

**Urram Board Meeting Notes 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024 9.30 via Zoom**

		Action
1	<p><b>Welcome, apologies, and introductions.</b>  Present: Louise White, Sally Semple, Jenni Hodgson, Elizabeth Carmichael, Sandra Lawton, Tracy Cameron, Gill Calver  Apologies: James Hilder, James Campbell, Aukje Delnooz, Karen- Anne Wilson (District Manager, NHSH), Bryan Gregg, Donna Gairns, Denise Anderson(tried to connect but experiencing internet difficulties),</p>	
2	<p><b>Minutes of the last Meeting</b> (Dec) Proposed Sally seconded Jenni.   <b>Matters arising:</b> Social impact sub group ( James, Sally, Ali to meet.)</p>	
3	<p><b>Finance</b>  a) Bank account standing at £54,746.07   It looks like the EV's will cost more to run than the Berlingo, but there may be an associated increase in mileage. Tracy and Jenni are working closely to monitor the costs.   <b>Funding</b>  Support in the right direction funding bid was unsuccessful   Staff salary- capacity for the SDS project &amp; further development- James H was writing to Ian and Gavin- may require a follow up.</p>	James H

<p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>Befriending and social groups</b>          Befriending-Donna has been off for personal reasons but there have been two new referrals who are waiting for Donna to get in touch. Additionally some one mentioned how good it would be to have a befriending service which suggests the service requires some wider advertising</p> <p>Social groups and community lunches are continuing well. Query about tea and chat sessions booked for Ardgour. Also require invoice for the Ardgour hall for the tea and chat and for the lunches. Louise to follow up with Aukje and the hall.</p> <p><b>Transport</b></p> <p>The feedback has gone out to the trial users and Tracy has heard from 3 people. By the end of the week hopefully that will all be in. There was a donation of £200 for a longer hire over the festive period.          ½ day hires are being requested as an more affordable way to access Fort William- but it's a little difficult to manage the charging. The board suggested starting the club without the half day hire and monitoring the demand.          The board need to do a final sign off on the launch of the car club once Tracy has gathered the final bits of information. Ideally this will be done by email but by the latest at the next board meeting.</p> <p>Out of hours- still needs a plan. Louise/Bryan and Donna to meet and discuss.</p>	<p>Donna</p> <p>Tracy</p> <p>Louise/ Bryan Donna</p>
<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>Care at home</b>          1) <b>Sunflower Care</b> –Carried over to next meeting</p>	
<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>Dail Mhor.</b>          No additional update from Karen- Anne.          The last round of recruitment did not result in enough staff to make re-opening a possibility. Sally will begin to draft a statement ahead of any formal updates from Karen-Anne with regards to staffing, buildings and service provision.          Elizabeth noted sufficient recruitment at the Abbeyfield and Jenni will contact them to see if they do anything different.          Gill reminded the board of why Urram came in to being, and the previous threat of closure, the lobbying it entailed etc.</p>	<p>Sally</p>

<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>Dail Mhor/Wellbeing Hub</b></p> <p>a) SDS Project. The first two information gathering sessions at Lochaline and Ardgour went really well. Lots of conversation around what has been the situation, the impacts on individuals along with some ideas or suggestions for change. It was a good two days and Ian and Pauline are back for Acharacle on the 26<sup>th</sup> of January, Strontian on the 30<sup>th</sup> January and Kilchoan on the 9<sup>th</sup> of February. The Strontian event will consist of an afternoon conversation for invited individuals and the evening will be for the wider community.</p> <p>b) District heating- Louise and Sally met with the Reheat engineers early January. It was a really positive meeting and now we have to wait and see if our project will be approved for moving to feasibility stage.</p> <p>c) Housing Survey: consultations have now happened everywhere except Morvern which is on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of January. 150 surveys have been completed. Returns have been a little slow to come in and ALL to encourage more people to fill it in. there will be a closing date of the 31<sup>st</sup> of January.</p> <p>d) New GP surgery. A good meeting was had on the 11<sup>th</sup> of January, where all interested parties confirmed they wanted and needed space in Strontian. The capacity of the current space is sufficient, but it requires modernising. NHH confirmed that they did not have the capital funding available for such a project. Louise is to progress with the Highland Council and conversations around community asset transfer, as well as starting an application with the Scottish Land Fund.</p> <p>Denise raised the option of purchasing the house currently for sale next to the nurse's station and converting it to GP premises. There was some discussion, some board members did not like the idea of removing houses from current stock especially given the housing survey and current lack of accommodation. However it could be used as a temporary measure to move the GP's to whilst something else is built or renovated.</p> <p>Whilst we are considering owning buildings, building buildings or refurbishing existing buildings it is worth noting that one building for everything whilst has short term savings, creates long term problems. So whatever we end up with will be self sufficient, possibly connected buildings that fulfil a variety of functions.</p> <p>Jenni left- and the meeting was no longer quorate.</p>	<p>Louise</p> <p>Louise/Sally</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>Louise</p>
<p><b>8</b></p>	<p>Staffing Separate board discussion</p>	

<b>10</b>	<p><b>A.O.B</b> Louise to circulate the next meeting dates and confirm attendance. Suggestion that the AGM will be on the 26<sup>th</sup> of August. <b>Date of next Board meeting – 15<sup>th</sup> April 9.30am</b></p> <p><b>Future dates:</b></p> <p><b>15<sup>th</sup> April 9.30am</b></p> <p><b>28<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- AGM- suggest 2<sup>nd</sup> September</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>	All
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