

USCA Committee Meeting – Thursday. 5th December, 2013

4.30pm – 6.30 pm - Ulva School

Minutes

Present:

Helen Mackay
Cally Fleming
Mark Milward
Iain Thomson
Chris Leitch
Mari Kluczinski
Heather Waller
Jeannie McColl
Don Lambert
Sarah Palmer (as an observer)
Anna Hogan

1. Committee Business:

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Committee voted for Helen and Iain to resume their positions (as Convenor) and Iain (as Vice Convenor), and Anna was newly co-opted onto the committee, as Secretary.

2. LDO's Progress Report - C.F.

Housing:

The Housing Consultation Evening was well attended. Outcome: the survey showed that the Thorne Wyness design appealed slightly more. Therefore MICT plan to work with them, and thank the other architects for their very helpful work and participation in the consultation. There may be adjustments to the location and design of the Thorne Wyness plan. Next Stage: Colin Morrison to meet Moray and progress application for Rural House Build funding (Argyll and Bute). The planned date for completion of the houses is March 2015.

Pontoon:

Plans still advancing.

Transport:

Community Hybrid Minibus application still being progressed. News expected in next couple of weeks.

HIE Finance Course Invitation:

An Roth, Monday 9th Dec.

Session 1: 10 – 1: all committee members

Session 2: 2 – 4: office bearers

3. Setting a Course for the Future:

HMK proposed that USCA focus on social events and the 'small scale' fund-raising that goes with them, since:

- these will help to build the community spirit – bring people together

- small amounts of funds can make a big difference as a contribution to bigger projects.

The committee agreed strongly with this view, as demonstrated by a show of hands, and agreed that the polytunnel project was certainly a community-building project.

4. Bingo Night, Saturday 14th December:

JM to arrange bingo, and raffle (including the tickets sold in advance of the cancelled Beach Barbecue)

HW providing children's prizes

ALL to look out extra prizes: can be left with Jeannie or at the school, and bring biscuits.

MK to do flyers and posters

JM and **MK** to distribute flyers and posters

JM to donate Tea, Coffee and Sugar.

CL to bring milk

AH to book school let: 7-9 pm

5. Hogmanay, 31st January:

AH explained the Caolas Ulbha project, and the funding for this event from the project.

AH, MH and Anne Cleave to organise the Caolas Ulbha aspects of the event.

AH to find out if any of the CU Performance budget can be used here.

HMK to ask Jeanette and Emma about catering a buffet and soft drinks, and if they cannot, Michelle Cowe. If not, then all will share the catering and submit invoices. BYOB.

AH to book school let 6pm – 1 am. (Event from 6.30 – 1)

HW to leave up Christmas decorations. **HW, MM, DL and HMK** to move furniture in classroom after school on Tuesday 10th Dec.

DL to bring serviettes

MK and HW to bring table lights.

MK to coordinate setting up beforehand with **JM and CL**

IT to organise musicians.

AH to check CU performance budget and see if it can apply to Hogmanay and Burns Night, as well as the final Celebration due to take place in February, and liaise with IT.

HW to organise poster and flyer. Posters to go up before term ends, and details to go into the School's Christmas card to the Community.

6. Burns Night: Saturday 1st February – 6.30 for 7:

HMK to ask Jeanette and Emma to cater. If not, Michelle Cowe to be asked. Caterers to determine how many they can cater for, and booking then required. Catering to include soft drinks.

BYOB

HW to leave up School Burns decorations.

Caolas Ulbha Funded Event. **AH, MH and AC** to organise the Caolas Ulbha aspects of event.

AH to book school let from 6pm – 12pm.

IT to organise musicians.

DL to take the bookings.

MK to do advertising, with **HW**, possibly via the School Christmas card. Posters? Flyers? Free event...donations on door for USCA Community Projects.

AH to email membership about events.

Speakers:

IT to ask Scott to do the Toast to the Lassies

SP to reply to the toast

IT to do the Immortal Memory

HMK to ask Alistair McCrone to do the address to the haggis, and perform Tam o' Shanter

7. Caolas Ulbha Celebration of the Community/Launch of Archive – Date and details to be confirmed:

HW to contact singer/songwriter/storyteller Ewan Baxter, who is coming to school on Feb 26th, and has offered to 'do' a community event, to see if he would like to and be able to stay for our event, possibly on Friday 28th Feb.

8. Appreciations:

HMK to organise cards to be given to Emma, Lucy and Rebecca, and an appropriate expression of appreciation also to Alistair. Possible time: school Christmas party, 19th December? Hogmanay?

9. Treasurer's Report – DL

Current Balance: £25,787.70

Comprising:

Caolas Ulbha: £8,432.01

Community Transport £8,004.00

USCA £9,351.69

10. School Events Coming Up:

Nativity Play: 17th December, pm

Christmas Party: 19th December, pm

11. Polytunnel Update:

HMK reported planner has informally approved the allocated area. Nothing can be done over the winter. Waiting to see where the access road is for the housing, before moving on.

Next Meeting/s:

Committee: Wednesday 8th January, 5pm

AGM: Wednesday 8th January, 6.30pm

AH to email to membership, and put in 'What's on' section of 'Round and About'

Items for Committee and AGM Agendas to AH by end of Sunday, 5th January.