# Urram Board Meeting Notes 8th July 2024 9.30am via Zoom

		Action
1	Welcome and apologies  Present: James Hilder, Sally Semple, Elizabeth Carmichael, Sandra Lawton, Ali Upton(for some of the meeting), Gill Calver, Denise Anderson, Tracy Cameron, Louise White, Donna Gairns, Apologies; James Campbell, Karen- Anne Wilson, Jenni Hodgson, Catriona Hunter	
2	Minutes of the last Meeting (28th May) proposed Elizabeth, seconded Denise.  Matters arising: Catriona Hunter has been nominated by Sunart to join the board, unfortunately she was unable to attend this meeting but she is looking forward to the next one.	
3	Finance JH has set up direct debit for HMRC. Funding update Rejections from Cruden Foundation, Arnold Clark Community Fund Scottish Sea Farms	

# 4 Services update

# Community lunches.

Community lunch on the 17<sup>th</sup> of June. There was an incident regarding an undisclosed allergy. EpiPen was administered and it was all dealt with accordingly. Incident form has been completed. Donna has drafted an appendix to our health and safety policy for food handling. Sally and Sandra will help finalise the appendix. There will be a few changes to operations of lunches which will be shared with staff and volunteers.

Donna/Sally/ Sandra

#### **Befriending**

There are a number of people interested in befriending who have not yet been matched with a volunteer. Volunteer recruitment will be a specific focus of the shows- particularly in need of male volunteers. It was agreed that Donna must do all she can to match these individuals, and board members are available for assisting with local knowledge in their area. It was suggested to write to Ewens room, Community councils and other relevant local organisations to highlight the need and remind them about the befriending service. It would be helpful to have a specific leaflet that outlined the requirements of the volunteer that could be passed on to people that might volunteer.

Donna/All

James noted the boards thanks to Aukje for recognising volunteers week through face book posts and raising our profile. It would be good to plan ahead for next year.

### Shows.

Morvern games and gala week stall and community lunch are all in handpop up banner has arrived. The Kilchoan show and sports is the following week and Donna will liaise with Tracy to get the banner to her.

Donna

## **Transport**

Finding a home in Lochaline for the Nissan Leaf with a charge point is not yet sorted. The medical centre might be a possibility and Tracy will be in touch after holidays.

Tracy

The Calmac pier could have scope for a future charge point and it was agreed Tracy would contact Calmac.

It was agreed to go ahead and fix the windscreen on the Nissan. James had circulated correspondence with Loch Sheil Garage regarding the Car Club. It was agreed to wait to a response from Andrew, acknowledging that the car club is about subsidising the Hospital Transport Service not a threat to a commercial business and is less

Tracy

We have made some suggested donations for transport within the village and transport from village to village, as we have seen an increase in these journeys especially now the GP's are all one practice. Insurance- the quote has doubled from last year. Still waiting for some alternative quotes.

## 5 Care at home/ Project SDS

flexible than car hire.

Waiting to hear back from Ian Thomson. The most recent proposal paper was due to be agreed at the latest Joint officers group meeting, but this meeting was postponed.

The contract for funding is coming along, agreeing wording.

6	Dail Mhor House- Current status of service and operational updated (NHSH)  Email update from Karen-Anne Wilson which highlighted planned repairs for the leaks under the floor and intention for another recruitment drive. Louise to reply regarding local advertising, De Tha Dol and other possibilities.  James has emailed Pamela Cremin, pressing for a decision on the future of Dail Mhor, and has received a holding reply. There is a meeting on the 16th of August with Kate Forbes and NHS representatives. Urram has been invited, as have all the community councils- to send three representatives. James Elizabeth and Denise will attend for Urram. Gill and Jenni will be there for their respective community councils. The change in political landscape could well bring changes in social care, Gill cautioned against rushing in to decisions in light of this. The National care service will also bring changes and potentially a different impact in Highland due to how social care is delivered through NHSH.	Louise
7	Dail Mhor/wellbeing hub Updated on recent meetings, James confirmed he has asked DTAS regarding land ownership. Highland Council are checking tenancy agreements and current arrangements. Sally recommended that we seek a formal agreement with NHS estates for exclusive use of the 1st floor- which was agreed. Longer term plans for the upstairs could include a discreet flat for overnight accommodation for staff. We have had a meeting to try and progress the housing. The district heating report is in process. James to ask Sunart Community Council to write to the council regarding grass cutting and maintenance.	James
8	Staffing  a) Tracy has accepted and started the job of SiRD Project Officer.  She will also be starting the community brokerage award in September.	
8	A.O.B  AGM- 2 <sup>nd</sup> September.  It was agreed that the AGM will be held on then 2 <sup>nd</sup> September, with a light supper and presentation followed by the AGM. Louise to organise. To invite all stakeholders, local councillors, volunteers, service users etc. Tracy to approach potential trustee in Acharacle.	Louise Tracy
10	Date of next Board meeting – 2 <sup>nd</sup> September AGM, then 7 <sup>th</sup> October 9.30am Future dates:  18 <sup>th</sup> Nov 7.30 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025 9.30am	