

Minute/Note of Meeting	TITLE	Uist Association of Community Councils Meeting		
	DATE	Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> September 2020	TIME	7.00pm
	VENUE	online		

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

	Agenda Item	Summary	Action	Who?	When?
	minutes 18/06/20	Minutes with proposed by UR seconded by MC			
	Matters arising	Idea of setting up a Uist Transport group, difficulty identifying who might take the lead to set one up. Discussions on possible models of a UistTransport group e.g.Harris Forum, Lochboisdale group. Acknowledgement that UACC should encourage collaboration with CalMac Communities Board rep and Community Councils.	Re-visit the idea of a Transport group.	UACC	On-going
	Round up of activities since June	UACC hosted an online meeting on 25th June with representatives from CalMac and Transport Scotland. Wide range of topics covered including pets, Covid measures and campervans. Note of the meeting was circulated by UACC.			
	Youth and Housing	Recent media attention has spot-lighted housing issues faced by young islanders, as raised by a group of concerned individuals in an open letter. The group indirectly asked UACC to consider:  1. is UACC on board with the concerns raised ? 2. if so can that be conveyed to other stakeholders? 3. what is the position of UACC on the proposals to do something radical about housing in e.g. a pilot scheme  Those present welcomed the enthusiasm of the group and recognised that there are long standing housing issues on the islands, many of which disproportionately affect young islanders.			

		<p>Discussion led to the acknowledgement that not all Community Councillors are familiar with the contents of the open letter and the proposals made. Those present agreed they were not able to speak on behalf of their CCs without further consultation.</p> <p>The meeting was informed that the Uist and Barra Housing Group has been looking at housing issues and is about to announce a funding development in the next few weeks.</p> <p>There was general agreement that Crofting opportunities and initiatives, and Social Housing have a key role in addressing some of the housing issues. It was suggested that innovative solutions might be found with collaborative working.</p> <p>It was pointed out that there are opportunities for people with an interest in Uist housing issues to take a hands on role by applying to join the boards of TiG and HHP, and also by engaging with their local CCs.</p>	<p>Invite the open letter group to liaise with UACC re setting up a joint meeting to discuss the issues</p> <p>Check U&amp;B Housing Group have up to date mailing lists for CCs</p>	<p>MC</p> <p>Cllr Iain A MacNeil</p>	<p>On-going</p> <p>asap</p>
	<b>HIAL boat with Benbecula CC</b>	<p>Benbecula CC are working on finding a suitable buyer or situation for the boat donated to the Community by HIAL.</p> <p>UACC offered support if needed.</p>			
	<b>AoB</b>	<p>Driving tests: issue raised by Eriskay CC that it seems impossible for islanders to book a test without travelling to Skye.</p> <p>Community Conversations: Cllrs explained that consultation document on budget decisions will be issued to CCs in the next few days. Current coverage in the public domain is inaccurate and decisions have not yet been taken.</p> <p>NU Bus service: NU CC asked when the bus service will resume? Cllrs able to advise that Council are negotiating with contractor and are expecting a decision soon.</p> <p>Passing places: recent incidents reported of cars not using passing places to allow overtaking.</p> <p>Unrestricted overnight parking: issue raised; Cllrs advised that they are awaiting a report to the Policy Dept regarding the possible use of by-laws. If the report is approved by Council, there will be a Community Consultation on the matter.</p> <p>Challenge fund: Cllrs asked if there is to be a fund for CCs to apply to in this Financial Year? Cllrs advised that the Challenge Fund is listed in the possible budget cuts.</p> <p>Third Sector Recovery Fund and Community Fund: DJM flagged up these new funds to CCs and encouraged applications from Uist.</p>	<p>Issue of Driving Tests to be raised with CnES Chief Exec</p> <p>Request that CalMac promote passing place etiquette</p>	<p>Cllr U Robertson</p> <p>Cllr U Robertson</p>	<p>Asap</p> <p>Asap</p>
	<b>Date of next meeting</b>	TBC			