

	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Our annual organisation insurance has just been renewed with Gallaghers – who provide the car insurance- as it was considerably cheaper.</p>	
5	<p>Projects</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	Louise/ Tracy
6	<p>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.</p>	James

7	<p>Dail Mhor/wellbeing hub</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>James will circulate the report to Sunart Community Company and Sunart Community 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.</p> <p>Louise to send the report to Boyd Alexander at Highland Council housing for interest. 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.</p> <p>The old primary school.</p> <p>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 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.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>James</p> <p>Louise</p> <p>Louise</p>
8	<p>Staffing</p> <p>Nothing to report</p>	
8	<p>A.O.B</p> <p>Website.</p> <p>The draft website has some comments, and Louise will take them back to Andy. Trustees to look out for the next draft for comments. We could be 'supporting the best possible care' rather than 'delivering' which will help manage expectations.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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 availability of housing to contribute to building the workforce.</p> <p>Urram Team Christmas lunch is on the 11th December 12.30 at the Ariundle centre. There will be a staff meeting in the morning on the 11th to which all board members are invited if they wish.</p> <p>Jenni requested the draft minutes to be circulated in a more timely manner.</p>	<p>Louise</p> <p>Louise</p> <p>All</p>
10	<p>Date of next Board meeting – 9th January 2025 9.30 am</p> <p>It was agreed to move the meetings to Thursdays as that suited people, and Ali noted it was increasingly difficult for her to make day time meetings.</p>	

	<p>The next meetings are</p> <p>13th February 7.30pm</p> <p>27th March 9.30am</p> <p>8th May 7.30pm</p> <p>19th June 9.30am</p> <p>31st July 7.30pm</p> <p>11th September 9.30am ** provisional as AGM will be around this time</p> <p>23rd October 7.30pm</p> <p>4th December 9.30am</p>	
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