

Uig Community Council

TITLE : Uig Community Council

DATE : 05-02-2024

TIME : 7.30pm

VENUE : Uig Community Centre

Draft Minute of Meeting

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Present: C. Maclean (Chair), K. Agg, C. Buchanan, Cllr. R. Fraser, Cllr. N. Macdonald, N. Mackay, J. Shaw, R. Mackinnon (UDT), L. Darley (Acting Clerk).
 Guests: Innes Morrison, Estate Manager, Reasort Estates;
 Donald MacLeod, Marine Site Manager, Scottish Salmon (Bakkafrost Scotland).

Item	Summary and Action	Who?	When?
1	Apologies P Macdonald, J. MacNaughton, A. Murray.		
2	Guests <p>Two guests addressed the meeting.</p> <p>Donald MacLeod, Marine Site Manager, Scottish Salmon (Bakkafrost Scotland). This is a family-run business, which wants each farm area to be involved with the local community. Bakkafrost is the main operator in the loch. They are keen to help keep the environment tidy and are happy to help with beach cleans, the annual Gala (set-up etc.) and any other relevant non-shore activities. Funding is available for community projects - the next issue is in March. Donald will send application forms to CMacL.</p> <p>Innes Morrison, Estate Manager, Reasort Estates. The company is responsible for Uig and Hamnaway Estate. Though they cannot offer financial assistance, they are keen to connect with the community they will assist in any ways they can. A recent acquisition is Baile na Cille Church, which is now undergoing renovation. Currently they are in the process of setting up a charity to run community events such as arts, exhibitions, weddings and receptions, and film nights; they are open to any suggestions for its use.</p> <p>The question was raised about the deer population on estate land. A recent deer count showed that Uig had the lowest density. They are hoping to work more in liaison with Common Grazings committees - there are lots that can be done working together. Work is underway on peatlands, carbon sink and investors. Innes has agreed to help with groundwork for Mealista Memorial.</p>		

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3	<p>Approval of Minutes</p> <p>Minutes of meeting held on 4th September agreed - proposed CMacL, seconded NMacK.</p> <p>Matters Arising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on notices for skips: councillors to follow up with Donald Maciver. • CMacL with put a notice in Uig News regarding the Christmas Dinner. Forty-five attended, which was better than anticipated. 		
4	<p>Finance</p> <p>Account balance is £20,793.37. This includes funds towards the community bus and Mealista Monument. £778 paid out for Bonfire night fireworks, service awards, raffle, etc.</p>		
5	<p>Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Donald Macleod, Bakkafröst Scottish Salmon, re. next meeting. • Shona Hadwen, CnES, documents from inaugural meeting, forwarded to members. • Janet Smith, muirburn document for perusal, forwarded to members. • Roddy Mackinnon, various re. Minibus funding. • CC from Alice Murray, school - Place Standard results. • Ordnance Survey, performance rating. • Roddy Mackinnon, Minibus funding update. • Shona Hadwen, links to UCC on CnES and Community Councils Scotland websites. Shared with CMacL. • Email to Innes Morrison re attending meeting, and reply in the affirmative. • Alice Murray, notes from CnES Leader meeting in November. Printed and filed. 		
6	<p>Approval and Adoption of Community Council Constitution</p> <p>CMacL and NMacK signed copies of Uig Community Council Constitution. CMacL will send to Shona Hadwen at CnES by Royal Mail.</p>		
7	<p>Councillors' Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Still to hear regarding Crown Estate funding for this year. • Budget meeting will take place this month. 		
8	<p>Co-option of New Members</p> <p>CMacL will put a notice in Uig News asking for interest.</p>		

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9	Appointment of Clerk and Treasurer	<p>Julia Shaw has agreed to be Treasurer. A mandate with JS and CMacL as signatories has been submitted to the bank, but is yet to go through.</p> <p>CMacL has approached a number of people to take on the role of Clark, though is still awaiting replies. LD has agreed to continue as Clerk/Secretary until a suitable replacement can be found.</p>		
10	Minibus/ Transport	<p>RMack reported on funding agreed so far; £23,690 has been promised, to date. There is still a shortfall, but further applications have been made and there are more organisations still to be approached. A number of groups have shown an interest including Gallan Head Trust who have pledged £500; Ardroll Common Grazings and Valtos are expected to respond this month. (Printout of email with latest update will be filed with this minute)</p> <p>(RMack to draft a letter and send to Clark).</p>	RMack	
11	Uig Forum	<p>AM sent notes from the CnES Leader meeting held in November. CMacL is meeting AM next week and will ask about Challenge Fund, Crown Estate Fund and Uig Development Plan.</p>		
12	Mealista Memorial	<p>NMacK will contact stonemason for an update. Resort Estates have agreed to help with groundwork. LD to send copy of Site and Location to NMacK.</p>	NMacK LD	
13	AOCB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More and more potholes have appeared on Uig roads. NMacD said that patching is to be undertaken by the department. • The Telephone Book is almost finished and quotations have been obtained for printing. • KA reported that Cairdeas group have been granted £3,000 to be used for men's activities. 		
16	Date and Time of Next Meeting	<p>Monday 4th March 2024.</p>		