

RCA meeting 2nd June, 2024

Present – Lesley Watt (Chair), Nick Murphy (Treas), Sareth Brown (Sec), Lauren Murphy, Hywel Lewis, Fliss Fraser, Neil Boyd, Jennifer Thompson, Stuart Mckie.

Apologies - Alex Mumford, Buffy Cracknel, Sean Morris, Ali Morris.

Previous action points

- Mowi invoice, not done. Price agreed for hall hire £50
- Oven still to be ordered for hall kitchen
- Agreement with Benjamin Lalande for kitchen hire - price and times etc were agreed but he ended up doing elsewhere as hall was occupied
- Hall clearance was done, next step is to order new items.

1) Rum Place Plan

FF been in contact with the HC (Dot Ferguson), who say it is very much up the community if they wish to proceed. LW, that a positive to a plan - everyone does their role, here are the objectives that each stakeholder/landowner etc on Rum are looking to achieve, and there can be communication amongst the groups about what their plans are and so on, it is helpful to have more transparency between all the stakeholders.

SB said we can look at the current Community village plan and see if it needs updating – maybe in regards to the Place Plan, we could look for one main focus as there are loads of issues currently facing the community.

SM voiced concern at there being enough people to push forward any plan. FF said it would be great if we are able to choose our own consultant. HL said it would be a useful framework for any future funding.

AP – contact Dot Ferguson and NS again, we are happy to proceed with exploring possibilities, important that both IRCT and RCA are kept in the loop. Keen to know what the next steps are.

2) Kinloch Castle

Everyone should have had an email from Emily Harris with the 1st round of the survey report. Feedback about the survey is much wanted - the process itself as well as any opinions on the castle. These can be emailed straight to Emily.harris2@gov.scot or Sareth is happy to pass them on.

They've asked for a Rum residents meeting

Community Land Scotland is now also a stakeholder, as suggested by FF.

AP – arrange meeting, Tuesday 12th June PM suggested

3) Mowi fish farm expansion

HL - we need a cut off point for a first vote and information request from Mowi. Some talk about needing two votes - a first vote to ascertain if this is something the majority would like to continue with and so request more information and collate questions/opinions that we have collected etc, then a second vote to decide totally once we feel fully informed.

AP – A specific meeting to be called to discuss, then we can give two weeks for a resident's vote.

4) Road

FF showed that the shore road sea wall – in front of the castle wall – has begun to come apart and fall into the sea. Not sure whose responsibility it is to fix? SB noted some other damage further along the shore road , where the signpost is near the White House.

5) Waste Management

IRCT is looking at developing a waste management plan, concerning things like composting etc.

AP – email to be sent and see if anyone wants to join a waste management group

6) Biosecurity

The RSPB have been in contact with LW, they may be able to help with regards to waste management, if anyone is interested in meeting with them? Please let Lesley know.

7) Cuban Festival

25th July – been held by the Havana Glasgow film festival. They will be bringing the Small Isles Cinema and events such as salsa dancing and cocktails etc.

AP – email organisers and ask what they need/want from us. Ask residents if anyone would like to help organise/be involved.

8) Parking

Parking charge in Mallaig West Bay car park has increased to £10 a day. As far as we can tell, parking around the marina is still voluntary payment.

9) Hall Toilets

LW - now Jim has left the island, RCA are looking for someone to clean the hall toilets. This is a paid job. SB and LM offered to do it in the meantime.

AP – email to be sent asking if anyone would like to take this on.

Next meeting set for Sunday 7th July at 4pm, Village Hall.