

USCA Update

Ulva School Community Association

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USCA - Workshops at Ulva School in July

BREADSTICK MAKING

with Katya Clowes

Tues 17th July 10am-1pm

CAKE DECORATING

with Jeanette Cutlack

Tues 24th July 2pm-4pm

INTERACTIVE STORYTELLING AND LOCAL TALES FOR ALL AGES

with Alasdair McCrone of Mull Theatre

Tues 31st July at 10am and again at 12 noon

All workshops £5

Booking essential

Children must be accompanied by an adult

For information and booking call

01688 500257 or email lipnacloiche@btinternet.com

Lip na Cloiche Charity Opening 3rd, 4th & 5th June

On Sunday 3rd, Monday 4th & Tuesday 5th June, Lip na Cloiche had a special opening for charity with visitors being asked to pay, with 60% of the proceeds being donated to the Macmillan Cancer Support charity and the remaining 40% of proceeds being donated to **USCA**. A total of £970.97 was raised, so £582.58 will be donated to Macmillan Cancer Support and £388.39 will be donated to **USCA**. Many thanks to all who helped achieve such an excellent total.

USCA At The Salen Show

The committee has decided to have an **USCA** stand at the Salen Show on the 9th August. This is an opportunity to showcase what **USCA** has done and what it intends to do and could also promote the crafts, products and businesses which are part of our area. To make this a success we will need **volunteers** to spend some time at the stall and also products from **local businesses/craft workers** and information about what local businesses offer.

To volunteer or to be part of the **USCA** showcase please contact Carolyne on 01688400425 or email: convenor@uscamull.org.uk.

Report from Local Development Officers for July 2012

Please note that the Community Consultation is part of the Highland and Islands Enterprise “Growth at the Edge” Project and so is not produced or directed by USCA and is for the whole community.

June saw us getting the Community Consultation into gear. As part of the consultation we ran two events to find out your opinions on what developments and / or improvements you would like to see in the area.

The first was a whole day event on Saturday 16th June, where people could drop in for a chat and post up ideas on the topic boards. In the evening we had an open meeting and ceilidh to further solicit ideas and perspectives. There was some very fine catering by the Boat House, and Anne MacDonald and Colin Bissett provided the tunes.

The following Monday we held an evening event which drew in more people and more opinions, helping us to understand more clearly what the community identifies as its priorities.

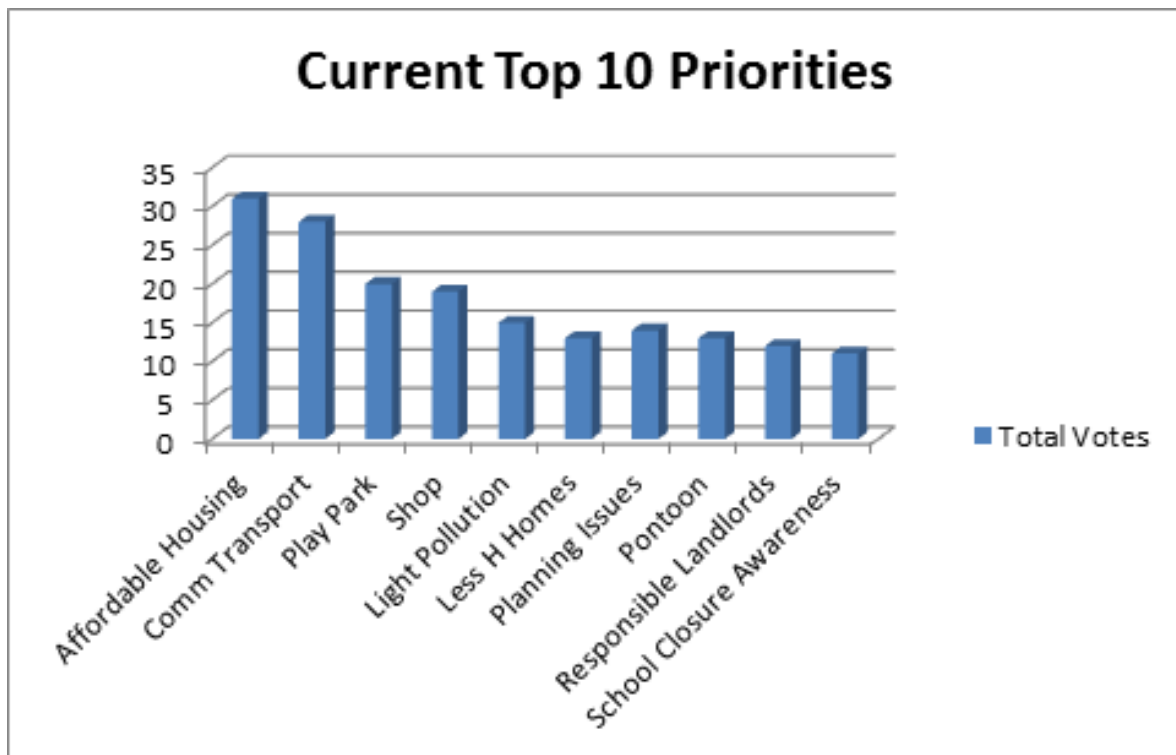
There is also an online consultation which will be open until the end of the month that can be found at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/YKDL8Q5>

We've also been going around the houses in the area to share the results so far - which you can see in the chart below, to see how people respond to the initiatives identified so far, and to see what other ideas they may have.

So far we've had around 50 responses to the consultation. If we haven't managed to get a hold of you yet, and you want to contribute do feel free to contact us.

Thank you very much to all of you who have contributed so far.



In preparation for the Black Beach Bonanza, Ulva Ferry Primary held a beach clean on Monday 25th June. Many members of the community turned out to help and in no time at all the beach was transformed. The Hebridean Whale & Dolphin Trust gave a talk about the importance of beach cleans and then got their rubber gloves on and joined everyone bagging all the rubbish. Both their and all the volunteers' contributions was much appreciated.

Ever at the ready with consultation notebooks in hand, Cally & Alasdair took the opportunity to seek the perspectives of the school pupils over some gently charred marshmallows.

This month will hopefully see the siting of our portacabin, so, all being well, we hope to be working from within the community area in the very near future. Our door will be open whenever we're there, so come in and see us. We're going to have a comfy sofa and good coffee, too. Alasdair also promises not to play any Progressive Rock when anyone else is in the office.

Yours,

Cally & Alasdair

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USCA Website Business Page - Final Call

The **USCA** committee has decided that there should be a page on the website which is devoted to businesses from the area. The aim is to promote and support the varied local businesses which residents of this area are involved in. There will be no fixed charge, initially at least, for a business entry on the page but we would gratefully receive donations.

The format that will be followed is to have the business name in bold, a website link if there is one, and then a short paragraph about the business along with email/phone contact details. The businesses will be listed by type and alphabetically by name.

We now hope to have the business page 'going live' in August. So, if you'd like to be included or would like some further information about it just ring Mike on 01688 500 158 or email: secretary@uscamull.org.uk.

Black Beach Barbecue Bonanza - July 29th

For this year's **USCA** summer event, the plan is to hold a barbecue & beach games at Torloisk Black Sands on July 29th: see overleaf for full details.

To make this a success we will need **as much support as possible** both with **helping on the day** and also **providing baking, and other goods**, for sale.

To volunteer contact either Emma (mckie6ly@btinternet.com 500 241) or Rebecca (rebeccaross87@btinternet.com 500 226). Please do **get in touch: your help is vital**.



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Black Beach Barbecue Bonanza

Sunday 29th July at Torloisk Black Sands
12 noon 'til 6pm



BBQ food served all day
Sand Sculpture competition 12-2pm
Beach Games 2-3pm
Treasure Hunt 3:30pm
Tug of War 4pm

welly wanging, three legged race, sack race, tattie&spoon, poi,
coconut shy, frisbee golf, face painting, relay races,
hook a duck, home baking, and much, much more!

'Cockadoodle-poo' squares available 'til 4pm

Seaside & Pirate fancy dress theme
No Entrance charge to event

All Children Must Be Accompanied By An Adult

The Black Sand Beach (Traigh na Cille) is situated just off the B8073 between Kilninian & Torloisk
Car parking won't be possible near the road entrance, so a walk to the beach will be required.

In the event of bad weather, an alternative venue will be used.

Please check website for latest information.

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Update on Achleck Housing Project

It is all taking a lot of time, but things are slowly progressing! It is disappointing that there is no firm news to report yet.

However, we are grateful to everyone who has been working on the Achleck housing project, not just those from USCA but also Gregor Cameron, WHHA and the Torloisk Estate.

Cottage to rent in the Ulva Ferry Area

The Luards have contacted us to let us know that the Bothy at Ulva Ferry is going to be available to rent within the next month or so. Please contact Guy for more details. Rent will be £300 per month, and the cottage would be suitable for a small family. For more information contact Guy Luard (guy@goodmove.org.uk).

USCA Committee Draft Minutes 07/06/2012

- 1. Apologies:** Heather Waller, David Woodhouse & Stuart McKie. Gremlin Napier has resigned. The committee would like to record their thanks for his work and his continuing support.
Present: Carlyne Charrington, Beccy Roth, Lucy Mackenzie, Emma McKie, Jeannie MacColl, Mike Hogan, Rebecca Munro & Don Lambert.
In attendance: Cally Fleming & Alasdair Satchel
- 2. Minutes of previous meeting:** Already supplied. Proposed: CC Seconded: RM.
Approved by committee.
- 3. Matters Arising (not covered under individual Headings Below):**
Unity Trust Banking - They offer a low interest rate over an extended repayment time. In conjunction with Scottish Council of Voluntary Organisations to assist in building business centres in communities. They lend up to 75% Loan To Value.
3rd Sector Grant Application - CC To send information to AS & CF but the committee felt that it would be best to wait until development plan is in place before making another application.
Membership Database Training - Had taken place.
LDO Steering Group Meeting (10th June) 7:30pm. Membership currently: Tessa Howard, Moray Finch, Andy Drurie, Lucy Mackenzie, Rebecca Munro & Emma Mckie, Carlyne Charrington. Some other members to be added.
- 4. Finance:**
Current position
Changing of named signatories Meeting TBA
SCVO - Proposal to Join Agreed. **MH** action
- 5. Organisation and Workload**
Charity Status and Organisation Type - This was discussed and the general view was that SCVO and/or MICT would be the way forward (see point 4.). **CC/CF/AS** to make approaches.
- 6. Community issues:**
'All our stories'. Update was given including the support of the school for the project. There was also support for working with Gaelic project that AS is involved with and any potential overlap could be dealt with. **MH** to action further.

Community day on 16th June Prep under way and the format of the day and evening decided. **CF&AS** actioning.

Events June - Geology (8th & 9th) (free Ferry) & Storytelling 13th June

BBQ - Permission has been given - High Tide is at 4pm but it is only 3m. The need for coverif showery was discussed and the need for an alternate venue if weather very poor was raised. **CC** offered their barn if needed. **BBQ's** are being arranged **RM & EM** to action.

The issue of parking was raised and a variety of options discussed. Whether there could be a Park and Ride put in place was discussed? **AS** to investigate mini-bus options.

Insurance - The insurance needs to be checked to ensure we are covered **MH** action.

7. Housing Issues:

Achleck - Still moving forward and various issues have been resolved. It is hoped to have plans, of some sort, in next weeks.

Housing Needs Form has not been added to website as it needs to be updated.

The Need for a suitable allocations policy to be in place was discussed. The view was taken that having such a policy in advance of actually having any housing would be most useful. A request was made to collect and share some information on this. **AS & CF** to action.

8. Publicity Issues:

The May Newsletter was distributed and emailed.

Website is being updated on a regular basis.

The USCA name is being used as requested by the last meeting.

9. School Issues:

Inspection seemed to go well but are still awaiting the full report.

Suggested date for Black Beach Clean is Monday 25th June - as many volunteers as possible needed. **CC** to co-ordinate.

Polytunnel update **DL & CC** to co-ordinate.

10. Any other business:

The opening of Lip na Cloiche garden raised £970.97. As a result £582.50 will be donated to Macmillan's and £388.38 to USCA. The committee would like to express their thanks to Lucy for her kindness, to the very many people who helped out in one way or another and to all those who paid to enter.

11. Date of next meeting: Thursday 19th July, 7:30pm at Ulva School