

Urram Board Meeting Notes 18th November 2024 7.30pm via Zoom

		Action
1	Welcome and apologies Present: James Hilder, Sally Semple, Elizabeth Carmichael, Ali Upton, Gill Calver, Catriona Hunter, Tracy Cameron, Louise White, Jenni Hodgson, Denise Anderson Apologies; James Campbell, Karen- Anne Wilson, Sandra Lawton	
2	Minutes of the last Meeting 8 th July 24 proposed Elizabeth, seconded Gill 7 th October Proposed Sally, seconded Ali Election of office bearers Chair: Gill nominated James, seconded Denise. James Hilder is Chair Secretary: Elizabeth proposed Gill, seconded Catriona. Gill Calver is Secretary Treasurer: James proposed Jenni, seconded Denise. Jenni is treasurer. Matters arising: i) Social impact reporting sub group met and re-grouped. Louise, Tracy, James and Ali are meeting on Friday the 29th November to map out and pull things together. If we can be clearer in our aims we can be more explicating in funding applications and ensure we are capturing the right things in our reporting.	
3	Finance Current Bank account at £108,376.86 HMRC payments have now gone out. There is another fraudulent direct debit set up to the DVLA which needs sorting. 60% or so of the current cash is restricted for ongoing work over the next year. Discussion with regards to why there seems to be some fraudulent activity, partly down to our bank details being widely available. Jenni to speak to bank to see if there is more security that can be added on. Reminder to send our accounts to OSCR- On Jenni's list.	Jenni Jenni
	Funding update We have had more rejections this last week from funding applications. One piece of feedback- ours was duplicate application for the same community lunch. Discussion followed as to how to prevent this in the future, and to remind trustees who are involved elsewhere to keep other groups/organisations informed as to what we are doing in an effort to improve communication. Louise to also try to communicate with possible conflicts- or to collaborate better.	
4	Services update Befriending 4 new volunteers nearly signed up and 3 nearly matched. Aukje doing a great job of being out and visiting people. Tracy is picking some of this up and Louise is making some order out of documents, and what paperwork is required where. Its working with a team approach- perhaps if we stay with 12-15 befriendees this approach works well for us, rather than a specific befriender.	

Community lunches.

Kilchoan had their first lunch last week and it was a great success. These will continue over the winter. It's a Friday afterschool so plenty of families also attend.

Gill wondered if there was scope for a lunch gathering in Glenborrodale but there is no centre/hall to host. There are quite a few new folks. Perhaps it could happen in peoples houses. Gill to keep considering. It would be unlikely to work to transport Glenborrodale folks to either Kilchoan or Acharacle.

Transport

A new recruit from the Kilchoan lunch which was great.

The board approved the increase in subsistence claims for volunteers- to help it keep up with the rising costs we are all facing.

Car club is ticking over but not overly subscribed. Nissan joining the car club is still in process until a publicly available dedicated charge point can be identified. Jenni mentioned the young people are interested in a Saturday 'bus' service to Fort William and it maybe that the Nissan is used as a car club car with an adult to hire it.

Our annual organisation insurance has just been renewed with Gallaghers – who provide the car insurance- as it was considerably cheaper.

5 Projects

- a) SiRD. Signposting has been going well-helping individuals with benefit checks and heating/insulating options. Trying to get Social Work and Care at home to signpost those with budgets to us so we can help with finding a PA- which overlaps with the Local Care Model Project and moves more slowly. Considering advertising the fact we have PA's available and be more public-which might help people come straight to us if they need assistance. Well done to Tracy for recruiting/encouraging 10 PA's to join our list.
- b) Local Care Model. The design meeting on the 30th of October was really positive, notes have not yet come out from the meeting but some actions have been circulated. We are considering how we can provide some quality assurance for the 10 PA's on our list. Ali suggested the PA network and it would be good to meet up with Jo Cardwell- Social work team lead to updated her on progress. Which might help the flow of referrals/those on the waiting list for care at home. Upcoming meeting with Cornerstone SDS-Aberdeenshire group who are doing the community brokerage well.

Louise/ Tracy

6 Dail Mhor House- Current status of service and operational updated (NHSH) Karen-Anne provided an email update.

Recruitment is still underway, there have been applications but will not know until the closing date at the end of November, how many of these are likely to be successful etc. James suggested he ask KAW for a last minute clarification regarding the hours and how they appear on the poster and job advert. It has been causing some local confusion. James to seek agreement for an mini facebook campaign for clarification. Next meeting with Kate Forbes office is the 10th December.

The outside of the building has now been tidied up.

The Mackintosh is back open, with reduced beds until a few more staff can be recruited.

Moss park discussions continue as NHS Highland and Highland Council work through the sale, along with upcoming recruitment to reduce the reliance on agency workers. Dail Mhor heating is back on and working. James

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7	Dail Mhor/wellbeing hub	
	District Heating- report is now in. Yes it is possible to replace the current heating	
	system with a renewable one, and then yes it is possible for this to link in to a district	
	heating system for the village centre.	
	There is no immediate money available, but in the Spring there could be. There is	
	more likely to be funding for big projects such as heating a significant proportion of	
	the village, if there was the appetite for such a project.	
	James will circulate the report to Sunart Community Company and Sunart Community	James
	Renewables to see what the thoughts and interest are. The purchase of Longrigg	
	woodland- which consists of a lot of timber suitable for biomass might help inform	
	some decisions.	
	Louise to send the report to Boyd Alexander at Highland Council housing for interest.	Louise
	Sally suggests that Urram doesn't have the capacity at the moment for a village wide	
	district heating system, but that improving things at Dail Mhor wouldn't prejudice a	
	larger scheme later on- and it could be a good stepping stone to a larger network.	
	The old primary school.	
	Following previous discussions Louise had a response from Dorothy Gibb, Highland	
	Council Education who suggested the best approach would be a Community Asset	
	Transfer. Sunart Community Company are obviously interested and a partnership	
	would be a much stronger bid for a CAT. We need to consider the needs and ideas of	Louise
	the community, therefore suggested calling a public meeting towards the end of	
	January. We need to be clear that not every idea would necessarily be suitable, and	
	manage expectations as the building is a liability.	
	James attended the Lochaber place plan open day and met with Dot Ferguson- who	
	now has a team of people to support communities. Lynn Bauermeister is now the	
	Community Asset Transfer support person for our area.	
8	Staffing	
_	Nothing to report	
8	A.O.B Website.	
	The draft website has some comments, and Louise will take them back to Andy.	Louise
	Trustees to look out for the next draft for comments. We could be 'supporting the	LOGISC
	best possible care' rather than 'delivering' which will help manage expectations.	
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	Louise attended the District planning meeting and updated on various work streams	
	which are developing. Ali noted that individuals involved in the remote and rural	
	workforce strategy speak passionately about models developed in remote areas are	
	more sustainable than those developed in urban areas, and can often be applied to	
	urban settings.	
	What matters ? is the question asked at the District planning meetings, Louise to	
	make sure she takes to the next meeting – the importance of housing, and the	Louise
	availability of housing to contribute to building the workforce.	
	Urram Team Christmas lunch is on the 11 th December 12.30 at the Ariundle centre.	
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The next meetings are

13th February 7.30pm

27th March 9.30am

8th May 7.30pm

19th June 9.30am

31st July 7.30pm

11th September 9.30am ** provisional as AGM will be around this time

23rd October 7.30pm

4th December 9.30am