

Urram Board Meeting Notes 27th March 2025 9.30 am via Zoom

		Action
1	Welcome and apologies	
	Present: James Hilder, Elizabeth Carmichael, Gill Calver, Louise White,	
	Catriona Hunter, Sally Semple, Tracy Cameron.	
	Apologies; Karen- Anne Wilson, Denise Anderson, Jenni Hodgson, Sandra	
	Lawton, Ali Upton, James Campbell	
2	Minutes of the last Meeting	
	Proposed James and seconded Elizabeth	
	Matters arising:	
	Nothing to report	
3	Finance	
	Current Bank account at £123,445.27	
	Electricity for Oakwoods E.V Charging point is now paid. Gill asked if we had an idea	_
	of how much the electricity was per mile- so we can make a good comparison. Louise	Louise/Tracy
	and Tracy to investigate as this hasn't been looked at since the initial feasibility and	
	prices have gone up.	
	Funding update	James
	PACT money has come in. James to write to Solicitors along with most recent annual	
	update to express our thanks.	Louise
	SIRD is likely to have an underspend which we may have to pay back. Louise working	
	on the final figures.	
	Lottery- James and Louise met with the funding officer who seemed to be pleased	
	with our responses and we will know the outcome by the end of April.	
	Community Regeneration Funding: EOI for a Wheelchair accessible Vehicle and	
	charge point in Ardgour has been submitted. James declared an interest with his current job for Ardgour Glensanda Development Trust. It was felt, working in	
	partnership this way would benefit both Urram and the Ardgour community	
	Scottish Building Society- Application in progress for support with Befriending Service.	
4	Services update	
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	A couple of relationships requiring a little more attention and organising due to	
	changes in both volunteer and service user circumstances. The team is managing with	
	the current work load, but doesn't have capacity for any promotion or advertising of	
	the service.	
	A "Good neighbour scheme" could evolve from the Local Care Model, where	
	volunteers would help with some practical daily living tasks- such as getting fire wood	
	in, moving bins etc This could be an extension of the Befriending model- but deviates	
	from the long term, relationship building, so would not be supported by Highland	
	Hospice.	
	Community lunches.	
	Morvern Community lunch is now the only lunch we are supporting as Kilchoan only	
	runs over the winter. Aukje will support the April lunches in Lochaline, and after that	
	Louise/Tracy will cover. The volunteers are very happy running the lunch- just need	
	assistance putting out tables and chairs.	
	Kilchoan community is interested in some summer lunches- but location is difficult	
	with the café and hall sharing a kitchen. The church was suggested as a good	
	alternative option. There might be scope for partnership working with the Church and	Louise/Ali/
	associated volunteers. Louise to follow up and liaise with Gill and Ali.	Gill
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	Transport	
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	In Feb we completed 24 NHS journeys and 10 medical journeys. Road tax has been renewed on EVs to delay paying road tax until March 26.	
	Strontian charger has been not working- Rolec (manufacturer) are sending an	
	engineer. Car Club renewal invoices will be sent out next week, in the new financial year.	Tracy
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5	Projects	
	SiRD.	
	Increasing number of various requests for help. We have matched a few more PA's with individuals and in some cases might result in an SDS budget for the individual.	
	Better communication with Care at Home and Social Work, through weekly meetings.	
	Acharacle drop in sessions were well attended and will continue on a weekly basis,	
	with plans to have a monthly session in each village.	
	Telecare sessions went very well, and the lady will come back to visit Ardgour,	
	Lochaline and Glenuig. This idea of facilitating others to come and hold information	
	sessions is being pursued.	
	PA's – we have 15 on the list and it was noted that we have come a long way in a	
	year, from not really knowing who is delivering anything to being able to share details	
	of people interested and willing to help.	
	Tracy's consistency and availability on the SiRD project is paying off, and we are really	
	starting to help people.	
	Local care model.	
	Strontian design sessions went well and have resulted in the weekly meetings with	
	Care at home and social work.	
	There was great enthusiasm for a care hub in Dail Mhor, with Mhairi Mackinnon,	
	Interim District Manager being very supportive.	
	Ian and Mhairi are working on a paper to release the Dail Mhor team to work in a	
	care hub rather than Invernevis. NHSH and HC estates team are going to inspect the	
	building.	
	Website-	
	Final comments to Louise by Monday 31st March.	
	Edits required to the Car Club page to make it sound more 'sales' and exciting to join	ALL
	car club rather than a funding bid.	
	More pictures throughout?	
	Possible book here buttons on the front page.	
	Logos at the bottom feel a bit squashed together.	
6	Dail Mhor House- Current status of service and operational updated (NHSH)	
	KAW was on another meeting so unable to join.	
	Email update	
	Dail Mhor staff- local ones who accepted positions have started at Invernevis. The out	
	of area applicants are looking less like possibilities, as they haven't confirmed start	
	dates despite chasing.	
	Mosspark- transfer date of 1 st of April is expected to go ahead.	
	There is a small waiting list for care home places, and still people waiting for Care at	
	home. A recruitment drive will follow once Mosspark is online.	
	The kitchen in Dail Mhor is not available for community use, Highland Council has	
7	confirmed this position.	
′	Dail Mhor/wellbeing hub Old Primary School	
	James declared an interest as an SCC Director.	
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Feedback from Sunart Community Company is that they feel wider consultations need to be held, despite January's public meeting calling for SCC to progress a community asset transfer. Despite pre-meeting communications making it clear Urram was acting as a catalyst to encourage action from Highland Council, questions had been asked about Urram's involvement.

JH recommended that for the time being Urram should concentrate its efforts on getting Dail Mhor open in some form, but support the Sunart community organisations where possible with their efforts to secure a long term future for the village hall, and potentially, a feasibility study for the Old School building. The meeting agreed with this approach and will await further communications from Sunart re the old school.

Childcare feasibility

The first draft of the report has been received and a few from the Ardnamurchan Childcare Group, Becky, Louise and James have reviewed and returned comments. Gill raised that the Sunart Centre, had different community funds to build it, and therefore should be available for community use. Future use of community rooms will likely carry janitorial costs once the building is owned by the Highland Council. JH flagged that we have now raised circa £4k towards next steps, Urram and ACAG may need to commission further work to strengthen the business case. Next steps are likely to be to share report with Council and seek a formal response.

8 Staffing

Two jobs advertised. Administrator and Transport Officer. Closing date of 9^{th} April and agreed interviews would be the 22^{nd} or 24^{th} of April. Gill Elizabeth and Catriona were willing to form the Interview panel.

Keep advertising widely, they will be in the DTD and consider Hi-Jobs. Email advert to Community Councils.

Aukje finishes work on the 31st of March but will cover the Lochaline lunches in April and a Ewens room. She would be willing to remain involved in school holidays/as time allows to support events.

8 A.O.B

Agreed to add Gill as a bank signatory.

We should have a risk register as part of our mitigation strategy. James will draft and circulate

Away day confirmed for 8th May in the afternoon- hopefully at Salen Hall. Meeting for lunch, for a focus on strategic planning, reviewing the constitution and to consider the work done on social impact reporting.

Board Survey- identified board feedback as an area lacking from our social impact reporting. James to create a survey for board.

Board hours- should come automatically every month. Please fill it in as board are volunteers too and it allows us to demonstrate to funders how much time is required to run Urram.

Training considerations.

Elizabeth raised the matter of dementia training for both the board and volunteers. Sally suggested lunch time talks- that could cover dementia training, relevant board training etc as an easy way to access and deliver some of these areas. Louise and Tracy will look to cover dementia training on the volunteer get together and training that is planned for May.

We could open these training opportunities for the wider communities, PA's etc

Louise

James

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Louise/Tracy

10 Date of next Board meeting – 8th May 12.30pm

 8^{th} May 7.30pm- evening meeting cancelled as have away day during the day. 19^{th} June 9.30am 31^{st} July 7.30pm

Proposed new date for AGM 15th or 22nd September. Evening meeting in Strontian with a meal. Potentially bring in a speaker. Needs to be a Monday for hall availability. (*** At time of circulating these Minutes Monday 22nd Sept is the most likely date for majority availability.***)

23rd October 7.30pm

4th December 9.30am