

Urram Board Meeting Notes 26.2.26

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| 1 | <p>Welcome and apologies Present: James Hilder Gill Calver, Elizabeth Carmichael, Jenni Hodgson(until 10am), Sandra Lawton, Sally Semple(from 10.37), Peter Winnington-Ingram(until 10.30am), Sarah Kemp, Louise White, Tracy Cameron, Denise Anderson Apologies:, Ali Upton, James Campbell. Catriona Hunter Jenni left at 10 and Peter at 10.30</p> | |
| 2 | <p>Minutes of the last Meeting : Proposed Elizabeth, seconded Peter Matters arising: Nothing to note</p> | |
| 3 | <p>Finance Current Bank account at £27470.43, with £100,000 in savings. Interest due is £1144.83</p> <p>Funding Summary of balances. Donations for the transport service- it would seem they are keeping pace with journeys. Next board meeting will have a more comprehensive Quarterly report on Urram's finances</p> <p>Childcare-additional funding will come from CALA to support the work and play clubs, and allow our funding to go a bit further, as part of Urram's participation in CALA's new Single Care Model pilot project. (see below)</p> | Louise/Danielle |
| 4 | <p>Services update Glenborrodale Spring gathering is starting to have some responses- 17th March. Generally community lunches, tea and chats have been going well. Urram has taken on the running of Strontian Lunch, Jacob had been running as a volunteer but needs to take a step back. Denise is heading it up, supported by the team, still located in Sunart Centre.</p> <p>The Urram team have succeeded in recruiting several new volunteers of late – drivers and befrienders which is encouraging. Well done everyone!</p> <p>Childcare CALA were successful in securing funding to consider a Single Care Model, whereby a registered manager could oversee both adult and childrens services. It will mainly be based in Ullapool but we are the other community in the pilot. There is no continuation funding for the work and play clubs after the trial. If successful then funding will need to be sought elsewhere. We have the financial details from CALA to examine if it is possible for Urram or another entity to take on Strontian nursery. The finances are very tight and require more examination and exploring with Hayley Brown (Highland Council) especially to see if there is opportunity to decrease rental costs.</p> | <p>Sarah</p> <p>Louise</p> |

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| | <p>Transport</p> <p>The Transport overview diagram circulated by Tracy was very helpful. It was agreed that essential social transport would be booked as a car club, to avoid it being cancelled. There have been no more clashes- and this seems to be working.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Wheelchair Accessible Vehicle (WAV) would not be available to book through the car club, but could be booked as a car club car- just through a member of staff. This will allow better reporting use and ensure its available for those who need it. Tracy to work out a system.</p> <p>The Board agreed to sell the petrol Berlingo once the new WAV was in place. Thanks were noted to Elizabeth Carmichael for her birthday bash and fundraiser. £423 was raised to support the new vehicle.</p> <p>The new charge points are different chargers to existing, and have different(cheaper) back office systems. Stuart (our supplier) has offered to change the two old ones for cost price. Which might streamline some admin, but as Acharacle will have less use once the Hyundai moves, it might not be worth it. Tracy to keep exploring the free back office system with Stuart and if we can change the existing chargers to a different system.</p> <p>Good Neighbour Coordinator</p> <p>Interviews will be conducted next week, 3rd March at 1.30 in the Sunart Centre. Gill, Elizabeth and Louise.</p> | Tracy |
| 5 | <p>Projects</p> <p>Local care model</p> <p>The business case is awaiting funding from the NHS Transformation Fund.</p> <p>SIRD</p> <p>Slow budget approval means that SiRD is very quiet. Individuals are still reaching out for help but often not related directly to self directed support. Peter raised the question; Are reduced budgets, or delays within statutory services forcing a failure of the SiRD project? Not sure what more we can do but a factor to consider within the local care model, and if that can bring about change.</p> <p>The theory behind self-directed support, is individuals being able to have choice and control, but actual for some people who don't have the capacity- just need care at home. Budget cuts or factors outwith our control are forcing individuals to have option1's where, actually care at home is more relevant. Eg. When individuals are faced with palliative care.</p> <p>Charity Shop</p> <p>Community Enterprise have all they need from us right now. No updates to report.</p> | |
| 6 | <p>Dail Mhor House- No updates</p> <p>No further updates. James and Gill will get the letter away this week. James has been chasing Arlene on the phone but no response and Kate Forbes Secretary has been asking for an update.</p> | James/Gill |
| 7 | <p>Staffing</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p> | |
| 8 | <p>Board Governance.</p> <p>Outstanding items of Risk register, and Board sills audit. All were reminded of the 19th of May for the face to face board meeting at Salen Hall.</p> | ALL |
| 9 | <p>A.O.B</p> | |

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| | Sandra noted that article she and Louise had been working on will be published in the coming months. It is Lawton,S and White, L (2026) Challenges of Living in Rural Communities: Scottish Highlands. Journal of Community Nursing.Vol40:No2:63-66 | |
| 10 | Date of next Board meeting 2 nd April 7.30pm 14th May 9.30am 25th June 7.30pm 20th August 9.30am 7th September ???AGM??? 1st October 7.30pm 12th November 9.30am | |