Unapproved - Urram Board Meeting Notes 9th January 2023 9.30 am via Zoom

			Action
1	Welcome and apologies and introductions. Present: James Hilder, Elizabeth Carmichael, Gill Calver, Jenni Hodgson, Louise White, Denise Anderson, Karen- Anne Wilson, Natalie Rodgers, Hannah Hardy, Grant Macgregor- with a view to joining the trustees Apologies: Sally Semple, Ali Upton, Claire Cameron		
2	Minutes of the last Meeting (November) Approved proposed Jenni seconded Elizabeth.		
		arising not covered on the agenda lision & Mission statement – carried forward.	Louise
3	Finance a)	Update – current cash £17,424 in the bank with recent cheque for £2500 from Ardgour Glensanda fund, for the feasibility study.	
	Funding i		
	b)	HMHWBF- EOI accepted and full application due 20th January	
	c)	Highland Community Regeneration Fund full application submitted with many follow up emails. Decision due in January	
	d)	Sunart Community Company- successful in funding to host sessions to discuss results of their recent survey- which includes Dail Mhor, Village Hall and community car share. Urram will be commissioned to host some of these consultations.	James H
	e)	James H to chase Pamela Cremin re NHSH funding.	
	f)	Ardgour Church is hosting some winter suppers (fully funded), which Urram is helping to facilitate- mainly with transport.	

4	Services update Befriending 1 new referral taking to total of 9 Social groups and lunch club are starting back this week Hospital Transport Continuing to be busy. We still need more drivers.	
	Over the coming months we will need to decide what to do with the Berlingo. Meeting noted that it would be useful as a back-up and also for when multiple journeys are taking place, so unlikely to sell off immediately. We will need to confirm whether or not PACT will support the service beyond November 2023 with the electric car. If so this will help offset the overheads of running a second car.	Natalie Louise
	New car is on order with delivery likely to be August. Funding application in process for the charge point which will be located at the café rather than the community centre. If there are difficulties an alternative location could be the Artisan shop car park. Louise will continue to progress.	Natalie
	Natalie will source new car mats and find someone to clean the car on a regular basis. There will be one more attempt using Facebook and local posters in Acharacle to recruit a volunteer, but if no one comes forward Natalie is authorised to pay someone to look after the car.	
5	Recruitment Recruitment sub group consisting of Denise, Jenni, Louise and Natalie will progress the job applications and interviews. Subgroup to shortlist the applicants and then circulate shortlist to the Board. Natalie to agree date and venue (or Zoom) for interviews with Sub Group	Natalie

Dail Mhor House

Dail Mhor was closed for staffing reasons after the last board meeting. The staff have been redeployed at Invernevis and the Mackintosh Centre until the new employees are trained and Dail Mhor is able to reopen. It was hoped this would be mid February but looking a bit later than that. Whilst pausing operations at Dail Mhor was difficult, the added capacity the team were able to provide at the Mackintosh and Invernevis was very welcome, especially at a time of year when there are increased sickness levels, and enabled additional respite beds in Invernevis to be utilised.

Discussion was had over reasons for delayed discharge from Belford and access to care packages. It was recognised that whilst DM is costly to run, it gives flexibility and the beds are needed. Urram wants to continue to support its operation as long as possible, so that we can do something positive in partnership, with a replacement.

The recruitment evenings have brought some success but not as much as hoped. However they will be continued for the moment and KAW will continue to work with HR to expedite new employees.

Natalie and Louise met with Sarah Traynor, new Care at Home Manager for Lochaber and had a general chat about care at home on the peninsulas. James H continued the conversation at the recruitment drive in Dail Mhor and Sarah was supportive Urram trying Sunflower Care again in the area.

James will write to Ian Leaver and start the process. Main area of concern is finding a suitably qualified coordinator who can also deliver care when there are absences.

James H

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7 Dail Mhor/ Wellbeing Hub

James H and Duncan will talk this week to agree words for the report. Gill particularly wanted the paragraph in the conclusions reworking as it suggests even if Dail Mhor was to close as we know it, this would not detract from end of life care. But actually it really would-many recent examples where DM staff have gone many extra miles to ensure loved ones are able to visit at all times in the last days of life. This would just not be possible if there were no beds available.

As soon as we are happy we need to get it out to communities. May be in time for a submission to De Tha Dol, along with dates of community meetings. James invited Karen- Ann to some or all of these meetings to represent NHS response to the report.

As housing becomes more of a key factor, Natalie Louise and Jenni will be attending the Rural Housing Service conference in February. Louise to make contact with John McHardy/Emma Micklethwaite about the 6 sheltered homes and their funding.

A trip to Tagsa Uibhist is pending- funding has been applied for and its in process. The Kilchoan minibus might be an option for transport.

Louise

AOB

Alienergy is going to be a conduit for the hardship money from the Sunart Community Council/Benefit Fund

7 Date of next meeting – 13th February Future dates:

13th February 9.30am Evening! 27th March 7.30pm 8th May 9.30am Evening! 19th June 7.30pm Evening! 31st July 7.30pm 11th September 9.30am 23rd October 9.30am

Evening! 4th December 7.30pm (mince pies and mulled wine optional!)