

Urram Board Meeting Notes 13th February 2025 7.30pm via Zoom

		Action
1	Welcome and apologies Present: James Hilder, Elizabeth Carmichael, Gill Calver, Louise White, Jenni Hodgson, Sandra Lawton, Ali Upton, Sally Semple, James Campbell, Tracy Cameron. Apologies; Karen- Anne Wilson, Denise Anderson, Catriona Hunter	
2	Minutes of the last Meeting 9 th January 2025 9.30am proposed Elizabeth, seconded Jenni. With amendments to attendees and phraseology of item on Befriending. Matters arising: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Lone working policy is now in place and volunteers have been contacted about their own lone working arrangements. ii) PVG for trustees will commence over the coming weeks. Disclosure Scotland has confirmed that PVG's for volunteers will remain free. 	
3	Finance Current Bank account at £130,291,91 Funding update It was a no from SSEN community fund. Ward discretionary fund has given £2500 for the childcare project The lottery application is in, and we are arranging a date for a project meeting- in person- likely Ardgour. Gill suggested that it is good for funders to grasp the nature of the area and so might be worthwhile meeting in Strontian.	
4	Services update Befriending Had quarterly meeting with Highland Hospice, who are happy with the way things are and that our numbers have increased. Louise has been considering how we continue to promote- and to discuss with Aukje. Harry from Highland Hospice also shared examples of intergenerational models, in light of the childcare project and considering the future of Dail Mhor. Ali reminded us of the community link worker in post- and to make sure they are aware of our services. Community lunches. Extra lunches in Strontian and Treslaig supported by SiRD funding were good. Tea and Chat in Ardgour is very positive, and led to conversation around how do we encourage men to be involved. Is there scope for trips to the Men's shed/lunch together. Kilchoan lunches have a mix of people and are intergenerational. The sale of the Natural History Centre in Glenborrodale might go through in the next few months, and it might present opportunities for a community lunch. Transport Hospital transport A quieter month with 13 NHS journeys and 11 medical journeys.	Louise

	<p>Berlingo is back in the garage and the Skoda is booked for a repair to the charging flap- covered under warranty.</p> <p>2 new volunteer drivers.</p> <p>Car Club</p> <p>1 new member but no rentals this month.</p>	
5	<p>Projects</p> <p>SiRD.</p> <p>Lunches were well attended in Treslaig, with not as many as expected in Strontian. Both villages would like the lunches to continue.</p> <p>Drop in sessions in Acharacle have started.</p> <p>We have found PA support for 2 clients</p> <p>Supported someone to complete a claim for overpaid TV licence fees, resulting in a refund of over £1000.</p> <p>Local Care Model. A slow month but some design sessions planned for the 3rd and 4th of March.</p> <p>Website</p> <p>Draft from Andy- requested to share with Board now so that changes can be made early on. Louise has not yet done any editing.</p> <p>Email migration has happened and fully functional.</p>	Louise
6	<p>Dail Mhor House- Current status of service and operational updated (NHS)</p> <p>No update from Karen-Anne as she is on annual leave.</p> <p>Recruitment was unsuccessful for re-opening for 24/7 respite care. At the meeting with Kate Forbes, suggestions were 5 day/week respite or day care/care hub model. Jenni reported that MCC were unhappy with the recruitment especially as it only failed by a small amount.</p> <p>Conversations regarding the repairs to the building. Louise to circulate the condition report from Highland Council.</p> <p>Any progress will likely be down to Urram to drive it forwards, which leads to a CAT - and the need for ongoing revenue funding from Highland council/NHSH.</p> <p>Discussion regarding a phased approach to repairs/re-build and working with what we have got.</p>	Louise
7	<p>Dail Mhor/wellbeing hub</p> <p>Old Primary School meeting of Jan 28th chaired by Cllr Baxter agreed that there is a love for the hall and that it should be kept.</p> <p>A CAT should be progressed for that half of the site in partnership with SCC and Urram.</p> <p>Options to build on to or around it, move the GP's surgery(would need rent commitment from GP's), Install a proper kitchen.</p> <p>There was agreement that an expression of interest in a CAT for that part of the site should be submitted and an options appraisal/study completed to present back to the community.</p> <p>A licence to occupy would allow for testing of ideas whilst the CAT progresses.</p> <p>One part of the site might progress at a different pace to the other end.</p> <p>Sarah Fanet has been in touch with the decarbonising team and Louise needs to arrange a meeting.</p> <p>Childcare feasibility</p> <p>Community meetings brought engagement and sharing of stories of the impact of lack of childcare. Report should be ready by the end of March and indicated some possibilities. We then need to decide Urram's involvement progressing the</p>	Louise

	possibilities. Recent funding means that we can subcontract some of the hours required for the study to Becky who has had to put in many additional hours. This was agreed by the Board.	
8	Staffing Nothing to report.	
8	A.O.B Social impact reporting meeting planned for the following day 14 th Feb. Ali updated community garden news from Kilchoan. With the requirement to find new premises, the model and the community garden site is going to change over the next couple of years. They want to have more of a community focus, local food, improving food security and offer therapeutic support- there could be opportunities for Urram to be involved.	
10	Date of next Board meeting – 27th March 9.30am 8 th May 7.30pm 19 th June 9.30am 31 st July 7.30pm 11 th September 9.30am ** provisional as AGM will be around this time 23 rd October 7.30pm 4 th December 9.30am	