

ARISAIG & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Agenda for meeting of the Arisaig & District Community Council November 20th 2023 7.30pm

1. Those present and apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the meeting held on September 20th 2023
3. Matters arising from the minutes
4. New board members
5. Mackintosh Centre - Update
6. Christmas Lights
7. Fireworks & Remembrance Day feedback
8. Burial
9. Reports
 - Treasurer's report
 - Police Report
 - Gower Trust Approvals – Xmas Lunch
10. Heritage Trail Project
11. Local Heat & Energy Strategy (see following page)
12. National Park
13. Correspondence
 - 6.1 Planning.
 - 23/04470/CLE | Use of property as short term let | Quality Cottage East Arisaig PH39
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14. AOCB
 - Location of ADCC meetings – online or face to face
 - Updating approval of minutes
 - ADCC e-mail
 - Bill's shed

Dates for 2023: The meetings take place traditionally on the third Monday of the month. There are no meetings in July, August and December, therefore the dates for 2024 will be: January 15th, February 19th, March 18th, April 15th, May 20th, June 17th, September 16th, October 21st, November 18th.

All meetings are open to local residents to attend. The meetings can be joined on Zoom or in person.
Please contact the Secretary for joining details.

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Agenda Point 10 - Background

From: Kendra Turnbull <KENDRA.TURNBULL@uhi.ac.uk>

Sent: 01 November 2023 11:50

To: arisaigcc@hotmail.com <arisaigcc@hotmail.com>

Subject: Community curated heritage trail project idea

Hello

I am a Project Officer working for the Centre for Recreation and Tourism Research working from the Fort William campus of UHI North, West & Hebrides. I am writing to gauge your interest in a sustainable tourism project that we are currently seeking funding for.

'Explore: Community curated heritage trails'

The project will create **10 audio trails** telling stories from each participating community from across Lochaber. Each trail will be designed, with help from UHI, by the community. Portraying the heritage that they want to share. Each participating community would receive £1000 in seed funding to facilitate collecting content for the audio trail- this could be used to contract a local or pay volunteer expenses. We would look to hire a local hall or venue for any meetings or training sessions we carried out. We're also planning a series of 'learning journeys' towards the end of the project where we would pay for members of each community to travel to another one and experience what they have produced. Local tourism businesses would be guided around the trails so they can encourage use of them to their clients. UHI will coordinate a unified brand to the trails and head a professional marketing campaign promoting them.

The aim is to benefit local businesses and allow communities to tell their stories in their own way, celebrating and preserving local heritage. We hope to work in areas where there is still capacity and infrastructure to welcome more visitors, encouraging tourists away from the hotspots where overtourism has become a problem. In Arisaig this would obviously mean encouraging tourists away from the beach and perhaps be a chance to showcase that there is more to Arisaig than Camusdarach. We would also like to address climate issues by encouraging visitors to use green transport (ferry, bus, train and/ or bike) to get to the trails or by showcasing that you don't need to travel, in a car, away from the place you are staying to one of the tourist hotspots to experience Lochaber's heritage.

Our aim is to work with 10 communities in total. We would provide any necessary training and provide support to the community through the whole process and supply any technical equipment or expertise. At UHI we would liaise with transport companies and work on the marketing campaign on behalf of every organisation involved in the project.

The staff team at the centre have experience of this type of project. ['The Coast that Shaped the World'](#) project gathered and published over 350 stories that were published on a website and app, which aimed to attract visitors to more remote communities. Most recently we have been working in Ardgour to promote it as a [destination worth visiting](#) in the face of the ongoing ferry crisis- including working with community members to collect heritage and [create an audio trail](#).

At this time we would like to know if the Community Council would be interested in participating, and if so if they could write a letter of support, and whether you would consider contributing up to £500 in principle, or whatever amount you feel would be appropriate. We are currently applying for

some bigger pots of funding from Historic Environment Scotland, the National Lottery and a letter of commitment would strengthen these applications.

We would hope that your support, financial and in spirit would be repaid multiple times over, through the £1000 seed funding, financial support for a local hall, increased tourism visitation, and through the enjoyment of collecting, learning about, and preserving your areas local heritage. Heritage connects us to place and strengthens our sense of belonging.

Should the bigger funding applications be approved we would look to work with yourselves, Arisaig Community Trust (whom we have also written to) and the local community to make sure the audio trail is directed by the community with the support of UHI.

I hope you will consider this- if you have any questions please contact myself kendra.turnbull@uhi.ac.uk or my colleague Katie Murray- katie.murray@uhi.ac.uk

Best wishes
Kendra

Agenda Point 11 – Background

From: Ruta Burbaite (Climate Change and Energy) <Ruta.Burbaite@highland.gov.uk>

Sent: 18 October 2023 16:46

To: LHEES <LHEES@highland.gov.uk>

Subject: Local Heat and Energy Efficiency Strategy (LHEES) - Highlands

Good afternoon,

My name is Ruta and I am the Climate Change Coordinator for the Local Heat and Energy Efficiency Strategy (LHEES) and Delivery Plan within the Highland Council.

The LHEES is at the heart of a place based, locally-led and tailored approach to heat transition. Through LHEES, the Scottish Government aims to drive area-based planning and delivery of the heat transition, supporting the achievement of statutory emissions reduction targets and facilitating the delivery of Net Zero commitments.

The Highland Council has a statutory requirement to prepare the Local Heat and Energy Efficiency Strategy and Delivery Plan under the Local Heat and Energy Efficiency Strategies (Scotland) Order 2022 and publish them by the end of December 2023.

The development and implementation of LHEES will establish a framework for heat decarbonisation in both public and private buildings, reduce energy demand, tackle fuel poverty, support local economy, community wealth building and contribute to Net Zero targets. It will do this by identifying area-based solutions and, for instance, indicative zones for developing heat networks whilst supporting local infrastructure planning and attracting investment at scale to support Scotland's transition to Net Zero by 2045.

The scope of the Council LHEES is to:

- Focus on energy efficiency and heat decarbonisation to identify opportunities for the domestic and non-domestic stock and set out how each segment of a building needs to change to meet local and national objectives, including Net Zero and energy efficiency to reducing fuel poverty.
- Identify potential heat decarbonisation zones.
- Identify key areas for the first iteration of LHEES to deliver against local and national priorities.
- Act as a prospectus for where government funding and private investment for heat decarbonisation and energy efficiency should be targeted.

We are working with internal and external stakeholders to develop and implement the first iteration of LHEES. I'm looking for a local contact to discuss LHEES outputs and seek some input and feedback from your local community.

I look forward to hearing back from you.

Many thanks,

Ruta

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