smith (Secretary), Gordon Murray (Councillor)

**In Attendance:** Phemie Ferguson, Mary Macleod, Katie M Maciver, Susie Morrison, Malcolm Macdonald, Chris Kelso.

**2. Apologies:** Iain Hamilton, Erica Anderson, Cathy Macdonald, Chrissie Fraser, Marion Mackenzie, Norrie Mackenzie.

**Welcome:** The Chair welcomed all present.

**3. Minutes of Previous Meetings:** The Minutes were unanimously approved.

## **4. Matters Arising**

Assaye Place – Gordon mentioned he was still waiting for the police to reply.

Senior Citizens Christmas lunch – There was a good attendance at the Eleven restaurant with the lunch being thoroughly enjoyed by all.

## **5. Councillors Forum**

Gordon managed to negotiate on behalf of the residents from Cross Street for the streetlights to remain on until 12pm.

Maintenance is required on Macleod Road which Gordon confirmed has now been completed.

The date for the Community skip at Bain Square has been set for Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> of January from 10am-4pm.

## **6. Manor Trip**

The date for bag packing in the Co-op is set for Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> of February and Gordon is hopeful his college students will get involved. During the discussion plans were being drawn up for a Sale Of Work possibly at the Retirement Centre in March. It was suggested that a final decision should be made on the proposed Manor trip at the February meeting when the updated financial position will be available and also a confirmed list of who is definitely interested.

## **7. Update on finances**

The current figure is £4087.84

## **8. A.O.C.B.**

### **Capital Budget**

Gordon is continuing his campaign for better provision for Stornoway Primary due to facilities not being suitable.

### **Traffic on Perceval Road**

It was highlighted to Gordon that a crossing should be put in place for safety reasons near the access to Arras Cottages and Sand Street.

### **Gritting**

The group were looking at different solutions for the gritting problem. Perhaps placing six bins in and around the Manor area making it accessible to residents. Gordon and another volunteer have previously spread salt around the area.

## **9. Guest Speaker – Emma Macsween, Comhairle Nan Eilean Siar**

Emma showed the plan for the new Care Home in Stornoway. It will be a large building split into four wings. In one area there will be Social Housing including rental and shared equity. It is to benefit the whole community due to more choice being available. It covers a wide range of needs from those who are still fit but need help to those who require full time care. The various needs of all the residents have been taken into consideration at the planning stage. The rooms will all be en-suite and hoisting equipment will be fitted. Due to situations changing so quickly families can work with the Extra Care option to provide the best care possible. Comhairle Nan Eilean Siar have also considered that to get the working age population to stay on the Island there has to be more jobs available. There will be clear ground floor access to both the Care Home and on the other side to the Extra Care Housing which will be on two floors. The architects even consulted and commissioned Stirling University (leading experts on Dementia) on how to set out the building to limit any distress to the residents. There will also be options available to the wider community such as respite within the Extra Care Housing section and the Re-ablement services will be working closely with Occupational Therapy. The local council have tried to be resourceful with the building and are passionate about providing a service that is favourable and helpful to the community in comfortable surroundings.

## **10. Date of Next Meeting**

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> of February at 7:30pm.