

Uig Community Council

Minute of Meeting

TITLE : Uig Community Council

DATE : 11-03-2024

TIME : 7.30pm

VENUE : Uig Community Centre

DISTRIBUTION : To all Council Members

Present: C. Maclean (Chair), K. Agg, C. Buchanan, Cllr. R. Fraser, P. Macdonald, Cllr. N. Macdonald, N. Mackay, J. Shaw, R. Mackinnon, A. Murray (Development Officer), L. Darley (Acting Clerk).

Item	Summary and Action	Who?	When?
1	Apologies J. MacNaughton.		
2	Approval of Minutes Minutes of meeting held on 5th February agreed - proposed KA, seconded CMacL. Matters Arising: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• CMacL returned signed Constitution to CnES. Copy received for files.• KA reported that plans are in hand to use the Cairdeas grant of £2,000 for men's activities. (corrected amount from February minute)• Uig Telephone Book has been printed and is on sale at Uig Shop.		
3	Finance JS and CMacL have been through RBS checks and have access to UCC account, although they do not yet have access on-line. A balance is not available at this time. A second account will now be opened to hold funds for the Minibus.		
4	Correspondence <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chris Macritchie, Ardrol, letter of support for Minibus. Forwarded to CMacL.• Roddy Mackinnon, various re. Community Minibus, and attached purchase documents.• Yvonne Maciver, CnES, copy of signed Constitution for records.• Caroline Taylor, Scottish Water, notice of upcoming telephone interview.• Julia Shaw, querying forms for photographic permission.		

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5	<p>Councillors' Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget for year has now been set; Scottish Government to award £400k extra which will be put towards maintenance projects. • Crown Estate funding will be discussed at next Council meeting. • Potholes are still to be repaired. The new cattle grid at Aird is due to be installed this month (March). 		
6	<p>Co-option of New Members</p> <p>CMacL put a notice in Uig News asking for interest. Suzanne Howarth and Caroline Bishop have said they are interested, and attended the meeting.</p>		
7	<p>Appointment of Clerk</p> <p>CMacL has approached a number of people to take on the role of Clark, but has had no firm interest shown to date. LD to draft notice to go in Uig Shop, Uig News and on the FaceBook page.</p>	LD	
8	<p>Minibus/ Transport</p> <p>RMack reported on proposed purchase of Minibus to serve community groups (eg. school, football, Cairdeas). Unfortunately, the £12,190 offered by CLLD has been withdrawn as it was conditional on being used by the end of March. A <i>refundable</i> deposit of £3,000 has been paid to the vehicle sales company and should be good for another three months. UCC will continue to submit funding applications for the shortfall, which now stands at approx. £40k. Any suggestions for fundraising will be welcomed.</p>		
9	<p>Uig Forum/ Development Plan</p> <p>AM updated that a Forum meeting took place in November with representatives from all Uig Groups. They came together mainly to discuss future aspirations, with special regard to Crown Estate Funding, so that dispersal of funds could be fair and transparent. Groups were asked to submit forms showing their projects and objectives and a number of replies were received. The next tranche of Crown Estate Funding will be made known at the end of April. Uig Groups Forum will meet again sometime in May.</p>		
10	<p>Mealista Memorial</p> <p>NMacK has contacted the stonemason and has commenced sourcing the stone. A planning application is to be submitted to CnES.</p>	NMacK	
11	<p>Fish Farm Proposals</p> <p>Reports in Stornoway Gazette (22-02-24) and on social media suggest that talks have taken place over the last year, between CnES, Uig and Hamnaway Estate and Norwegian Mountain Salmon company in connection with a proposed massive on-land salmon farming operation based at Mealista. (None of this was mentioned at the February meeting when a representative of the Estate addressed UCC members.)</p> <p>Our CnES councillors were unable to give any insight as they were unaware of any negotiations. It is understood that Alasdair Allan MSP has had, or is to have a meeting with NMS. In the absence of any concrete information LD to invite Alasdair Allan and a representative of Uig and Hamnaway Estate to attend either a UCC meeting or a public meeting to give the community an opportunity to hear any plans for our area.</p>	LD	

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12	Noticeboards	<p>The noticeboard for the Carradh is ready for installation. NMack to arrange for work to commence.</p> <p>The UCC noticeboard at Uig Shop has become very disorganised and out of date. CMacL asked for volunteer to manage the contents on a regular basis.</p>	NMack	
13	EE Signal	<p>Problems with poor EE signal have been highlighted again. Individuals are urged to log any problems directly with EE, as there is sometimes a possibility to obtain a rebate on subscriptions.</p>		
14	AOCB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JS asked whether meeting could be attended via Zoom link, as she will be away for the next meeting. CMacL to set up a link for the next meeting. • JS asked whether there is a permission form for taking photographs at events. KA explained the legal requirements. 	CMacL	
15	Date and Time of Next Meeting	Monday 8th April, 2024.		