**Community Council e-newsletter. August 2014**

* **Eilean a’ Cheὸ Civic Awards:-** This annual award is supported by the ward Councillors. It recognises the outstanding abilities and achievements of individuals and groups and their contribution to the communities of Skye and Raasay. The award includes a certificate and a specially commissioned plate from Uig Pottery. The closing date for nominations is Monday 27 October 2014 and the presentations will be held at the Ward Forum on the 1 December 2014. Read the[guidelines about nominations](http://highland.gov.uk/downloads/file/11541/eilean_a_cheo_civic_awards_-_nomination_guidance_and_form).
* **Grass Cutting Maps:-** There has been a number of requests from Community Councils for access to the grass cutting maps that are covered under the Highland Council contract. These have now been added to the Community Council section of the Highland Council website for Eilean a’ Cheὸ and can be accessed by clicking this link and using the A-Z. Once on your Community Council page scroll down to grass cutting contract maps and click on link, this will take you to a page with a link on guidance of how to use the maps and a list of all Eilean a’ Cheὸ Community Councils with overview and detailed maps, when using your area maps it may be easier to follow if you increase the zoom ratio to 150%. <http://highland.gov.uk/directory/20/community_councils>
* **SLWRA District Partnership:-** The next District Partnership meeting for the Skye, Lochalsh, Wester Ross & Assynt Area takes place in Lochcarron Village Hall on Monday 25th August 2014, 1.30-3.30pm the link for the Agenda, Notes of 12th May meeting and a poster is <http://www.highland.gov.uk/meetings/meeting/3223/district_partnership_-_skye_lochalsh_and_wester_ross/attachment/65609>
* **Ward Forum:-** The next Ward Forum will take place on **Monday 8th September from 2.00 – 4.00 pm** at Tigh na Sgire Portree. The headline topics for discussion will be Service updates from Housing & Property and Planning & Development, any questions relating to these Services or any general questions should be sent to fay.macrae@highland.gov.uk and copied to ward.manager.eileanacheo@highland.gov.uk by 29th August to allow time for the appropriate Service to prepare a response. Updates will also be provided by both the Police, Fire and Ambulance Services. As before Community Council Chairs, as full Forum members are invited to represent their communities as full partners in the Forum. If Chairs cannot attend then a named second is welcome to attend in their place. The Ward Forum is a formal meeting conducted in public and all are welcome to attend.
* **Community Council Minutes:-** A reminder that a copy of all Community Council minutes should be forwarded after each meeting to Fay MacRae – fay.macrae@highland.gov.uk and copied to ward.manager.eileanacheo@highland.gov.uk
* **Discretionary Budget:-** As indicated in the May e-newsletter the Elected Members for Eilean a Cheὸ have agreed to keep the Environmental Project Funding available for Community Councils through the Discretionary Budget as per last year’s levels and are as follows:

Portree & Braes £1000

Broadford & Strath £1000

Dunvegan £500

All others £250

To apply for this funding a Discretionary Application must be completed and returned to the address on page 12 of the application. <http://highland.gov.uk/downloads/download/457/grans_-_ward_discretionary_fund>