

EILEAN A CHEO WARD FORUM

ACTION NOTE FROM THE MEETING HELD ON: MONDAY 3rd MARCH 2014 AT TIGH NA SGIRE, PORTREE


PRESENT: Cllr Drew Millar (Chair); Cllr Ian Renwick; Cllr Hamish Fraser, Cllr John Gordon, David Hearn, Portree Community Council; Isobel MacLeod, Skeabost Community Council; Judith Wallace, Sconser Community Council; Elaine Robertson, Waternish Community Council; Jill Westgarth, Raasay Community Council; Craig Glenright, Kyleakin Community Council, Roddy Murray, Sleat Community Council, Pat Beaton, Kilmuir Community Council, Isobel MacDonald, Staffin Community Council

APOLOGIES: Minginish Community Council, Alistair Morrison, Struan Community Council; Joan Turkington, Skye & Lochalsh Access Panel,

IN ATTENDANCE: Alistair Jupp, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service, Derek Paterson, Police Scotland, Kate Earnshaw NHS, Tracy Ligema NHS, Meg Gillies SLCVO, Catriona Leslie, Ross Cowie, Mike Russell, Karen MacRae, Neil Campbell, Myra MacLeod, Fay MacRae, Business Support; Willie MacKinnon Ward Manager,

MAIN TOPIC: NHS Redesign of Health Care Update

ITEM	SUBJECT	ACTION	LEAD
1	Welcome, introductions & apologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Drew Millar • Apologies – see above 	
2	Police Scotland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Ward Policing Plan 2014/2017 was refreshed in Sept 2013 the three main priorities are : <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Road safety 2. Community engagement 3. Drug & Alcohol related crime/misuse • No major crime or significant events to report since last Forum • Increased checks on licenced premises. • Police will be carrying out tests on licenced premises within the next few months to see if they will sell to underage persons. • Have been carrying out substance misuse presentations in schools. 	

		<p>Questions</p> <p>Do you think the state of the roads is contributing to the number of accidents?</p> <p>Most accidents are down to driver error and DP does not believe the state of the roads is a contributing factor.</p>	
3	Scottish Fire & Rescue Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accidental House Fires – 2 in the last quarter • Deliberate Fires – 0 • RTA's – no major incidents • Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals – very few • Since the two accidental fires in Portree the Fire Service has carried out home safety visits in Portree. • New personnel have been appointed for Raasay • PE also advised that an exercise was planned for the 26th of April dealing with an incident on Raasay, other agencies would be involved eg, Lifeboat, Coastguard and Calmac the Forum will be kept updated. <p>Cllr Millar urged Community Councils to encourage people in the community to come forward for the Fire Service.</p>	
4	NHS Redesign of Health Care Update	<p>TL gave a brief outline of the progress so far and the three options.(see attached power point presentation)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The current buildings are not fit for purpose • Window of funding became available through HubCo • Steering Group Formed • Options looked at • Consultation process <p>Three Options</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Do Nothing 2. Hub & Spoke service model 3. Community Resource Hub <p>It was agreed by the Steering group after carrying out an options appraisal that the</p>	 <p>NHS Presentation WF 03 March 2014.ppt</p>

		<p>preferred option was number 2 with the Hub being in either Portree or Broadford and the spoke in the other.</p> <p>On the 4th of March the proposal to move forward to public consultation will go to the NHS board meeting for approval. The public consultation will take place over a three month period.</p>	
		<p>Questions</p> <p>Why is another consultation required when one was carried out a year ago? That wasn't a consultation last year, just information sessions to let people know what was happening. To comply with the Scottish Governments funding requirements a formal public consultation will need to be held.</p> <p>How are you going to plan the meetings for the public consultation? There will be four of five meetings across the area dates are still to be confirmed. They will be drop in sessions and include afternoons and evenings.</p> <p>Public transport – will this or the lack of it be taken in to consideration? Transport is high on the agenda and this would be an opportunity to involve other agencies but could not really be looked at until the main Hub has been confirmed.</p> <p>Would the Hub be the only hospital offering out of hour's service? No the Hub would have the only inpatient beds but both would offer out of hours service.</p> <p>Will the referendum affect the NHS plans? Cllr IR advised that the Referendum and the Scottish Government election will not make any difference to the funding.</p> <p>Will we be kept updated of the results from the consultation and the NHS board meetings? Yes KE agreed to keep everyone informed.</p> <p>Is HubCo a private finance project? Yes</p> <p>Cllr DM congratulated the steering group for all the hard work that has been done so far.</p>	

5	Public question & answer session	<p>No written questions received.</p> <p>Will the members be supporting the closure of the Service Points.</p> <p>Cllr Fraser – No Cllr Gordon – No Cllr IR – Undecided Cllr DM – Undecided</p> <p>Cllr DM advised that he would have to look at the report before making a decision and if it is financially viable he will support the proposal as the HC has to find savings.</p> <p>Has HLH been consulted on the proposal and are their staff willing to operate the new technology and help customers.</p> <p>How was the decision made to close the selected offices? It was based on footfall and the cost per head. It would only cost £1.00 per household to keep the service points open.</p> <p>If the decision was based on footfall could you not amalgamate Broadford & Kyle together so there would be at least one office in the South of the Island or Lochalsh and the public would not have to travel 100 miles to register a death.</p> <p>Community Councils only found out about the proposals in the press; they only had a short time to put together a paper for councillors. RM tried to submit it to the appropriate representative for member's consideration at the meeting but was told that he would have to submit it individually to the members.</p>	
6	Date of next Forum Meeting	Monday 2 nd June 2014 Tigh na Sgìre Portree.	