

EILEAN A CHEO WARD FORUM


MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON: MONDAY 12th SEPTEMBER 2016 AT TIGH NA SGIRE, PORTREE

PRESENT: Cllr Drew Millar (Chair); Cllr Hamish Fraser; Cllr John Gordon; Cllr Ian Renwick; Willie MacKinnon, Ward Manager; Moira Scobbie, Waternish CC; Bill Edgar, Portree & Braes CC; Peter Martin, Uig CC; Maureen Webster, Minginish CC; Anne Gillies, Raasay CC; Maressa Munro, Dunvegan CC; Alistair McPherson, Broadford & Strath CC; Inspector Lynda Allan, Police Scotland; Station Manager Alistair Jupp, SFRS; Jo-Anne Ford, SLCVO.

APOLOGIES: Struan CC; Skeabost & District CC.

IN ATTENDANCE: Maimie Thompson, NHH; Ross MacKenzie NHH; Stuart Macpherson, HIE; Alistair Danter, Business Gateway; David Richardson, FSB; Mike Russell, WHFP; Roger Liley, P&BCT; David Hearn; Mick Doyle, SCDC; Dan Corrigan, Stardust Boat Trips; Gavin Major, Skye Batiks; Rhona Campbell, Veterinary Centre; Iain Langlands, MacLeod Estates; David Oakes, Sconser Scallops; Catriona MacLean; Morag Greenshields





ITEM	SUBJECT	ACTION	LEAD
1	Welcome, introductions & apologies	Cllr Millar as Chair opened the meeting and welcomed those present	
2	Action Note of Previous Meeting	<p>WM received a response from Dr John Lyon regarding Portree & Braes CC query asking if a permanent Dental post can be advertised, if the NHH are not successful in attracting a General Dental Practitioner.</p> <p>Response: <i>"I can confirm, currently that all new permanent dentist posts (including replacement posts) employed by NHS Highland require Scottish Government authorisation via the Chief Dental Officer's Office."</i></p> <p>There had been 3 Communities who expressed an interest in meeting with Hugh Gardner, Amenities Manager, to discuss priorities for Grounds Maintenance in their Area and or the possibility of a local group taking on part of the contracts; Dunvegan CC, Raasay CC and Viewfield Garden Collective. However, following the June Ward Forum, the Community Services Committee had made the decision to take the Skye Grounds Maintenance Contract in-house.</p>	

3	SFRS – Update from Station Manager Alistair Jupp	Station Manager Alistair Jupp spoke to the attached briefing:  Ward Forum Briefing Note 12th Sept 16.dc	
	Police Scotland – Update from Inspector Lynda Allan	Inspector Lynda Allan provided the following briefing: Vanderalisms down on this time last year i.e. down 18.8%. Housebreakings also down (3 recorded this time last year and one this year). Proactive crimes up on last year over 200% e.g. 5 Drugs supply cases this year (one sentenced last week to a custodial sentence) and none this time last year. Drink / Drug driving up on this time last year i.e. 5 cases reported last year during this period and 14 this year Other points covered: Joint operation with other police Scotland depts. and latest one was in relation to harbour and took place on 30/08 when the Oriana was in Portree. Half Marathon, Skye Games etc. all passed without incident. Continue to work with Mountain Rescue on a frequent basis (has been on one occasion 3 times in one day). Running a joint MacMillan Coffee Morning with U3A in Portree on 30/09. We have been nominated for the Police Twitter Awards by some of our followers Staffing is (was) at full strength with no vacancies and a new Special Constable joined our team two weeks ago and already been out working with the team Questions: Bill Edgar: Portree & Braes CC are wondering if the Police can make recommendations on road safety grounds to encourage the development of a path along the shore below Aros to the Braes Road End to take walkers off the A87 Trunk Road. Cllr Millar: Members will request an update from the Access Officer at their next Ward Business Meeting. Bill Edgar: Portree & Braes CC have traffic management concerns regarding the junction on Dunvegan Road below the School at peak times, the traffic lights at the junction to the rear of the School and the junction from Dunvegan Road leading to Struan Road. Cllr Millar: This is a Trunk Road operated by Transport Scotland and Local Members have raised questions regarding the volume of traffic at these junctions, to be informed by Transport Scotland that no additional traffic management measures are required.	Cllrs

		<p>Inspector Allan: No issues have been flagged up to Police Scotland regarding these junctions. There is currently an insufficient number of collision statistics or evidence of volume of traffic for the Police to make any recommendations to a change in traffic management measures at these sites.</p>	
	<p>NHSH – Update on the Redesign of Health & Social Care Services from Maimie Thompson</p>	<p>Maimie Thompson provided the following briefing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public consultation on the proposals to redesign services in Skye, Lochalsh and South West Ross took place in 2014. There was clear support for a proposed new model of Service which would see all the inpatient beds located in a new hospital hub and the second hospital facility redesigned into a spoke, as part of a wider redesign of services. Through the consultation it was determined that the ‘hub’ would be in Broadford and the spoke in Portree. There are clinical advantages to not having the inpatient split across two sites and in terms of staffing the model will be more sustainable. • This was approved by the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Wellbeing in February 2015. Since then NHS Highland has been going through the first of a three stage business case process which is to prepare an Initial Agreement document. This document will set out all elements of the plan in more detail including the range of services, workforce and costs. • During the consultation it was clear that what wasn’t changing was as important as what was changing. It was confirmed during the consultation that the location of GP Practices and Scottish Ambulance Services won’t change. • One of the biggest changes is the co-location of all the inpatient services into the new hospital. Work is ongoing to confirm the number of hospital beds but we are currently working to between 24 and 28 (see below). It was explained that determining the number of hospital beds depends on how well developed community services are. • The current Portree Community Hospital building will be redesigned to continue to host out-patients and Minor Injury Unit. The GP Practice will move in and discussions are ongoing around providing day hospital services. • The wider redesign will look at developing community services and enhancing care at home. Work is also being scoped to look at developing flexible use beds in care homes particularly in the north. This was identified as one of the needs to support the removal of hospital beds from Portree Hospital. • Engagement is ongoing with local communities and groups and one of the actions emerging from meetings is a need to look at some clinical pathways. An initial focus will be on cardiac pathways. The attached film clip explains about the importance of dialling 999 with symptoms of chest pain https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sSeUoBmLm1M 	

	<p>Questions:</p> <p>Morag Greenshields: Councillor Fraser is chairing the Transport Group as part of the Health Services Review. It has been reported that this group hasn't met since the end of last year. Please would he clarify why this has happened and who or what is preventing the process from progressing?</p> <p>Response: It has been identified that an Independent Transport Needs Assessment needs to be carried out. That work is being scoped out and it is hoped that the work will be hosted by SLCVO. Once that work has been completed the chair of the group will host a workshop to look at the outputs and other work carried out to date. This will then guide future actions for the Transport Group</p> <p>Morag Greenshields: NHS Highland have stated publicly that the new hospital will have 24 or fewer beds. Please would NHS Highland explain why they have refused to publish their calculations evidencing how they have arrived at these figures?</p> <p>Response: The calculations have been published as part of a document presented to the board on 26 July http://www.nhshighland.scot.nhs.uk/News/PublicConsultation/Skye/Pages/BoardPapers.aspx</p> <p>The consultation document stated 28-32 hospital beds but both documents described that further detailed work would be required to confirm all aspects of the model.</p> <p>That detail is being worked up as part of the business case process and has included a number of pieces of work to support confirmation of bed numbers. As part of the Initial Agreement a bed modelling exercise was presented which looked at a number of scenarios which range from 18 to 40 hospital beds. The models are based on hospital activity, age profiles and population projections (or not).</p> <p>There is a general perception that if an ageing population is projected this needs to be factored into hospital bed numbers and it is true if nothing else were to change then higher bed numbers might be expected. However, in Skye, in common with elsewhere in Highland and indeed Scotland the opposite has been the case. In fact locally over the last decade the population has been ageing in Skye but during this period the number of hospital beds has reduced from 41 to 32, which is counter to what people often predict.</p> <p>The reduction in bed usage across the health system reflects wider changes to community services, more people being managed at home and other wider work to reduce emergency admissions and length of stay. In the specific bed modelling exercise no adjustment was made for the development of community services, however, a large part of the redesign relates to development of this infrastructure and builds on work to integrate services since 2012. For these reasons the models at</p>	<p>NHSH</p>
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	<p>Business Development Information – Business Gateway, FSB, HIE</p>	<p>Stuart MacPherson, HIE; David Richardson, FSB; Alistair Danter, Business Gateway spoke to the attached documents regarding Business Development Information:</p>	

		 HIE Skye - Stuart MacPherson - September 2016.pdf   Skye Ward Forum Skye Business David Richardson - 12-09-16 FSB Intro & Survey Results - August  Business Gateway Alistair Danter - Resources for WardF	
		Following the presentations some discussion took place on the current tourism pressures.	
4	Public Question & Answer Session	Moira Scobbie: What, if anything, is the Council doing in response to the reports in the Free Press about increasing visitor numbers and the lack of facilities and infrastructure to deal with it? Drew Millar: outlined work already carried out by the Council or that they are currently involved with at the Fairy Glen, Fairy Pools, the Old Man of Storr, Quiraing, Neist Point and Coral Beach. All the Councillors made it clear that it would take more than just the Council to address the issues.	
5	Date of next Forum	5 th December 2016 Items requested for consideration: Police Scotland – Police update SFRS – Fire update SAS – Ambulance update SLCVO – CLD Support for Community Groups NHS Care at Home Civic Awards	WM