

**Urram Board Meeting Notes 23<sup>rd</sup> October 9.30am via Zoom**

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1	<p><b>Welcome, apologies, and introductions.</b>  Present: James Hilder, Gill Calver, Louise White, Sally Semple, James Campbell, Jenni Hodgson, Elizabeth Carmichael, Sandra Lawton, Karen- Anne Wilson (District Manager, NHS), Bryan Gregg, Denise Anderson.  Apologies: Natalie, Rodgers, Tracy Cameron, Claire Cameron (Programme Manager Adult Social Care projects NHS)</p>	
2	<p><b>Minutes of the last Meeting (Oct)</b> Approved - proposed: Sally seconded James</p>	
3	<p><b>Finance</b>  a) All fine, a few small bills to go out.  b) Bank account standing at approx £60.8k</p> <p><b>Funding</b>  Nothing new to update.</p>	
4	<p><b>Befriending and social groups</b>  Nothing new to report on befriending and social groups.</p> <p>Leaflet- just waiting on community nurses and then it should be good to go. JH asked that we make sure other relevant professionals have checked it e.g. Srah Traynor, KAW and possibly GP surgery.</p> <p><b>Transport</b>  Hyundai Repairs (garage in Inverrary)- one of the parts is on back order with no indication of when it might be in stock.  Urram have stayed with the current insurance company despite some of the difficulties in getting garages to handle the claim. Insurance for the car club in particular is going to be expensive. Need to keep a close eye on costs.  Berlingo going for re-branding on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov.</p> <p>New car will be collected this week- was postponed due to storms.  Paperwork, website etc all coming along nicely for the car club. Possible launch in December.</p>	<p>Louise</p> <p>Tracy</p>

<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>Care at home</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) <b>Sunflower Care</b> - There has been some interest from the drop in afternoon and the leaflet drop. But, feels like it has stalled. Applicants are telling us they've heard nothing. Natalie to progress with Highland Hospice</li> <li>2) PA program board subgroup meeting- Louise attended. A few interesting things to note. Peer to peer PA support is a challenge- in other areas where it is being explored. There will soon be a regional PA network representative in each area- with a mandate for supporting PA's. Community Contacts are planning a roadshow to promote interest in the role of becoming a PA- starting in Fort William in December- hopefully it will come to this side of the water. Would it be worth sharing some fictional case studies to articulate how PA's can support individuals and help understand some of the options in care provision. Does our website help people seeking care?</li> <li>3)</li> </ol>	<p>Natalie</p> <p>Louise</p>
<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>Dail Mhor.</b></p> <p>KAW explained - Application deadline now passed for the Mackintosh, and there were quite a few applications. Some are unsuitable/not filled in correctly. E.g. applicants coming via agencies in Africa looking for sponsorship. It will be some weeks before there is a clear picture of whether there are enough suitable applicants to hope to re-open the Mackintosh Centre, but there are some good applications too.</p> <p>Some additional funds have been found to support an additional member of staff to support the recruitment process for care at home to speed up recruitment processing.</p> <p>KAW has been able to go through the finances for DM, with some re-jigging it has meant they will be able to advertise more posts. In turn this will give more stability. Estates are working with Highland Council who will not commit to funding the repairs until they know it is re-opening, and re-opening is not clear due to the need for recruitment. KAW thinks they will find the funds if reopening commences.</p>	

<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>Dail Mhor/Wellbeing Hub</b></p> <p>a) Project Team. Louise and Ali met the start of the project team with Ian Thomson. Unfortunately Gavin Sell was unable to attend, but the next meeting is booked with him. Some updating, information sharing was required as some attendees are only just coming on board. There was support for change, and next steps include identifying a wider group of individuals on the peninsulas to invite them to be part of an appreciative enquiry. It was useful to feed in some of our discussions from Urrams' strategy review on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Oct.</p> <p>b) It was noted some key folk don't understand who Urram is and what its up to and the meeting agreed to create a "one pager" FAQ's which will help introduce us to Councillors, HC staff and perhaps other stakeholders going forward.</p> <p>c) District heating- is more of a retrofit project- i.e. could we support local houses and then add a new building. Sallys thoughts were could we install district heating for DM- in a shed/moveable building- in a modular fashion. Which would mean it could improve the heating costs immediately- and make DM more useable for right now. Discussion followed – regarding using DM as is, or re-visiting the refurbishment vs new build conversation in light of ever changing climate considerations. Would some specialist eco architects be able to come up with an alternative suggestions that mean we can use the building as it is, with significant refurbishment. Especially in the light of supporting recruitment and encouraging re-opening, and then having to close in a few years for re-building. Is there another way??</p> <p>Need to progress GP Surgery requirements for a future building - Denise will approach Dr Gartshore for conversation about relocation within the same building. It would be useful to have clarity from NHS regarding what they want/need in Strontian to give a baseline to work from.</p> <p>The Jura progressive care centre paper gives some interesting suggestions and points for consideration.</p>	<p>Louise/Ali</p> <p>Louise</p> <p>Denise</p>
<p><b>8</b></p>	<p><b>Staffing</b></p> <p>a) Interviews for Service Coordinator will be on the 14<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> November.</p> <p>b) Jenni, Denise, Louise and Natalie will make the interview panel.</p>	<p>Jenni/ Denise/ Louise/ Natalie</p>

10	<p><b>A.O.B</b> Christmas thank you event for all volunteers – Board, drivers, befrienders supporters etc. Week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> December. Louise to sort with Kate Campbell.</p> <p><b>Date of next Board meeting – 4<sup>th</sup> December 7.30pm</b></p> <p><b>Future dates:</b></p> <p><b>22<sup>nd</sup> January 2024 9.30am</b></p> <p><b>26<sup>th</sup> Feb 7.30pm</b></p> <p><b>15<sup>th</sup> April 9.30am</b></p> <p><b>27<sup>th</sup> May 7.30pm</b></p> <p><b>8<sup>th</sup> July 9.30am</b></p> <p><b>26 Aug 7.30pm</b></p> <p><b>7<sup>th</sup> October 9.30am</b></p> <p><b>18<sup>th</sup> Nov 7.30</b></p> <p><b>6<sup>th</sup> January 2025 9.30am</b></p>	Louise
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