

Castlebay and Vatersay

Community Council

Minute/Note of Meeting

TITLE : General Meeting
DATE/TIME : 25th June 2025
VENUE : VATERSAY COMMUNITY HALL

CCC members Present:

Paul McGuire - Chair (PMG)
 Sarah Ann MacLeod (SAML) – Secretary
 Eileen Frater (EF) – Treasurer
 Donald MacNeil (DMN) - Committee
 Rose MacDougall (RMD) – Committee

In Attendance:

Cllr Kenneth MacLean (KML)
 Helen MacKinnon (HMK)
 Irene Donnelly (ID)

Apologies- Katie Denehy (KD)

Minute Taker – SA

<u>ITEM/ISSUE</u>	<u>SUMMARY</u>	<u>ACTION-WHO? WHAT?</u>
1)WELCOME	PMG WELCOMED ALL IN ATTENDANCE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2)MINUTES	Minutes of previous meetings circulated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> proposed by RMD and seconded by DMN
3) ROADS	PMG -Roads have been resurfaced around the island, planning to return to replace signage in various areas, road painters expected in July Resurfacing still to return at Uidh and after surveying all areas, issues have been identified-various cattle grids needing improvements as do some crash	<input type="checkbox"/> Any available CC members to attend meeting with C Fraser to discuss

	<p><i>barriers</i></p> <p><i>Colm Fraser from Municipal services is due to visit on 2nd July and will look to meet with CC reps to discuss further requirements and improvements</i></p>	<p><i>issues and programme of works</i></p>
4) Ball Court	<p>KD was successful in securing £15, 000 of funding for the upgrade of the ballcourt.</p> <p>Still a shortfall of £5k, however PMG has been in contact with the contractor in order to arrange dates for work to commence. Community volunteers will be required to help clear the area before works begin. It is anticipated that the works be completed before the winter.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Community Council to continue to liaise with contractor and to help gather volunteers when required for clearing area. More funding required for completion of works.</p>
5) Abandoned Cars Update	<p>Many cars have been now identified throughout Barra and Vatersay and have had the appropriate paperwork attached to show that they require removal. It is hoped that the next steps can be arranged when Colm Fraser - Head of Municipal Services visits.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Update position on this once C Fraser has visited</p>
6) HUB	<p>Scottish Government have confirmed that the this is on the agenda for the coming year-John Swinney has confirmed that he is in support of the development.</p> <p>Chief Executive of Health Board and Council will be meeting to discuss next steps and re-establish a Project Board to progress the development to next stage.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Await further info</p>
7) Barra and Vatersay	<p>HMK Area Forum Coordinator has spoken with J MacLennan Contractors LTD re the Herring Walk and they have said that this is high on their priority</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Community Council</p>

<p>Area Forum Coordinator –HMK update</p>	<p>list therefore will look to do works soon, also DFDS are continuing the grass maintenance for the area.</p> <p>An overview was given of the latest Crown Estate Awarding for Ward one Barra & Vatersay.</p> <p>A detailed and thorough explanation of The Local Place Plan that was Prepared by the Barra & Vatersay Area Forum was given, its main aim being to progress socio-economic projects and developments.</p> <p>The Action plan illustrates various aspirations for Barra & Vatersay and HMK also explained how a scoring system was developed in order to ensure there is a rigorous and consistent way of identifying needs and more importantly- prioritising them. Main drivers are employment opportunities and better infrastructure.</p> <p>Links to Draft Barra and Vatersay Plan given –</p> <p>https://www.barra-vatersay-areaforum.org.uk/local-place-plan</p> <p>as well as paper copies for CCBV members to view. HMK has said she would welcome any feedback and that this should be seen as a live matrix of ongoing projects that is responsive to changes in our community</p>	<p>to continue to liaise with HMK to ascertain Area Forum progress</p>
<p>8) Vatersay Bus Stop</p>	<p>The bus stop in the village has been successfully installed and Irene Donnelly was able to confirm that this was paid for by Vatersay Community Council. It was agreed that this will be reimbursed by CVCC as there was money ringfenced for this.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> EF to get cheque to Vatersay Community Council</p>
<p>9) Castle Update</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overall risk has been deescalated • slipway works currently underway • new forestairs outside tower works has gone out to tender • Great hall requires stabilisation using concrete block and heavy timbers 	<p><input type="checkbox"/> SAML to meet with HES reps in July.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helicopter lifts to deliver materials are scheduled • Marion's Room – requiring propping–this is in progress 	
10) FINANCIAL UPDATE	Balance is £28, 915.51	<input type="checkbox"/> Still need to update signatories for banking to reflect role changes.

Next meeting – 15th September