

Dear Colin, and all at NWMCWC,

As the ballot on community support for the buyout bid for Ulva approaches, the committee of the Ulva School Community Association (USCA) is very happy to offer full support to the current Community Buyout Bid for the island of Ulva. The committee can make this decision because the aim of the buyout and two of the aims of USCA are clearly in harmony.

Community Buyout Bid Aim: *“Manage the estate to provide sustainable benefits for the community in the short to medium term and in the long term for future generations including the repopulation of the island.”*

Two of the **aims of USCA:**

“To advance community development, including rural regeneration within the Community.”

“To manage community land and associated assets for the benefit of the Community and the public in general.”

It is also very likely that the *“repopulation of the island”* would, in practice, *“provide support for the school”* which is the first aim of USCA.

The committee would also like to acknowledge the long-running support for the community maintained over many years by the Howard family and would like to associate themselves with the wish of the Howard family *“to hand the torch over so that Ulva continues to be cherished and valued.”*

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