

USCA Committee Minutes 12/04/2012

1. **Apologies:** D. Woodhouse, E. Munro, J. MacColl, H. Waller.
Present: C. Charrington, I. Thomson, L. Mackenzie, C. Leitch, D. Lambert, M. Hogan, S. McKie, E. McKie, R. Munro, B. Roth, G. Napier,
In Attendance: C. Fleming, A. Satchel.
2. **Minutes of previous meeting:** The last meeting was primarily about the JM meeting so the various lists produced will be the record. The only other decision was to allow a sub-group to decide on the polytunnel.
3. **Matters Arising:**
Jim Mather meeting - Thanks to: Emma, Eilidh, Rebecca & Jeanette for their wonderful catering; to all in the community who contributed their baking; Elaine for all her organisational skills; Mary-Jean Devon and Helen Mackay for guiding; Colin Morrison & Somerset Charrington for driving; Lucy for all her help on the day and before; Roger, Mark and Iain for help parking cars. Also thanks to Anna Hogan and Mary Munoz-Ramos for doing all the filming and to all who were or were willing to be interviewed. Thanks also to MICT and the NWMWC for the loan of their projectors and to The Western Isles for the loan of their screen. We also want to register our appreciation to Turus Mara and the Ross of Mull for the loan of their minibuses, to Dervaig Village Hall for the loan of the chairs and to Craignure Village Hall for the crockery. Last, but not least, thank you to the Compton Macleans for hosting the lunch at Torloisk House.
AS/CF producing report on the meeting for the newsletter. Need to think of follow up re stakeholder 'pledges' at Mather Meeting **CC & MH to action.**
Distribution of film - to be sent to those who were unable to attend - **CC & MH to action.**
Polytunnel Update - One has been purchased. The need now is to get the set-up correct. Person/People needed to prepare the groundwork. To be done in partnership with Parent Council who have shared the cost of the tunnel. Volunteers? **DL** offered to help with his digger, **IT** willing to help with brushcutter. **CC to contact Heather.**
4. **Finance:**
Current position reasonably healthy now claims are being paid - Expenses cheques to be signed at end of meeting - Systematic approach to invoices/payments etc has been adopted and is being implemented. The need for removing previous office holders /committee members as signatories from the bank account was explained. Agreed that Iain Thomson, Maureen Merrit and Helen Mackay be removed as signatories and Beccy Roth added as she is now Treasurer. Possible Unity Bank Trust funding -**AS & CF** to give Committee guide to main points.
Community Gathering Paperwork **BR & MH & CC to action.**

5. **Organisation and Workload**
Charity Status application - a breakdown for next meeting and approach MICT to do training session. **MH** to produce breakdown, **CC** to approach MICT. Need agreed system for membership recording - decision taken to explore database use (perhaps Open Office or Libre Office) and use Dropbox to share files. **MH & LM to action.**

6. **Community issues:**
Office site preparation/water and electricity connection/workparty to paint portacabin inside and out. Electricity- **BR, CL & AS** to liaise.
Formation of Steering Group for LDOs - Decision to have some members from the USCA committee but also to approach the wider community. **CC to follow up in Newsletter.**
Summer Picnic/Barbecue agreed should investigate holding a Beach Sports & Barbecue on the Black Beach. Possible dates of end of July either on the 22nd or 29th. Boathouse may consider closing on that day. **All to consider & CC to co-ordinate.**
The LDO's will need to be starting on the Community Consultation exercise. Everyone in the community will be consulted but would also be helpful to share committee's and LDO's emails. This was agreed. **MH to action.**

7. **Housing Issues:**
Achleck: **JM** meeting useful in allowing informal contacts. Torloisk estate factor to be in touch when back from holiday. We will keep pressing partners for decision. Offer from Mike Russell MSP to help if needed. Discussion of possible options for use of local houses to support families. **CC to action**

8. **Publicity Issues:**
Newsletter - Next newsletter to be issued with date of March/April.
Contributions welcomed, preferably by 20th April. **MH to produce.**
Website - Local businesses to be represented on page of USCA site. Offer to be carried in the newsletter so anyone can be put on the page. Suggested donations of £10. **MH to action.**

9. **School Issues:** Discussion of school roll and future. **CC to talk to possible landlords.**

10. **Any other business:** Discussion of suitable acknowledgement for efforts in organising **JM** meeting. **BR to action**
Discussion of stall at Salen Show **AS to action.**
Volunteers needed for preparing for Dyking on 5:30pm Tuesday at Lagganulva.
Lucy to open gardens for charity over double bank holiday: June 3rd, 4th, 5th. Any help appreciated.
Meeting on Monday 7pm Craignure Hall about the PCC.
Thank you very much for Donation to USCA Of £100 from the Disc Golf championship.

11. **Date of next meeting:** Thursday 10th May, 7:30pm at Ulva School