

USCA Update

Ulva School Community Association

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Local Development Officer Steering Group

A steering group is required to assist with, and oversee the work of, the LDOs and it is open to anyone from the Community, not just from **USCA**.

So if you would like to be on the steering group just contact Carolyne Charrington preferably before their first meeting on Sunday 10th June.

USCA - Community Events at Ulva School in June

GEOLOGY OF MULL

Two-day event with James Westland - £10

Fri 8th June: Talk at 7.30 pm &

Sat 9th June: Field trip 10 am - 4 pm

STORYTELLING

with Mara Menzies (in collaboration with Mull Theatre)

Wed 13th June: 6.30pm

Suitable for all ages including younger children.

For Information call: 01688 500 257 or email: lipnacloiche@btinternet.com

Lip na Cloiche Charity Opening 3rd, 4th & 5th June

Over the extended bank holiday weekend Lucy will be charging for entry to her magnificent garden with 60% of the proceeds being donated to Macmillan Cancer Care and the remaining 40% being donated to **USCA**.

Last year when the garden was opened as part of the Scotland's Gardens Scheme a total of £731 was raised over two days. This year Lucy has decided to do all the organising and publicity herself so she can choose exactly where all the money raised will be donated.

So, on the Sunday, Monday & Tuesday between 11am and 5pm visitors can have the privilege of paying (Adults £3 Children Free) to visit a garden where normally no entrance fee is charged. However, only over those three days will the **Homemade Teas** be available in addition to Lucy's extensive plant sales area.

What could be a better use of the 'extra' bank holiday time than visiting Lucy's individual and inspirational garden and by doing so raising money for some really worthy causes?

USCA Committee

Carolyne Charrington, Beccy Roth, Iain Thomson, Lucy Mackenzie, Chris Leitch, Heather Waller, Stuart McKie, Emma McKie, Jeannie MacColl, Mike Hogan, Rebecca Munro, David Woodhouse, Don Lambert.

Ulva Ferry Comh-chomhairle Choimhearsnachd

Bi latha comh-chomhairle choimhearsnachd a tighinn aig Sgoil Caolas Ulbha Disathairne 16th An t-Òg Mhios. Ma tha sibh a fuireach ann an sgìre Caolas Ulbha tha sinn ag iarraidh a cluinntinn bhuaibh.

- Dè tha sibh ag iarraidh cuir air dòigh anns a sgìre?
- Dè ur beachd mu dheidhinn transport? Mura h-eil car agaibh, dè cho furasta a tha i a siubhail a seo?
- Dè ur beachd mu dheidhinn cothroman taighean?
- Dè bhiodh sibh ag iarraidh a fàs agus foileadh anns a' sgìre?
- Dè an seòrsa tachairt a tha sibh ag iarraidh anns a sgìre?

Bi an sgoil fosgailte aig 10.30 's a mhadainn. Ma tha sibh ag iarraidh a tighinn a staigh agus bruidhinn rinn, no sgrìobh beachd sam bith, bi sinn toilichte a cuir fàilte oirbh fad an latha. Aig 19.30 bi coinneimh fosgailte airson a-huile duinne airson bruidhinn ri-chèile, no còmhla, mu dheidhinn ar dòchais mu na sgìre.

Bi Plana Leasachadh-Coimhearsnachd a tighinn bhon comh-chomhairle choimhearsnachd. Tha am plana seo feumail airson lorg taicean airgead, agus cuir ur beachdan air dòigh.

Tha na comh-chomhairle choimhearsnachd fosgailte dha choimhearsnachd Caolas Ulbha, bhon as òige nas sine.

Tha sinn eòlach gu bheil i doirbh a bhruidhinn a mach as a choimhearsnachd. Lorg sinn mòran rùdain airson ur cuideachadh airson ur beachdan a chuir ann.

Bi feasgair eile airson coinneamh aig Diluain 18th mura h-eil sibh saora Disathairne.

Bi biadh ann feasgar Disathairne, agus ma tha innealan agaibh agus ma tha sibh airson cèilidh beag ri dèanamh, cum a dol, ma tha!

Bi Cally Fleming agus Alasdair Satchel Local Development Officers Caolas Ulbha an sin fad an latha airson bruidhinn còmhla ri, no ur cuideachadh.

Ulva Ferry Community Consultation

Saturday June 16th Ulva School

A community consultation day is being held at Ulva Ferry at the school on Saturday June 16th.

If you live in the Ulva Ferry area we'd love to hear from you.

- Are there any improvements that you'd like to see in your area?
- How do you feel about transport? If you don't have a car how easy is it to get about?
- What are your thoughts on housing opportunities?
- What would you love to see develop and grow in your area in the coming years?
- What events would you like to see more of in the area?

The school will be open from 10.30 for you to drop in and share your thoughts, and then from 19.30 there will be a meeting to which we invite everyone who's interested in contributing to come and talk together and see what the aspirations of the community are.

From the community consultation will grow a local development plan, based on your ideas. This can then be used to draw in funding from a wide range of sources, and realise your ideas for the area.

The consultation is open to all members of the Ulva Ferry area community, from the youngest to the oldest. There will be juggling and plate spinning sessions for the younger members of the community to take part in during the day.

We realise that speaking out with ideas can be a difficult thing to do in public, so we have a variety of ways to allow you to make suggestions, anonymously, in person, or on-line. We are also having a second drop in session on the evening of Monday 18th if you can't make Saturday 16th.

There will be food at the evening meeting, and if you've got an instrument and fancy a tune bring it along and we'll have a ceilidh.

Cally Fleming and Alasdair Satchel, Ulva Ferry Local Development Officers, will be on hand throughout both events.

Saturday June 16th: Drop in from 10.30 - 19.00.

Open meeting from 19.30.

Monday June 18th: Drop in session from 19.30 for anyone who couldn't make the Saturday meeting.

USCA Website Business Page

The **USCA** committee decided that there should be a page on the website which is devoted to businesses from the area. The aim is to promote and support the varied local businesses which residents of this area are involved in. There will be no fixed charge, initially at least, for a business entry on the page but we would gratefully receive donations.

The format that will be followed is to have the business name in bold, a website link if there is one, and then a short paragraph about the business along with email/phone contact details. The businesses will be listed by type and alphabetically by name.

The aim is to have the business page going live in June. So, if you'd like to be included or would like some further information about it just ring Mike on 01688 500 158 or email: secretary@uscamull.org.uk.

Black Beach Barbecue Bonanza - July 29th

For this year's **USCA** summer event, the plan is to hold a barbecue & beach games at Torloisk Black Sands on July 29th. If you would like to help out on the day or donate anything, please contact either Emma (mckie6ly@btinternet.com 500 241) or Rebecca (rebeccaross87@btinternet.com 500 226).

All Our Stories

The Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) has launched a new £1m small grant programme designed to help local communities explore and record what their local area was like in the past or how people in their community used to live.

All Our Stories is offering grants ranging from £3,000 - £10,000. This funding can be used to facilitate the researching of local historic landmarks and/or learning more about local customs and traditions or delving into archives and finding out the origins of place names. The aim of this new programme is to give everyone the chance to explore their heritage and share what they learn with others.

USCA is very keen to make an application for this funding and so if you would like to be involved, to any degree please do get in touch with Mike Hogan on 01688 500 158 or email him on secretary@uscamull.org.uk.

There will also be information about All Our Stories available at the Community Consultation event on 16th June.

May Events



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On May 11th a packed Ulva School was entranced as the RSPB Mull Officer Dave Sexton gave a privileged view of what had gone on behind the scenes when the first Springwatch live coverage came from Mull.

David introduced his video diary of the production process: from the horror of watching five enormous vans hauling up into the forest beside Loch Frisa, to the delight of seeing the first episode go live, without a hitch.

Also included in the talk was some stunning footage of sea eagles and other wonderful Scottish wildlife. David, ably assisted by Debby Thorne, kept his audience entertained and knowledgably answered questions. Many thanks to David and Debby for an excellent evening, to Lucy Mackenzie for organising the event and to Jeanette for providing the delicious cakes.

Drystone Walling

On the 12th May Ian Elwis took a group of beginners through the basics of Drystone Walling. How well the group did on this real hands-on workshop can be seen in the photos.

BEFORE

AFTER



Update on Achleck Housing Project

There has been significant movement forward in the last few weeks, but like an iceberg the majority of it isn't very visible yet. **USCA**, with our partners, is working on a draft agreement that can be put to the Trustees of the Estate. We will also need to become a Rural Housing Body and are having our constitution checked to ensure it meets the requirements. If it doesn't we will have to have a Special General Meeting to amend the Constitution so it does match what is needed. Hopefully by June's issue there will be something more concrete to report.

USCA Committee Draft Minutes 10/05/2012

- Apologies:** Iain Thomson, Heather Waller, Beccy Roth & Don Lambert. Eilidh Munro has resigned - The committee wanted to express thanks to her for her help whilst on the committee and for her continuing support.

Present: Carlyne Charrington, Lucy Mackenzie, Gremlin Napier, Chris Leitch, Stuart McKie, Emma McKie, Jeannie MacColl, Mike Hogan, Rebecca Munro & David Woodhouse.

In Attendance: Cally Fleming. Alasdair Satchel sent his apologies.
- Minutes of previous meeting:** Proposed LM and seconded RM passed unanimously.
- Matters Arising:**

Report about JM meeting in Newsletter and submitted to Round and About. Follow up re stakeholder 'pledges' at Mather Meeting still to be actioned, as is the distribution of film **CC, MH**. - Polytunnel update given

3rd Sector grant application to be completed **AS & CF** to action.

Finance - changing of named signatories needs signing, approved the minutes & confirmed choices. **CC, BR, IT & MH** to action.

Unity Trust Bank funding held over to next meeting.

Community Gathering Paperwork update given.

Charitable status and Organisation Type & Trustee training see below - Membership database setup and working - training session to be provided - **MH** to action. If any other committee members would like to attend should inform MH by Monday 14th May.

Office site update given.

1st Meeting of the LDO Steering Group to be on 7th June at 7pm

Summer Barbecue Beach Games date set as July 29th - **CF, AS, CC, EM, RM & GN** to organise. Beach clean needed - **CC** to inquire of school.

Landlords' Response - one house to be lived in full time. Discussion of other options.

Request to put a link to housing needs survey on the website was agreed. **MH** to action.

Newsletter produced. Distributed thanks to LM.

Business Web Page update - so far only one business has asked to be included.

Some discussion on 'Green Payback' scheme - further discussion at a later date.

4. Finance:

New system in place and working.

5. Organisation and Workload

Charity Status and Organisation Type - Discussion on possible options - agreement that for this important decision USCA would need clear and professional advice. **AS, CF, CC & MH** to combine contacts.

6. Community issues:

"All our stories" project funding. **MH & CF** to action

CF&AS planning on holding a community day on 16th June as a drop-in. Possibility of a play as part of consultation discussed. **CF & AS & CC** to action.

Gatherings: Tomorrow 7:30pm Dave Sexton. Saturday - Drystone walling. 9th June Geology. July - aiming for 4-6 workshops, dates to be confirmed. **LM** to action

7. Housing Issues:

Achleck - still ongoing and positive but taking time. Request to be made that all parties are 'chased' weekly for an update. Discussion on importance of having families in any houses which come available and how USCA might facilitate this.

8. Publicity Issues:

Proposal that all our publications etc should use USCA as the main heading with the full name in smaller font elsewhere (probably at the bottom of the page.) USCA is the most frequently used name and is much easier to say; the full name is very long. Agreed by committee.

9. School Issues: There will be an inspection of the school next week.

10. Any other business: Discussion on the Fish Farming proposal for Gometra - there was consideration of how to ensure that the full facts are communicated whilst accepting that USCA should not take a position on the matter.

11. Date of next meeting: Thursday 7th June, 7:30pm at Ulva School.