

Minute/Note of Meeting	TITLE	Uist Association of Community Councils Meeting		
	DATE	Thursday 18 th June 2020	TIME	7.00pm
	VENUE	online		

Present:	Chair : Peter Bird (Iochdar), Tracy Walker (Benbecula), Marie Campbell (Bornish), Vanessa Langley (Benbecula), Effie Roger (North Uist) Joan Fergusson (North Uist) John MacDonald (North Uist) Michelle MacDonald (North Uist) Cllr Iain A MacNeil Cllr Iain M Macleod Cllr Paul Steele Cllr Uisdean Robertson Gail Robertson – CalMac Communities Board Anne Bird – minutes
Apologies:	Sarah MacDonald (North Uist), Donnie Steele (Iochdar), Morag Ann MacAulay, (Iochdar), Donald John MacDonald (Bornish) Cllr Roddy Mackay

	Agenda Item	Summary	Action	Who?	When?
	minutes 28/05/20	Minutes with proposed MC by seconded by VL			
	Matters arising	Circulate HIAL letter and submit to MSPs – Alasdair Allan has responded and sent letter to HIAL with his own concerns. Contact CnES re bus services as lockdown eases – no response. SRA link, link went down, unable to circulate.			
	Ferries	GR and Cllr UR outlined what info they had re easing of lockdown on the ferries. Both GR and Cllr UR explained that they have heard a wide range of views and concerns from individuals and businesses. An online survey started by Benbecula CC is still available and can be circulated. Appreciation expressed for the on-going hard work of CalMac staff during lockdown to help keep Uist Covid-free. Concern raised that Uist Community Councils were not contacted by CalMac during the recent preparation of arrangements for the next phase of lockdown-easing. Concern raised re booking priorities as lockdown eases but capacity is still very limited and also difficulties faced	Explore models for a Uist ferry users group.	MC	On-going

		<p>by port staff identifying essential and non-essential travellers.</p> <p>A consensus emerged from the discussion about ferries and easing of lockdown</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Island situations are varied and a 'one size fits all' approach may not be the way forward 2. Community Councils expect to be consulted along with other bodies and the wider public 3. Uist may be disadvantaged in talks with CalMac as there is no active ferry users' group. 	Invite Chris Wilcock from Transpost Scotland to attend a UACC meeting to discuss CC concerns.	PB	asap
	Community Resilience activities	<p>Appreciation for teaching staff during lockdown. In particular, Primary activities seem to be going well under difficult circumstances.</p> <p>Disappointment that there has not been an opportunity to ease lockdown for older vulnerable islanders before the 'new wave' of visitors are permitted to travel to the islands.</p>			
	AoB	Proposed HIAL changes: Cllrs welcomed the letter from UACC and report that CnES Chief Exec has written in support of the petition. Uist Cllrs are to meet with the list MSPs and will be querying the continuation of the HIAL plans.			
	Date of Next Meeting	To be confirmed. meeting ended 830pm			