

19<sup>th</sup> November 2019

After the initial agenda items the following was covered under AOCB.

Alasdair MacEachan informed the group of 3 projects he has been involved with which have had the support of the community council.

Dog fouling – verbally secured funding from MacLennans supermarket for high vis jacket & waste bags which can be left in local businesses/ shops etc. These can be given out to encourage responsible dog ownership including being responsible for clearing the dogs litter. This also encourages safety when walking the dogs on dark nights. It was thought the jackets could potentially be given out by the group or by the police.

Salt bins – during the frosty weather there have been incidents/ falls on the pavements. Again Alasdair has verbally confirmed funding from MacLennans from the 5p plastic bag payments which are to be refunded to environmental projects. The bins could be based anywhere in Uist deemed to be dangerous. It would be up to communities to spread the salt themselves.

Finally Alasdair is currently , looking into getting agriculture waste such as feed bags recycled. An organisation on the mainland is interested however it is just at the initial stages just now.

Alasdair left & Alison Cropper joined the group and updated everyone on the Balivanich regeneration project where £223k was secured for capital projects based within Balivanich. Alison spoke of several projects which are being costed, these include lighting, rails, bus shelters, yellow lines, buildings, etc.

The group decided to meet again next week to ask for a handover from the previous group. This is to be held in the fire station on Monday the 25<sup>th</sup> November at 6pm.