

WHT Chairman  
WHT Secretary  
WHT Development Officer  
WHT Directors

## MINUTES – DIRECTOR’S MEETING 20 September 2011

### 1. Attendance.

*Apologies:* Mairi Macleod

*Attending:* Neil Campbell (Secretary), Roderick Macdonald, Murdo Mackay (Chairman), Robert Macleod, Fiona MacLennan, Finlay MacLennan, Richard MacLennan, Rhoda Macdonald, Duncan Macpherson Development Officer.

### 2. Approval of Minutes 23rd<sup>t</sup> August 2011.

Minutes unanimously approved.

### 3. Matters arising.

a. Review of action plan.

- Progress with the action plan was noted
- Website upgrade three articles, housing, hydro & dance to be submitted to Richard by 30/9 (AP)
- Housing Needs Study to be completed by sessional worker

### 4. Financial update.

Financial figures were submitted to the meeting for the eight months to July 2011, a surplus of £14,791 was incurred, Bank balance of £23,000 representing lottery advance, TIG loan and school turbine funds

### 5. Development Manager Update.

- Hydro

Weir in process of transfer, abstraction licence being submitted to SEPA, Trust agreed to subordinate rent to co-op bank.

Funding 85% loan co-op, Comhairle £50,000, own funds £30,000

- Housing

Five provisional offers made, to date two have paid deposits

HIE commissioning engineer to look at all house/commercial sites

DTA conference outcome, there are opportunities for communities to build houses for rent,

Chair confirmed we should aim to have a housing project designed with full planning

Chair to speak to Crofters Commission re Macinnes apportionment at Horgabost (AP)

- Woodland

Possibility of funding through LPS

Walked the area around Loch Caran, this is suitable

Discussed various other options including Borge, Duncan agreed to look at these (AP)

- Training

Duncan has agreed to attend the Leadership Training course run by Social Enterprise Academy

- Rough Shooting

Agreed to supply Russell with township clerk e-mails (AP)

- Sessional worker

It was agreed to fund a post with lottery grant, Duncan to complete job description/project outcome (AP)

## 6. Turbine Shelibost School

Comhairle have been written for consent to erect the turbine

Fundraising dance to be held Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September

## 7. Website Update

Agreed to prepare three articles for Richard by 30<sup>th</sup> September to form initial entry for blog, thereafter to be a standing entry on agenda (AP)

Hydro- Neil

Housing Duncan

Dance Fiona/Rhoda

## 8. Internet Banking

Agreed to proceed, cheque requisition forms to be used to ensure joint signatory of payments

## 9. Community Land Policies noted

## 10. AOCB

- a) Chair advised that the Trust will be setting up an office within Seallam by 30<sup>th</sup> September, members/tenants to be sent new contact details with a newsletter (AP)
- b) Directors approved apportionment at 4 Scaristavore
- c) Neil, Bobby & Duncan to attend TIG AGM if possible
- d) Chair stressed importance of updating the office on any pending assignments etc, agreed to have standing item on agenda for crofting matters (AP)
- e) Chair advised croft 5 Borge to be sold
- f) Gateway Centre, suggestions for inclusion:
  - Office for staff
  - Exhibition area
  - Marquee facility
  - Local produce outlet

- Quality Gifts
- Tea-room/café
- Tweed Outlet

Duncan to prepare Business Plan (AP)

**Date of next meeting Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2011.**