NHT Community Consultation 2024 - Action Points 2025



Context

Feedback from the NHT November 2024 community consultation process was presented to the NHT board of directors at the December 2024 and January 2025 board meetings. Topics were identified and workable actions agreed, the timescale for their delivery is over the next 6 to 12 months. These actions are in addition to other NHT activities and projects already planned for 2025 and are a direct result of the community consultation process. This document will be made publicly available via our website, and highlighted on social media and in local print media.

Housing Provision

It is well established that improved housing availability is required in the area, particularly in Tarbert but also in other townships throughout the estate. It was thought that NHT should take a multi-faceted approach to housing provision. Part of this is developing our own properties, but it is also important to work with other parties wherever possible to increase overall provision.

Actions: Support HHP to increase local social housing provision, principally through the Scott Road development. Complete construction of two NHT-owned housing units at Miabhaig nam Beann, with suitable tenants in place by the end of the year. Develop self-build plots at Aird a Mhualaidh. Support other companies/individuals/other groups to develop housing in our position as community landlord. Widely publicise progress on housing projects.

Community Engagement

We are doing all that we reasonably can to communicate in print and online media. It is recognised that more can be done to communicate our work directly, and emails were suggested as a suitable means.

Actions: Maintain weekly activity on social media, submit a piece to every issue of the local newsletter, maintain and update our website monthly. Contact all community members by letter to seek email addresses and permission to provide regular updates by this means.

Estate Maintenance

Maintenance of path and access infrastructure, as well as keeping the estate tidy. Various maintenance points were raised, and these will be addressed over the course of the year.

Actions: Carry out the necessary work throughout the estate infrastructure. Options for reducing littering and inappropriate disposal will be investigated. Necessary maintenance work at Huisnis shall be undertaken. Coast cleaning shall continue to be facilitated.

Visitors

With the completion of the campervan AIRE at Urgha, we hope that some of the issues that were being experienced around Tarbert will be alleviated. Rubbish was raised as an issue, particularly around public bins. This has been an ongoing problem for many years.

Actions: A solution to the lack of public amenities in Gleann Miabhaig shall be implemented. Improving income by adjusting charging models shall be investigated. Ways to mitigate traffic problems at Huisinis shall be trialled.

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