

EILEAN A CHEO WARD FORUM

ACTION NOTE FROM THE MEETING HELD ON: MONDAY 1st DECEMBER 2014 AT TIGH NA SGIRE, PORTREE

PRESENT: Cllr Drew Millar (Chair); Cllr Ian Renwick; Cllr Hamish Fraser, Norman Mackillop, Skeabost & District Community Council; Margaret McVicar, Raasay Community Council; Peter Martin, Uig Community Council, Moira Scobbie, Waternish Community Council, Alasdair MacPherson, Broadford & Strath Community Council,

APOLOGIES: Allan Knox (SAS) Steve Gorman (SAS) Cllr John Gordon,


IN ATTENDANCE: Paul Edwards, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service, Insp Lynda Allan, Police Scotland; Meg Gillies SLCVO ; Council; Tim Stott; Lynn Clarke; Carrie Pratt, Planning & Development, Niki MacLean, Mr & Mrs Reid, Isobel MacDonald, Nicholas Kelly, Doreen MacPhie, Neil Ferguson, Mike Russell (WHFP) Fay MacRae, Business Support; Willie MacKinnon Ward Manager,

MAIN TOPIC: NEW LOCAL PLAN

ITEM	SUBJECT	ACTION	LEAD
1	Welcome, introductions & apologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Drew Millar • Apologies – see above 	
2	Police Scotland – Update from Inspector Lynda Allan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Inspector has been appointed – Lynda Allan who took up her new post at the end of Oct. Lynda is very familiar with the area and aware of rural localities. • Drink driving & speeding offences are up on last year. • New festive safety campaign starts on the 5th of December. • 9 new sites have been identified on the A87 for the mobile speed camera. • More inspections have been carried out on licenced premises. • Drug related crime is down by 20% 	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alcohol related offences are down by 24% • Blue light disco- very successful over 100 youths attended. • Rural dishonesty – there has been a reduction in the last 6 months. <p>Q. Uig community council asked if joggers and cyclists could be encouraged to wear reflective/hi –vis vests?</p> <p>A. Inspector Allan agreed they need to be seen and should be encouraged to wear them although legally their hands are tied.</p> <p>Q. Waternish community council – what is happening with stop and search in Skye?</p> <p>A. The police will monitor and make sure they are carried out at the right time, right place as they have to be justifiable and legal.</p>	
3	Scottish Fire & Rescue Service – Update from Paul Edwards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduction in dwelling fires. • Home safety visits – above target. • Reduction in deliberate fire setting e.g. moorlands. The fire service is working in partnership with country rangers, land owners and the forestry commission and hopes to run a moor burning course in conjunction with the West Highland College. • Reduction in fires in commercial properties. • Reduction of unwanted fire signals 56% of all call outs in Scotland are not required. This does not seem to be a big problem on Skye. • Carried out a fireworks presentation at Portree High School. • Concentrating on winter safety campaign e.g. electric blankets, stoves and fires. • Broadford & Portree fire stations are being rewired. 	

4	Forum Topic- New Local Plan	<p>Presentation from Tim Stott - Principal Planner</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 year review cycle of the local plan. • The call for site options with maps will come out in January 2015 • It will be different from the last time - won't be able to go into the same degree of detailed plans. • The HC doesn't have the resources so would like to ask community groups to get involved with their ideas. • The Community Empowerment bill aims to get community's involved in making their own plans e.g. Rum Community Trust. • Special landscape areas will be protected e.g. from wind farms. • Key agencies will be involved in the consultation process HI –Trans, SEPA, SNH, HIE, Scottish Water, NHS and Historic Scotland. • Councillors will make the early decisions; planners will make the final decisions and then the government. • There has been a lot of investment in ferry terminals, Ullapool/Stornoway • Raasay/Sconser • Stromeferry – a quick fix would cost 100 million • SEPA are concerned re development on peat and have to take flooding in to consideration • SNH – will advise on no go areas for wind farms. • Scottish Crofting Federation would like planners to concentrate on common grazing rather than in by land. • Broadford Airstrip – safeguard for future development. • Ensure new day care sites are on flat land. • Pending tidal development in Kyclerhea - if it goes ahead Kishorn could be redeveloped to accommodate it. • HC propose to send postcards out to every household to advise of the Local Plan. • BT propose to have broadband to the majority of the Island by June 2016 <p>Q> Waternish CC asked if more could be done to support smaller areas who had to do their own planning.</p>	
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5	Public answer & question session	<p>Q. Raasay CC had sent in a question regarding the recent closure of the bridge. A. The attached press release was issued.</p> <p>Q. Raasay CC asked what is happening with the funding from HC for war memorials. A. Cllr DM advised he was disappointed with the way the fund has been run as groups seem to have difficulty accessing the funding. The main contact is now Mark Crowe, who will ask community works operatives to meet with the community councils and look at the work that is required.</p> <p>Q. Raasay CC- concerned about endoscopes procedures stopping at Broadford Hospital. A. Cllr HF has written to the NHS asking for figures and to justify the situation for the next 4 years and has also asked if a new unit could be put into Broadford or Portree until the new hospital is built. The NHS has said that this would not be feasible and would require alterations of up to £500,000 Cllr Fraser advised he would update the forum when he has a response from the NHS as he would like to see the service reinstated.</p> <p>Mr Ferguson thanked TS for his presentation; it was very informative and was encouraged to see community councils in attendance.</p> <p>Q. Mr Ferguson asked if the HC could ask the Scottish Government for more funding for community engagement.</p>	 <p>ST Agencies meet to discuss recent Skye B</p>

		A. TS advised that the government have put funding into Planning Aid for local groups to produce their own plan; the funding request must come from the local community groups.	
6	Date of next Forum	2 nd March 2014	