

West Harris Crofting Trust

Minutes 13th January 09, Seilebost School 7.30pm

BUSINESS

1) **Formal appointment of Directors Forms 288a**

Murdo agreed to download forms & complete including a resignation form for Morag Maclellan

The following office bearers were elected:

Chair Murdo Mackay

Vice Chair Finlay Maclellan

Secretary Neil Campbell

2) **Director Vacancies co-opt?**

It was agreed to ask Mairi Macleod & Rhoda Macdonald to become directors

3) **Financial Update**

TRUST		IN	OUT	Balance
23-Oct	Members	74		74
05-Dec	Members	27		101
	Donation	15		116
28-Nov	Interest	0.01		116.01
18-Dec	Members	4		120.01
	Fundraising/Donations	305		425.01
22-Dec	Members	4		429.01
	Fundraising	150	150	429.01
31-Dec	Interest	0.05	0.01	429.05
12-Jan	Transfer from Buyout	277.79		706.84

4) **Scottish Government update**

Neil read the response from the Government dated 12th December; he is in Pentland House for a meeting next week & will try & see Martin Johnston.

5) **Lottery application update**

Murdo & Neil reported on their meeting with Margaret Ann Elder, she is to meet the full committee on the 27th.

Murdo to speak to Duncan re maps & Gordon to consider whether he could produce a map with photographs.

6) **Further Fundraising?**

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It was agreed to prepare a Friend of West Harris Leaflet & distribute to holiday home owners/self catering cottages. Neil volunteered Rhoda to compile based on North Harris leaflet.

Gordon to investigate a fundraising curry night at Leaclea.

7) RSPB

It was agreed to ask George Campbell to meet the Board

8) Affordable house sites where?

Scaristavore have identified a site & Luskentyre have agreed to release two sites for local affordable housing. Not appropriate for Borve as no roadside common. Seilebost/Horgabost possible sites towards Luskentyre road end.

It was agreed to ask the planning officer for a site visit.

Gordon said the site visits should include Borve estate.

9) New Crofts where?

Murdo said Luskentyre had agreed to look into; these could be small crofts for horticulture with no grazing shares. Richard said we should look at the crofts not being used & encourage older tenants to give up tenancies. Murdo agreed to look at the financial incentives available, could the SRDP be used?

10) Hydro Scheme update

Murdo had met with Rona, CES would meet all costs of feasibility up to planning stage, and this should be complete by July 09. Funding would be 50% CES grant, balance loans & charitable trusts including SSE.

11): Scarista Glebe proceed?

It was agreed to include in the application meantime but it may be more cost effective to use sites from our own land. It was agreed to look into a part 3 registration. This would prevent an open sale without our consent.

12) AOCB

It was agreed to ask representatives of the Crofters Commission to one of our meetings, Murdo to organise.

Domain Names agreed to wait until the next meeting until Booby present.

Date of next meeting 27th January with Margaret Ann Elder from HIE 7.30pm
Seilabost School

Neil Campbell
Secretary

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