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		DATE	20 th March 2025	TIME	6.00 pm
		VENUE	UCVO & MS Teams		
		DISTRIBUTION			
Present:	Dave Adey (Chair/Treasurer), Helen Bagley (Vice Chair/Secretary), Vanessa Langley, Cllr Iain MacLeod, Cllr Paul Steele, Sheena Stewart, George MacDonald, Hugh MacCormick, Cllr Uisdean Robertson, Iain A Monk				
Apologies:	Cllr Susan Thompson, David Bagley, Willie MacDonald, Bryan MacPherson, John Craib, Ross McClenaghan.				
Absent:					

Agenda Item		Summary	Action	Who?	When?
1	Welcome & Minutes -	Minutes approved by		George / Cllr Iain	
2	Matters arising				
	Conflicts of Interest on the agenda –	Nothing to report -			
3	Planning & Licensing -	Nothing concerning Benbecula notified.			
4	Treasure's report and BCC funds -	As of 20 th march, we have £3936.92 in the bank.			
		War Memorial Bench area – Update	The hard standing should be done the week starting 24 th March 25 by the contractor.		
		Planters at Griminish war memorial - update	The planters have been removed By Hugh		

		<p>Hugh asked if it would it be possible to have stone raised beds made to reflect the wall. Talk to Neil MacPherson. Sheena to check and see if there is any funding available.</p> <p>Wheels at roadside's have been removed.</p> <p>Culla Bay barrels – update</p> <p>Ross McClenaghan applied for £300 funding to gain a coach certificate to start up a swimming club -</p>	<p>Scottish Government is about to assign a contractor to remove the barrels.</p> <p>Community council & councillors agreed to the funding.</p>	<p>Hugh/Sheena</p> <p>George</p> <p>Scottish Government</p>	
5	Benbecula Airport - Update	<p>John couldn't attend & send in his update – Progress on overspill car park & Gabion basket repairs is coming along will.</p> <p>Flights have been busy with a lot of Qinetiq & Military visitors ahead of exercise formidable shield.</p> <p>There will be an increase amount of Aircraft movements from April up to the end of May due to the same exercise.</p> <p>I attended the Western Isles Transport to Health Working Group on Tuesday along with Vanessa, no real progress on when the Tecnam Aircraft is going to replace the Islander.</p> <p>I have looked at the agenda for tonight and I believe the Post box at Church Hill had fallen off its mounting's & is being replaced.</p>			

6	Councillors Update -	<p>An 8% increase to council tax.</p> <p>There is a cut to library services</p>	Write and invite a library representative to the next meeting	Dave	
7	Visitor Levy -	Consultations are taking place on applying a visitors levy to the Islands.	A note has been sent about the impact a visitor's levy will have on the communities on the Islands.	Dave	
8	NHS update -	<p>Vanessa attended the last meeting, and her view is that an impact assessment needs to be made on the new plane. Several services can no longer be offered here.</p> <p>Talk of an electric plane but they are the same size as the one we have just now.</p> <p>Aviation Ministers want to reduce flights, but more flights are needed as suggested by the community at the meeting,</p>		Vanessa	
9	West Camp Update -	Follow up e-mail sent, awaiting feedback		Dave	

11	Police - update	No representation –			
12	AOB	<p>20 signs not working properly –</p> <p>Speed checks – Although there was a PC in attendance, Cars were still speeding,</p> <p>Alcohol & drug abuse – can we ask for figures for the community.</p>	<p>Contact Angus & ask him to check.</p> <p>Write a letter to Police Scotland Traffic & the Inspector in charge of the Western isles.</p>	<p>Dave</p> <p>Dave</p> <p>Dave</p>	
13	Date of next meeting	Thursday 24 th April at UCVO Building 6.00 pm / Teams			