

Urram Board Meeting Notes 15th April 2024 9.30am via Zoom

		Action
1	Welcome and apologies Present: James Hilder, Sally Semple, Jenni Hodgson, Elizabeth Carmichael, Sandra Lawton, Ali Upton, Gill Calver, Denise Anderson, Tracy Cameron, Louise White, Karen-Anne Wilson (District Manager, NHS) - short time only. Apologies; James Campbell, Donna Gairns	
2	Minutes of the last Meeting (Feb) Proposed Sally seconded Elizabeth Matters arising: Social impact sub group (James, Sally, Ali to meet- Tuesday or Wednesday evening	

3 Dail Mhor Update (KAW in attendance)

At the recent Sunart Community Council Meeting James H had been asked to give an update. He invited Karen Anne along. Unexpectedly Karen-Anne announced that the proposal had gone to the Joint Officers Group(JOG) to close Dail Mhor.

KAW made it clear that it is not the decision of NHSH to close Dail Mhor, it is with the Highland Council as they are the statutory provider. There are three options on the table; to close, to recruit and reopen, to use the building for something else.

Gill sought clarity as to whether it was NHSH Management who were making the proposal or the Board. It is the Senior Leaderships Team(SLT) who present proposals to the JOG. KAW made the proposals to the SLT.

The JOG meet tomorrow the 16th of April.

The board expressed feelings of disappointment and outrage that Urram didn't know this was happening and how it feels like Urram have been kept in the dark. KAW said she didn't know about it until Thursday afternoon, and wanted to be open and transparent with the community at the meeting which is why she shared the information then.

If closure is ratified by JOG, it needs to be on record that the budget and associated staff who were providing a service over here need to be kept here as part of the new relationship. The budget must be protected for services on this side of the water and if we are going to succeed with the new project then the budget needs to be here. James H will write to Gavin Sell and the NHSH Board. KAW – whilst she does hold the budget for Dail Mhor, she doesn't make decisions as to what has to go back to the 'main' pot.

KAW confirmed that if Dail Mhor does reopen any furniture that had been taken to support Invernevis will be replaced out of Invernevis's budget. More furniture would be required as existing doesn't meet current standards.

Discussion over how a public meeting would have been a better forum for communicating closure but KAW said that is not the process. If JOG do decide to close Dail Mhor then there will be further processes but KAW is not sure what they are, at this moment in time.

The district planning group meets on the 29th of April (online) to which all community councils, Urram and others have been invited. This could be a place for further discussion but as the invite list is long- it would be reasonable to imagine that not much discussion will be had.

KAW confirmed that if they had been successful in recruitment they would have re-opened Dail Mhor. The HR department has reduced its processing time- so some of the previous barriers have been mitigated.

KAW left the meeting.

James H will write a response, which can be adapted for a press release as well. It is worth noting that NHSH is looking for savings and therefore the budget might be lost or scaled back and we must fight for this money to provide care on this side of the water which is particularly important given the state of the ferry.

It was agreed to write to all community councils and councillors to encourage

James H

3	<p>Finance</p> <p>a) Bank account standing at £63407.23</p> <p>End of the year has been- just a couple of bits outstanding. NI- James H to set up direct debits with HMRC, and the Ariundle Christmas invoice James H to get bank details.</p> <p>Funding</p> <p>i) James confirmed that Gavin had not replied so we should proceed with approaching Ian for some core funding. James and Louise to meet this week to discuss.</p> <p>ii) SiRD- funding has been confirmed and will result in a new post to take this project forward. All to consider the job description as recruitment needs to start soon. Louise has not yet met with the funders, but we can start the project.</p> <p>iii) Louise has a meeting with the Self Management Fund this week- hopefully they will give us a decision soon.</p> <p>iv) Louise has also submitted applications to the McCorquodale Trust and the Mainhouse Charitable trust to start to try and plug the gap in services funding.</p> <p>v) There is a meeting with The National Lottery- face- to face- on the 25th of April to discuss the project (all our services) so far and consider how they might continue to fund our services.</p>	<p>James</p> <p>Louise</p> <p>James</p>
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<p>4</p>	<p>Befriending and social groups Things are moving forwards with PVG updates 1 new befriender has been matched. Lunch clubs continue in Acharacle, Ardgour and Lochaline.</p> <p>Transport Bryan is still off sick and Tracy is doing an excellent job of covering the service as well as making updates to paperwork. The berlingo is back in the garage and the Hyundai had a very flat battery last week. Jenni raised our servicing policy. Louise and Tracy to discuss and make a plan- at the moment vehicles are serviced annually. Tracy agreed to book the Hyundai in for its annual service in Inverness to maintain the warranty. PACT funding arrived mid November for the transport service.</p> <p><u>Car Club.</u> 9 members and has generated £769.63 this month. Discussion regarding Morvern Eco wheels and asking for a diversion of money from CRF. Jenni raised- funding in the future for insurance etc. Louise to see what ‘strings’ would be attached from the funders Jenni to email Andy Robertson with a yes we are interested, but still checking some details emails. Louise and Tracy to finalise the details.</p> <p>It makes the most financial sense to ensure all of our assets are working as best for us as they can. To this end, other cars could be available for the car club- as long as we have enough scope to protect the HTS, as this is our main reason for having cars in the first place.</p> <p>James H to try and get Bryans laptop and phone.</p> <p>Elizabeth left the meeting and it was no longer quorate.</p>	<p>Louise/ Tracy</p> <p>Louise Jenni Tracy</p> <p>James H</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>Care at home 1) Sunflower Care – James will see Susan Smith at the volunteer meeting tomorrow. Jenni shared that a private care provider is pulling out of Fort William- so care at home will be even more difficult.</p>	<p>James</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>Dail Mhor. See above.</p> <p>James is waiting for contact from Sunart networks to see what equipment would be needed to share the internet from Oakwoods.</p>	<p>James</p>
<p>7</p>	<p>Dail Mhor/Wellbeing Hub a) SDS Project. There is an ‘onboarding’ meeting this week with various individuals in NHS b) Housing Survey: Final draft is here. Louise to circulate around everywhere, put on our website, and work with CHT on a joint press release.</p>	<p>Louise</p>

8	<p>Staffing</p> <p>Donna has reduced her hours by 5 hours per week. Louise is covering these as an interim measure.</p> <p>Recruitment needs to start for the SiRD funded worker.</p>	
9	<p>A.O.B</p> <p>Ardnamurchan Childcare Action Group- a new group who are struggling for childcare in the area. Currently designing a survey to see what the demand is and to define the needs. Its in the very early days but as it is a form of care it might come our way so keep on the radar!</p>	All
10	<p>Date of next Board meeting – 28th May 7.30pm</p> <p>Future dates:</p> <p>8th July 9.30am</p> <p>2nd September AGM</p> <p>7th October 9.30am</p> <p>18th Nov 7.30</p> <p>6th January 2025 9.30am</p>	