

USCA Update

Ulva School Community Association

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USCA - Events in October

WATERCOLOURING

with Lulu Luard - £15

Fri 5th Oct, 9.30am - 1pm

at Lip na Cloiche

BIRDTABLE MAKING

with Jan Dunlop - £5

Sat 27th Oct, 11am & 1pm

at Ulva School

All Welcome

Booking essential for both events

Further Information & Booking call:

01688 500257 or email lipnacloiche@btinternet.com

Tea & Baking will be available

USCA Committee

At the committee meeting on the 13th September Carlyne Charrington officially resigned from the committee as Convenor (as mentioned last month) and Beccy Roth (Treasurer) also resigned from the committee.

The committee then appointed Rebecca Munro as Convenor and Emma Mckie as Treasurer.

The committee has also co-opted Jeanette Cutlack and Jane Chauvet onto the committee.

Note from Rebecca & Emma

We would both like to say a huge thank you to Carlyne and Beccy for their tireless work as Convenor and Treasurer. They have contributed a huge amount to USCA and the community, and will be a very hard act to follow.

We are looking forward to following on from what has already been achieved, and building on it with the help of our Local Development Officers. We are both passionate about working to create a positive future for our area, and a balanced and sustainable community.

USCA Summer Workshops

USCA organized a series of workshops for children during the summer holidays. All were well attended by happy and enthusiastic children, and we'd like to thank Matthew Reade, Alasdair Satchel, Katja Clowes, Jeanette Cutlack and Alasdair McCrone for making sure they had such fun - and took away some new skills! Thanks also to the parents of course! Apologies that this was missed off the August newsletter.



Hallowe'en & Bonfire Party

Saturday 3rd November at Ulva Primary School.

Come along with a plate of gruesome grub to our eerie evening of frightening fun and blazing bonfire. Fantastic fancy dress favoured.

4pm-6pm: Kids party, games and build-a-Guy.

6pm onwards: Bonfire & Fireworks with fireside paella.

Housing Need List

We are currently updating our Housing Need List.

If you would like to be included, and be contacted when housing becomes available in the area, please contact Rebecca on 07736327993 or convenor@uscamull.org.uk for more information.

Charities Fair

Lucy Mackenzie has very kindly volunteered to run two tables at the Charity fair in Salen on November 3rd 2012.

We would love to take along local crafts or produce that anyone has, and sell it on your behalf. All we would ask for is 10% of the sale price be donated to USCA funds.

We would also be extremely grateful for any baking you could provide. You will be reimbursed for the cost of ingredients, and the proceeds will go to USCA.

We will be covering our share of the venue hire costs, so won't be asking for a contribution towards this.

Please contact Lucy for more information either by ringing 01688 500257 or emailing lipnacloiche@btinternet.com

Local Development Officer Request and Information

Do you have any photos of the Ulva Ferry area that you would be willing to share with the Ulva Ferry Area Local Development Officers for inclusion in the community plan?

The community plan is the document that details what actions the community would like to see pursued and developed in the years to come. It will be the document that's used as evidence to draw in funding to realise the community's top priorities.

We're principally looking for photos of the geographical area. We have very few shots from Ulva looking to Gometra, or from those islands looking back to the Mull side.

We'd also love to include photos of community events, such as the recent black beach games, or last year's fete, and also the area in all weathers, from sunshine to storms.

If you have any photos and would be willing for us to include them in the Community Plan you will receive a photo credit in the document and our sincerest thanks.

Our community consultation is on-going, so you still have time to get your ideas in to the community plan. We now have a proper base with the portacabin being sited at Achleck; we are in the process of getting services connected, cleaning it - and painting it green so it blends in a bit better! Hopefully you will be able to drop by soon.

Many thanks for your time,

Cally (cfleming@mict.co.uk) & Alasdair (asatchel@mict.co.uk)

Ulva School Community Association Committee

Draft Minutes - 13/09/2012

1. **Attending:** Carlyne Charrington, Iain Thomson, Jeannie MacColl, David Woodhouse, Beccy Roth, Lucy Mackenzie, Don Lambert, Chris Leitch, Jeanette Cutlack, Rebecca Munro, Stuart McKie, Emma McKie & Mike Hogan. **Attending:** Alasdair Satchel & Cally Fleming.
Apologies: Heather Waller.
2. **Regatta** - Nigel Hewitt Attending to talk about how USCA and its members might help. Agreed to send email to Mull members and also offered other support. NH left the meeting.
3. **Minutes of previous meeting:** Attached Proposed DW and Seconded LM.
4. **Co-option of new committee member(s)** Jane Chauvet co-opted.
5. **Matters Arising** (not covered under individual headings below): Salen show report - was a useful event to both promote USCA but also the area and what it produces, especially crafts. JM's gazebo was

damaged when being used by USCA and the committee agreed that a new one should be bought. Polytunnel - Helen Mackay is getting quotes for using Treshnish Digger for footings.

6. **Finance:** Current position still healthy (circa £9000), but some items are due for payment.
7. **Community issues:** The idea of showing regular films in the school was discussed and AS explained what would be required. JC and AS to investigate further. Having a table at the Charity Fair on 3rd November was discussed and it was agreed that LM would co-ordinate and possibly take two tables. There was discussion on events that could be considered over the winter, not only aimed at local residents but that might to draw people in from out of the area. AS spoke about community land fund.
8. **Housing Issues:** Roots Architects had been in touch again and the committee agreed to keep in touch with them and to consider holding their workshop. Achleck update: this is still on-going with people actively working on it. The committee discussed this at some length and agreed that the following should be officially minuted:
The committee is now extremely concerned at the length of time taken to reach any major agreements and at the next meeting will discuss setting a deadline. Meanwhile USCA should explore other options. USCA's constitution has been submitted to the Scottish Government to check whether it is sufficient to enable USCA to be a Rural Housing Body. If it isn't then USCA will have to hold a Special General Meeting to make any required alterations to the constitution.
9. **Publicity Issues:** Newsletter will be produced by the end of the month. Website will be updated with the regatta information (MH to action). Twitter account details to be passed to new Convenor.
10. **School Issues:** The need for proper cleaning after USCA use, was explored and it was agreed that when needed (eg after summer workshops) USCA would be willing to pay for cleaning.
11. **Organisation and Workload:** Committee decided that we should start moving on applying for charitable status and also book up Moray for training session (MH to action) In view of the previously notified resignations of CC & BR the positions of Convenor and Treasurer would need to be filled. Rebecca Munro was chosen as Convenor and Emma McKie as treasurer.
12. **Any other business:** The committee wished to place on record their deep appreciation of everything that CC had done for USCA, both as Convenor and Vice-Convenor. They also wished to thank BR for all she has done in her time on the committee.
13. **Date of next meeting:** Monday 15th October, 7:30pm at Ulva School.