



COMHAIRLE NAN EILEAN SIAR

Minute of Meeting held in the Council Offices, Stornoway on Wednesday 4 March 2020 at 5.00pm.

PRESENT

Mr Norman A MacDonald (Convener)	
Mr Roddie Mackay (Leader)	
Mr Calum Macmillan (by video conference)	Mr Alasdair Macleod
Mr Iain A McNeil	Mr Finlay Stewart
Mr Donald Manford	Mr Keith Dodson
Mr Paul F Steele	Mr Rae Mackenzie
Mr Roddy MacKay	Mr Angus McCormack
Mr Iain M Macleod	Mr Ian M Macaulay
Mr Uisdean Robertson	Mr Neil Mackay
Mr Finlay Cunningham	Mr Donald F Crichton
Mr Paul A Finnegan	Mr Calum Maclean
Mr John G Mitchell	Mr John Mackay
Mr Angus Morrison	Mr Kenneth Macleod
Mr Norman Macdonald	Mr Kenny J Macleod

APOLOGIES

Mr Ranald Fraser	Mr Gordon Murray
Mr John A Maciver	Mr Charlie Nicolson

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr Malcolm Burr	Mrs Doileag Macleod
Mr Robert Emmott	Mr Colin G Morrison
Mr Bernard Chisholm	Mr Nigel Scott
Mr Iain Mackinnon	Mrs Marina Macaulay
Mr Derek Mackay	Miss Peigi Ann Scott

MINUTES

Prayer

The Meeting was preceded by prayer, led by Mr Finlay Stewart.

Tribute: Dr Ron Culley

The Convener referred to Dr Ron Culley, who would be leaving the Western Isles in April to take up a new post as Chief Executive Officer of Quarriers, one of Scotland's leading social care charities which provided practical care and support for vulnerable children, adults and families facing challenging circumstances.

The Convener paid tribute to Dr Culley, who had joined the Comhairle as Chief Officer for the Western Isles Health and Social Care Partnership in July 2015 and during this time, Dr Culley had made a significant impact in shaping health and social care integration in the Western Isles and had led the formal establishment of the Western Isles Integration Joint Board.

The Convener, on behalf of the Comhairle, congratulated Dr Culley on his new position and extended best wishes to him and his family for the future.

Tribute: Mrs Kenina Morrison

The Convener referred to Mrs Kenina Morrison, originally from Arnol, who was 100 years old on 11 January 2020. The Convener informed the Comhairle that Mrs Morrison, who had been named after her uncle Kenneth Macphail who had perished on HMY Iolaire almost one year before her birth, had trained as a teacher and had taught for many years in Stornoway Primary School.

The Convener, on behalf of the Comhairle, congratulated and extended best wishes to Mrs Morrison.

Tribute: Mr Allan Duncan Mackinnon

The Convener referred to Mr Allan Duncan Mackinnon, from Brue, who was 100 years old today.

The Convener informed the Comhairle that Mr Mackinnon had served in the Royal Navy during the Second World War and in December 2014 he had been awarded the Ushakov Medal for his bravery during the Arctic Convoys.

The Convener, on behalf of the Comhairle, congratulated Mr Mackinnon and extended best wishes to him on his special day.

Tribute: FilmG

The Convener paid tribute to all the schools, organisations and individuals from the Western Isles who had participated in the 2020 FilmG Competition.

The Convener informed the Comhairle that the winners had been announced at an event in Glasgow on Friday 14 February 2020 and two awards had come to the Western Isles with Bun Sgoil an Rubha winning the prize for the Best Youth Group Film with their piece about how skills were passed on through the generations and Urras Oighreachd Ghabhsainn who had won an award for Best Nature Film with their film, AN-DRASTA, which examined how the climate emergency was affecting the Outer Hebrides.

The Convener, on behalf of the Comhairle, congratulated all those who had participated in FilmG 2020 and particularly those who had received awards.

Tribute: Kara Hanlon

The Convener referred to Ms Kara Hanlon who had recently represented Edinburgh University and had competed against top UK swimmers at the British Universities and Colleges Long Course Swimming Championships in Sheffield.

The Convener informed the Comhairle that Ms Hanlon had won two Gold Medals and one silver medal in her individual races. She had also competed in the women's 4 x 100m medley, where she had secured another gold medal.

The Convener, on behalf of the Comhairle, congratulated Ms Hanlon on her achievements and wished her the best of luck for the year to come.

MINUTES

- Minute of Meeting of 11 December 2019 1(a) The Minute of Meeting of 11 December 2019 was **approved**, subject to the addition of Mr Calum Macmillan in the list of those present.
- Minute of Meeting of 27 February 2020 1(b) The Minute of Meeting of 27 February 2020 was **approved**, subject to the addition of Mr Kenneth Macleod in the list of those present.
- Minute of Meeting of 3 March 2020 1(c) The Minute of Meeting of 3 March 2020 was **approved**.
- Declaration of Interest of 2 Mr Alasdair Macleod and Mr Paul Steele declared an interest in item 16 of the Policy and Resources Committee Decision Report as family members were in Care Homes.
- Mr Donald Crichton declared an interest in item 17 of the Policy and Resources Committee Decision Report as a Member of The Stornoway Trust.
- Questions to the Convener and Chairmen of Committees 3 There were no written questions.

APPOINTMENTS

- WISP and Sgoiltean Ura LLP 4 The Director for Investment Delivery submitted a Report which sought the agreement of the Comhairle for the filling of two vacancies on the Board of Sgoiltean Ùra LLP. The Report stated that in light of a number of contractual, commercial and organisational factors and further requirements, including the need for a five yearly benchmarking of the WISP Operating Contract and the implementation of the Chief Executive's review of organisational structures in 2019, it was proposed that the two current vacancies on the LLP Board be filled.

It was agreed that:

- (1) **Mr Kenny John Macleod and Mr Paul Steele be appointed as Non Executive Directors to the Sgoiltean Ùra LLP Board; and**
- (2) **the Chief Executive be authorised to appoint an Officer to the role of Executive Director, Sgoiltean Ùra LLP Board.**

Outer Hebrides Community Planning Partnership: Comhairle Representation 5 The Chief Executive submitted a Report which sought the appointment of a replacement Member on the Outer Hebrides Community Planning Partnership (OHCPP) as Mr Finlay Cunningham had intimated his intention to resign as a Comhairle representative on the OHCPP.

It was agreed that Mr Paul Finnegan be appointed as a Comhairle representative on the Outer Hebrides Community Planning Partnership to replace Mr Finlay Cunningham.

COMMITTEES

Committee Decision Reports 6 The Committee Decision Reports were approved, as indicated below:

- (a) Communities and Housing Committee – 25 February 2020
- (b) Education, Sport and Children’s Services Committee – 25 February 2020
- (c) Transportation and Infrastructure Committee – 26 February 2020
- (d) Sustainable Development Committee – 26 February 2020
- (e) Audit and Scrutiny Committee – 3 March 2020
- (f) Policy and Resources Committee – 4 March 2020

Mr Roddie Mackay, seconded by Mr Donald Crichton, moved approval of the Policy and Resources Committee Decision Report of 4 March 2020.

Mr Rae Mackenzie, seconded by Mr Calum Macmillan, moved the following amendment in respect of item 16(a) and (b) of the Policy and Resources Committee Decision Report of 4 March 2020:

- (a) the standard weekly charge for Comhairle care homes for the elderly in 2020/21 be increased by 5% per room;
- (b) the standard weekly charge for Ardseileach Care Home for 2020/21 be increased by 5% per room.

Mr Roddie Mackay and Mr Donald Crichton indicated that they were willing to amend item 16(a) and (b) of the Policy and Resources Committee Decision Report, as follows:

- (a) the standard weekly charge for Comhairle care homes for the elderly in 2020/21 be increased by 5% per room per annum for the next three financial years;
- (b) the standard weekly charge for Ardseileach Care Home for 2020/21 be increased by 5% per room per annum for the next three financial years.

Mr Rae Mackenzie and Mr Calum Macmillan indicated that they were willing to accept the amended wording which became the finding of the meeting.

Notice of Motion 7 There were no notices of motion.