

Ulva School Community Association Committee

Minutes - 28/02/2012

1. **Apologies:** Beccy Roth, Iain Thomson & Gremlin Napier.
Attending: Carolyne Charrington, Lucy Mackenzie, Chris Leitch, Heather Waller, Stuart McKie, Emma McKie, Eilidh Munro, Jeannie MacColl, Mike Hogan, Rebecca Munro, David Woodhouse, Don Lambert
2. **Minutes of previous meeting:** Proposed CC, Seconded MH, Approved.
3. **Appointment of Officers:** Convenor - Carolyne Charrington, Vice-Convenor - Iain Thomson, Treasurer - Beccy Roth, Secretary - Mike Hogan. RM willing to help out with the Treasurer role if needed.
4. **Matters Arising:**

Community Gatherings: - Update on events in February & plans for March. Bird Box making very well attended. Film night somewhat less so. But worth considering for a couple of times a year. In March the gatherings will be: Willow Working & Dreamcatchers on March 18th, Bob Stewart leading a question and answer session on Renewables & Sustainability on March 23rd. Finally there will be the first of a 2-day Pottery course on March 31st with the second day being on April 14th. The committee agreed to having a nominal charge for courses but keeping talks free. It was noted that people were very generous in donations when not charged. Thanks were recorded to LM and BR for their organising of the Gatherings. There was a discussion on the purchasing of the polytunnel jointly with the school. DL agreed to undertake some price research and to meet soon with HW, CL & CC on purchase and siting.

Innovation Fund Bid: - Update on recent meeting during the Rural Housing Conference. All still remain positive and a number of matters have been clarified, but all are aware of how soon work needs to start. There is a need to clarify some details on costings but, hopefully, some plans will be available within a couple of weeks. **CC to action.**

It is hoped that a decision will be in place before the Jim Mather meeting. CC also had meeting with representative of Triodos bank who are keen to loan to communities such as ours. They are unable to attend the JM meeting but were very keen on visiting and having a meeting with USCA. **CC to action.**

Jim Mather meeting : - Meeting action list to be circulated - **CC to action.** Catering for JM Meeting was discussed and a decision made to hold a meeting for anyone interested in GP room at Ulva School on Monday 5th March at 2pm.

Filming - idea and need for more filming discussed. **MH & CC to action.** Requests for photos of suitable views and archive items made. **All to action.**

Filming in the school discussed and need for parental permissions stressed. **CC & HW to action.**

Suggestion made of having age-descending school views from oldest ex-pupil to newest starter.

Discussion of display options. DL offered to help with display boards/frames. **DL & CC to action.**

Local Development Officer: Appointments offered to Alasdair Satchel & Calley Fleming both on 2.5 days as a job share.

Office location - Still no definite site. Various options discussed and all asked to think as a local location needed if at all possible. **All to action.**

Scotland's Islands Funding: Update on this given and importance of timesheets/invoices stressed and all members asked to explain this to anyone they know who has yet to return them. **All to action.**

Newsletter: - Contents for February discussed and committee agreed to have their contact details, either phone or email, given in the newsletter. **MH to action.**

5. Finance:

Update on finances. Held over to next meeting

6. Community issues: None except above.

7. Housing Issues: None except above.

8. Publicity Issues: The merging of both websites was discussed and the committee shown the current draft of the site; agreed this should be implemented. **MH to action.**

Discussed if there should be a page highlighting local accommodation, local activities and local crafts/foods. A variety of approaches were explored and committee agreed to think about how this might be implemented. **All to action.**

9. School Issues: The Commission on Delivering Rural Education will be holding a meeting on Tuesday, 6th March at 6.30pm in Lochgilphead. Suggestion that **all** should write letter highlighting that this prevents island-based residents from giving their views. **All to action.**

USCA doing its own submission to the Commission was approved. **CC to action.**

The issue of transport for children living just within the 2 mile limit and the suitability of the roads for children walking to school was discussed.

10. Any other business: Ferry Consultation. A drop-in meeting will be held to explain and encourage participation in this vital issue. **MH to action.**

11. Date of next meeting: 16th March at 7:30pm and thereafter on the 1st Thursday of every month at 7:30pm.