Uig Community Council

Draft Minute of Meeting

TITLE: Uig Community Council

DATE: 7th October 2024 TIME: 7.30pm

VENUE: Uig Community Centre

DISTRIBUTION: To all Council Members

Present: Norman (Norrie) Mackay (Chair), Calum-George Buchanan, Jamie Dobson, Kevin Agg, Cllr. Ranald Fraser, Cllr. Norman (Misty) Macdonald, Sarah Wilson, Julia Shaw (via Zoom), Sophie Brown (Clerk)

Item		Summary and Action	Who?	When?
1	Apologies	Caroline Bishop, Janet MacNaughton		
2	Approval of Minutes	The minutes were approved by Norrie Mackay <u>EE:</u> Jamie Dobson noted that there will be a letter in the next Uig News, from himself and Tony Wade, explaining how to take part in a survey about the internet and phone coverage in the area. This is so that evidence can be collated to quantify the effect of failures when there's no signal. The survey will go live in the next few weeks. It will be possible to download a copy from the Uig Development Trust website and hard copies will also be available in the shop. Jamie noted that he does not have a named contact at EE. Although all under the BT 'umbrella' the EE phone company (4G) is a different organisation to Open Reach (BT		
		Broadband), which in turn is different again to the organisation taking away the wired		

landline telephones (ASDL). It is not clear when the landlines will be stopped but it will be imminent. Without the wired landlines there will be issue when there is a power cut or no 4G. It was agreed that Torcuil Cichton, MP, should be invited to a meeting in the New Year once the quantified evidence about the connectivity issues has been gathered. Association of Community Councils: There is currently a defunct Association of Community Councils on the Isle of Lewis. It was felt that if there are issues that impact across the island it may be that the Association of Community Councils would be a useful forum to discuss these (for example, to date all the negotiations between Northland and communities on the Isle of Lewis have taken place through the West Side Community Estates group, which Uig	Sophie	
is not a member of). Derek Mackay, CNES, would be the person to set this up. Misty will ask if this can be restarted. Local Place Plans (LPP): These are plans pulled together by community groups. It provides a means for local communities to put together a plan for what you want to happen to a specific building or place. This could be used to identify improvements to a specific building or planning (eg schoolhouse in Breanish). It is a way for communities to highlight or implement planning reform to encourage communities to have a more direct role in the decisions that influence their place. Once registered, LPPs are required to be considered in the next Local Development Plan (LDP) by the local authority. Please see Appendix 1 for further information on LPPs.	Misty	

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3	Finance	There are no outstanding Invoices to pay. There is an outstanding Invoice owing to UCC which is £60.00 from Kneep for their new De-fib battery. Calum George to arrange. Account Balances as at 7th October, 2024 Current account: £8,373.98 [includes the £3,598.48 shown below]. Last October 2023, £3,598.48 was transferred to UCC from Crowlista Social Fund, which closed, with the intention that it is used for the Community. Some could be used for the Christmas Senior's Dinner. Savings account: £5,109.76. £4000.00 ring-fenced for the Mealasta Memorial. £50.00 ring-fenced from a donation given last year towards the Community Bus and which is not refundable. 23/24 Accounts now ready for the next AGM and require signatures. Julia Shaw to arrange. New Chair signatory to be added to the Accounts and Catriona and Lois removed. It was proposed that Norrie and Janet should be signatories. Julia Shaw to arrange.	Julia Julia	
4	Correspondence	 Information regarding the Spoirad na Mara consultations was put up in the shop and circulated to other community groups. Jamie Dobson also attended a presentation to encourage residents of Uig to participate in the community consultations. His notes were circulated to Members of Uig Community Council. CnES has been updated on the current membership of Uig Community Council (list sent to Shona Hadwen) Information about Community Council training was passed to Jamie Dobson who attended the training last Monday (30th September). Slides will be circulated to all members. 		

- Responded to an email from Carrishader residents re. campaign to reduce the speed limit through the village. Initial information sent through to local Councillors.		
- First responder event booked in the Green Room for 7:30pm on Thursday, November 14 th . Update sent through to the Uig News.		
- Update written for Uig News. Fireworks confirmed for Friday 1 st November and the Christmas Lunch for Saturday 14 th December. Norrie to ask Tinie if she can help arrange the raffle	Norrie	
- Received Road to Breanish poster from Ronald Kerr. Posted on Facebook and sent on to other community groups for information.		

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5	Councillors' Update	Budget meetings in December. Current shortfall of c. £7.5m. One suggestion is to raise council tax by 10%, use £2m from reserves, however, this will still leave a shortfall. Current shortfall will most likely have an impact on services going forward. Statutory obligations will have to be kept.		

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6	Autumn UCC Events	Fireworks: Peter MacDonald to arrange the fireworks / Norrie to ask for support with teas/coffee and raffle	Peter / Norrie	
		Christmas Dinner confirmed for the 14 th December. Update sent to Uig News.		
7	Training	Sarah Wilson noted that Ross Cowley, Lucky2BeHere, has recently passed away.		
		The Ness Responders and Shader Responders still running.		
		Community Resilience Team Leader, Earle Wilson, will run an information session in the Green Room at the Community Centre on the 14th November – 7.30pm. There will then be a follow up meeting in March to potentially start the training.		
		If the First Responders are established in Uig, disposable kit can be provided but there will need to be fundraising for kit bags / equipment. It was suggested that some of the money from the c.£3,500 from Crowlista Social Fund could be put towards this.		
		Caroline Bishop to update re. Defib Training. Defib in Aird is beeping. Can order new pads from Lucky2BeHere – Community Council		
8	Noticeboard	Norrie Mackay installing the noticeboard at the turnoff to the Valtos peninsula.	Norman Mackay	ongoing
9	Mealista Memorial	Ongoing	Norman Mackay	ongoing
10	АОСВ	Jamie Dobson to place wreath for Memorial Service		
	Date and Time of Next Meeting	Date of next meeting: 4 th November 2024 @ 7.30pm in Green Room, Uig Community Centre		