

West Harris Crofting Trust

Minutes 12th April 10, Seilebost School 7.30pm

BUSINESS

Apologies: Richard, Angus

Attending: Members: Neil, Murdo, Finlay, Rhoda, Roddy, Gordon, Robert, Mairi

1) The **minutes** of the meeting of the 15th March were approved

2) **Matters Arising/Review of Action Plan**

- Neil & Robert have been appointed as interim directors of West Harris Renewables
- Legislation may necessitate an early revision to land sale policy, agreed to maintain as draft
- SNH Open Event-three directors had attended and were advised by Chair of intention to enter into a management agreement with the Trust
- Grant applications submitted to Comhairle & CES for Hydro project
- Housing Site survey sent out to all applicants on the 17th March

3) **Local Development Plan**

Derek Laidlaw & Mairi MacIver outlined the Main Issues Report, the focus being on land use & development. There were six key issues requiring comment, of particular relevance to the Trust were Spatial Development, Siting & Design and housing on Croft land. It was agreed to draft a response and ask directors for comment prior to submission (AP Murdo/Neil)

4) **SNH Management Plan**

Members welcomed the offer of collaboration with SNH (AP Murdo/Neil)

5) **AGM** Friday 7th May It was agreed to supply tea/coffee and home baking. Robert would prepare a power point presentation. The secretary to send out formal notice to members.

6) **Financial Update** Income Received £25, Payments Out £392 balance £3,033

7) **Lottery Update** All information submitted, decision expected week comm. 19th April.

8) **Brochure/Website/Raffle**

Newsletter to be completed this week, consent given to print 1,000 tickets and flyers and the purchase of a banner and posters.

9) **Hydro Scheme**

It was confirmed that the planning consent has been obtained

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10) Allocation Policy The draft policy for unserviced sites was noted, it was agreed to discuss this fully at our next meeting with the applications received

11) Housing Consultation The secretary confirmed four responses had been received, it was agreed to discuss these at our next meeting.

12) OSCR Form Members present signed the trustee forms

13) Advert Development Officer

It was agreed to advertise as soon as the offer of grant is received, an application form and job description to be placed on the website. (AP)

AOCB

- a. Robert to check the domain name registration form.
- b. The Secretary confirmed he had given consent to the Scouts to exercise on our land
- c. Gordon confirmed that Borve Lodge Estate were willing to continue mink trapping on their estate and Fishings

10) Next Meeting Monday 17th May 2010

Neil Campbell
Secretary

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Date	Action	Responsible Person	Target Date	Current Position
16/2	Interim Land Policy	Murdo	28/2	Draft submitted to our solicitor, awaiting possible change to legislation
16/2	Other Trust Policies	Neil/Bobby	30/6	Ongoing
16/2	Friends of West Harris		30/6	Ongoing
16/2	RSPB survey	Neil	31/7	Advised we will participate 18/2
15/3	Grand Prize draft e-mail	Robert	31/3	Ongoing
15/3	Print Grand Prize tickets	Robert	30/4	Ongoing
15/3	Fuel Poverty Plan	Development Officer	30/6	Ongoing
12/4	Respond To Local Development Plan	Murdo/Neil	23rd April	
15/3	CAR application information to be submitted to SEPA	Gordon	30/6	Ongoing
15/3	Legal Agreement to be prepared for lease of ground for Hydro Scheme	Murdo	31/3	Murdo has instructed our solicitor
12 th April	SNH Management Plan	Murdo/Neil	30/6	Meet with local officers
15/3	Brown Trout & Shootings to be investigated	Gordon	30/4	Ongoing

Colour Code

Amber On target

Green Completed

Red Not on Target