

USCA Committee Draft Minutes 19/07/2012

1. **Apologies:** Heather Waller, Mike Hogan, Cally Fleming (LDO).
2. **Present:** Carlyne Charrington, David Woodhouse, Beccy Roth, Lucy Mackenzie, Emma McKie, Jeannie MacColl, Rebecca Munro, Don Lambert, Stuart McKie, Chris Leitch. In attendance: Alasdair Satchel (LDO).
3. **Minutes of previous meeting:** Already supplied. Proposed: Emma McKie Seconded: Rebecca Munro.
4. **Finance:** Beccy Roth confirmed that there was nearly £8,000.00 in the account, but cheques to go out amounted to about £900.00 for Insurance Premium, Round & About invoices, and payment for toilets.
5. **Community Issues:** Discussion re recent controversy over plans for new fish Farm in the Gometra vicinity. It was agreed that the USCA COMMITTEE would make an INTERIM response to the Council re the proposed fish farm plans, and also to host an open meeting. The wording of the Interim Response was agreed and is attached to these Minutes. Representatives from the Fish farm, SNH, SEPA, Richard Kerr, the Case Officer, HWDT, and a representative from the boat tours, eg. Turus Mara would be invited to attend. Local residents would be able to come and air their views and ask questions. It was agreed that this meeting should take place as soon as possible. A Confidential Ballot would be held during the meeting. The meeting would be minuted and results of the ballot submitted.
6. **The Black Beach Bonanza BBQ** was discussed. Committee are very grateful to Emma and Rebecca for all their hard work on this. Using the Treshnish Marquee and Tipi. Emma was given a cheque for £228 for the payment of the toilets. The Dervaig Hall BBQ is £25 but we can pay for this afterwards. Rebecca will pick it up on Friday. The sponsorship money offered so far is around £500 which should cover all expenses. Jeannie suggested asking Sheena to help with the parking like she did last year. Jeannie also said she would be happy to organise a raffle. Don asked for a generator so he could make candy floss. Alasdair is helping with the children's games. Jeanette is being asked to help with the cake stand. Alasdair suggested Lee to judge the sand sculpture competition. The tent is going up on Friday night with Somerset, Stuart, Rhuri, Iain T and Donald Munro to help. Iain also said he will play some music. Emma will get a first aid accident book as well as take fire extinguishers, a no smoking sign and a children must be supervised sign. Carlyne will take bins and the coconut shy equipment. Lucy said she would go around with donation buckets and the LDOs want a place where they can have some info. We agreed to arrive around 10.30 on Sunday. Stuart McKie will ferry people to and from the beach who have limited mobility. Lots of discussion re parking, and it was decided that as long as the weather stays fine, there will be sufficient. Should the weather be poor, and due to stay poor before the BBQ, those who were free will help clean up the barn at Achleck as an alternative venue. Alasdair reminded us that we will need a 1st Aider (Medical cover), some form of communication incase of accident (Carlyne offered her walkie Talkies) a runner, fire extinguisher. The Assembly Point at the Achleck Farm Building (which Iain MacKay has kindly agreed to us using in case of bad weather) in case of an accident should be in front of the house being built for Beccy's mum. Good signage was discussed, and the use of balloons was a possibility to alert tourists that something was going on. Somerset doing Coconut Shy - Rebecca and Emma have ordered coconuts.

7. Lucy Mackenzie asked if we could get the poly tunnel up and running. Chris Leitch is going to ask James MacPhail for a quote to prepare the foundations, for which USCA will pay up to £700.00 for the work. The aggregate previously offered to USCA proved to be too big. It was agreed that no money would be asked from the school to help pay for the foundations, as they had already paid for half of the poly tunnel.
8. **Achleck:** Carlyne has been in regular contact with Gregor Cameron, and had reassurance from Lesley MacInnes at West Highland Housing Association that although progress is slow, things are moving in the right direction. We have to have built 2 houses by 2014.
9. **Publicity Issues:** There were no publicity issues, other than posters for the Beach Bonanza and balloon signage on the day.
10. **School Issues:** There were no school issues.
11. **Any other business:** Lucy brought us up to date on the recent courses, all of which seemed to have been appreciated and successful. She also let us know what else was planned and gave the treasurer the cash from these events to bank. £100.00 Drama & Games £35.00 Breadsticks £70.00 Woodworking, and £20.00 Donations. The Committee agreed that it would be good for Alasdair and Cally to work on anything to do with Housing in the area, as this has already been identified as important within the draft Consultation plan, and so according to HIE, and agreed by the LDO steering group, it would be appropriate for them to do this.
12. **Date of next meeting:** 2nd August 2012.