

Uig Community Council

Draft Minute of Meeting

TITLE : Uig Community Council

DATE : 3rd September 2024 TIME : 7.30pm

VENUE : Uig Community Centre

DISTRIBUTION : To all Council Members

Present: Kevin Agg (Chair for September Meeting), Norman (Norrie) Mackay, Jamie Dobson, Peter Macdonald, Calum George Buchanan, Janet MacNaughten, Cllr. Ranald Fraser , Cllr. Norman (Misty) Macdonald, Innes Morrison (Estate Manager, R asort Estates), Alice Murray (CnES), Alison Tyler (UDT) Amanda Humble, Sarah Wilson, Julia Shaw (via Zoom), Sophie Brown (Clerk)

Item		Summary and Action	Who?	When?
1	Apologies	Caroline Bishop		
2	Approval of Minutes	The minutes were approved by Kevin Agg and seconded by Cllr. Norman Macdonald. There were no matters arising.		

Item	Summary and Action	Who?	When?
3	<p>Finance</p> <p>Uig Community Council has two bank accounts. The updated figures given were from the last statement, dated 27th August 2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - UCC Current Account is at £8,373.98 with no ringfenced funding and no outstanding invoices. £1,000 remains in the account from the 2024 Crown Estate Funding. - UCC Savings Account is at £5097.62. Of this £4,000 is ringfenced for the Mealista Memorial Monument (see item 13) and £50, which had been received Sylvania Coogan, will be allocated to the school or put towards raffle prizes for the Christmas dinner. <p>UCC has received £1,284 from the Uig Community Shop from sales of the Uig Phone Book. 86 copies remain in the shop. More can be supplied by UCC when required.</p> <p>Repayments to funders for money received for the Uig Community Bus project have now been paid - the full funding was not secured for this project, and it will not go ahead at this time.</p>		
4	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>Northland Power – a Proposal of Application Notice (PAN) has been submitted to CNES by Spiorad Na Mara Ltd relating to the proposed onshore transmission works associated with the offshore windfarm. The PAN is not a planning application but a notice to the council on how the company plan to engage with the community about the proposals. Please see details attached to this meeting minute.</p> <p>An email had been received by a resident of Carrishader requesting that the speed limit through the village be raised with the Councillors. Currently there are no speed restrictions through the village, allowing vehicles to travel though the village, legally, up to 60mph. This was discussed under Item 8.</p> <p>Wreaths have been ordered for the Uig Memorial Service in November.</p>		

Item		Summary and Action	Who?	When?
5	Election of Chairperson	Norman Mackay was nominated by Peter Macdonald and seconded by Peter Agg		
6	Appointment of Clerk	Sophie Brown was appointed as Clerk		
7	Co-opt New Members	Jamie Dobson was nominated by Peter Macdonald and seconded by Amanda Humble		
8	Councillors' Update	<p>The current speed limit through the village of Carrishader was highlighted. Councillors confirmed that Council Officers will review the speed limit, however, to get the limit reduced 40 mph will take approximately one year.</p> <p>It was acknowledged that this has been an ongoing concern for the residents of Carrishader and that the request for a 40mph speed limit was initially raised over 10 years ago. Cllr. Macdonald confirmed that speed monitoring will be put into the village to gauge car speed. It was requested that this should be installed on the straight through the village, as opposed to the tight corner where cars have to naturally slow down. Kevin Agg has written to CNES and also written an open letter to the Stornoway Gazette.</p> <p>Once a speed limit is in place it is requested that CNES also put in flashing 'over speed limit' signs to highlight car speed to drivers going through the village.</p> <p>CNES meetings resume at the end of the month.</p>	Cllrs Macdonald and Fraser to ensure Council Officers review speed limit through Carrishader as a priority.	Within 6 months

Item		Summary and Action	Who?	When?
9	Lucky2Bhere defibs	<p>A list of all defibrillator locations has been circulated to Uig Community groups. Batteries have recently been checked and the battery in Mangersta was replaced. Pads have been changed in Carrishader. The recommend donation is £60 for the pads and £300 for a battery.</p> <p>Training has been requested for members of the community in the community centre on a Saturday morning. There is the possibility of linking this in with training arranged by the Bhaltos Community Trust – Caroline Bishop to advise.</p>	Caroline Bishop	September meeting
10	Handover notes	<p>These produced by Catriona Maclean and circulated to members of the UCC. A copy to be sent on to Jamie Dobson who has been co-opted at September meeting.</p>	Sophie Brown	asap
11	SSEN Powering Communities	<p>At the August meeting it was noted that there may be up to £40,000 for sustainability projects. Janet MacNaughten has reviewed this but closing date for applications meant that timelines were too tight for this round.</p>		
12	Noticeboard	<p>Norrie Mackay to follow up re. the installation of the noticeboard at the turnoff to the Valtos peninsula.</p>	Norman Mackay	asap
13	Mealista Memorial	<p>The proposal is to install a memorial with a stone monolith, an anchor, and a plaque. Norrie to follow up</p>	Norman Mackay	ongoing
14	Spiorad Na Mara	<p>Details to be sent through re. PAN and briefing event Proposed community funding has been announced - £4.5m per year for the operational lifetime of the project.</p>	S Brown	
15	Update from Réasort Estate re NMS proposal	<p>Salmon Farm (Mealista) – Innes Morrison, Estate Manager Réasort Estate provided an update:</p>		

		<p>It is expected that an amended, smaller scale, proposal will be sent to Réasort Estate from Norwegian Mountain Salmon (NMS).</p> <p>Innes Morrison noted that once this has been received the Estate intend to ask the Council to run a consultation process with the residents of Uig to ask for a yes/no referendum on the development. The Estate will then follow the wishes of the local community. The stance of the Estate is that it would not be right for one person to decide on whether or not to support the project and that the community decision will be final.</p> <p>NMS are continuing with preliminary investigative works – to date this has been a desktop survey. They will also have to go to market for investment.</p> <p>UCC members highlighted that it is important that community is also involved during the early stages of any project proposal, however, there is a requirement for further information so that there can be an informed discussion.</p> <p>There is a suggestion that the potential salmon farm could provide local jobs. It was agreed that UCC and the wider community need to better understand the pros and cons of any proposal.</p> <p>UCC asked that Innes Morrison contact NMS to request that they come to speak with the Uig community and/or send through some details which can be shared. This to be followed up.</p>	UCC	Autumn
16	AOCB	<p>Fireworks – Provisional date set for Friday, 1st November (as always this will be weather dependent)</p> <p>Christmas Dinner on either the 7th or the 14th. Norrie to ask Shona and Tinie if they can support with the cooking for this, or it could be run through the Café CIC. Once a date is confirmed speak with Peter MacIannan to arrange transportation.</p> <p>Internet has been really poor over the past week. Tony Wade and Jamie Dobson will run a survey to assess the effects of losing internet and 4G and how does that sit along with parallel project to remove the landlines – all being undertaken by three different departments in BT. UDT will run the survey on their website.</p> <p>Jamie Dobson to also write to Alasdair Allan re. current issues with EE.</p>	Jamie Dobson	As part of wider piece of work to highlight current

		<p>Peter Macdonald asked if there are there any First esponders still on the Island? It was generally felt that there were not. Some members of the community would be interested in starting this up again. It was initially started by the Scottish Ambulance Service working with Martin Macleod. It was agreed that UCC should find out if there is a way to reinstate First Responders in Uig if there are volunteers willing to do this. Sarah Wilson agreed to find out name of contact as a first step.</p> <p>Thanks were noted to Catriona Maclean for her services to Uig Community Centre.</p>	Sarah Wilson	<p>internet issues</p> <p>asap</p>
--	--	---	--------------	------------------------------------

Date and Time of Next Meeting	Date of next meeting: 7 th October 2024 @ 7.30pm in Green Room, Uig community Centre		
--------------------------------------	---	--	--