

West Harris Crofting Trust

Minutes 21st October 09, Seilebost School 7.30pm

BUSINESS

Apologies: Angus, Richard.

Attending: Neil, Murdo, Finlay, Rhoda, Mairi, Bobby, Roddy, Gordon

1) The **minutes** of the meeting of the 21st September were approved with an amendment that Roddy had attended Mairi had not & that the conference attended by Murdo & Neil was the Community Land Conference

2) Matters Arising

Website was now live with holding page

The Community Land conference had been very interesting with useful information given by speakers on topics such as charitable status, taxation, renewables etc

3) **Financial Update** No change £1,500 in bank

4) Scottish Government update

A formal offer acceptable to our solicitors had now been received, it was unanimously agreed to accept this & to proceed with a transfer possibly around the 'Old New Year'

5) **Comhairle Funding** Murdo confirmed that we should have a formal written offer this week

6) **TIG Funding** Neil confirmed that we should have a written offer this week

7) **Affordable Site Report** It was agreed to leave this report until a later meeting

8) **Glebe Land** A letter had been received from the Church following our decision not to proceed with purchase at this time

. Brochure/Website

The website was now live with a holding page, Bobby asked for director's photos & a short paragraph on our background & aspirations for the Trust

9) Hydro Feasibility Study

Confirmation was received that we would not have the final report for the lottery submission date, it was agreed to proceed based on the initial study.

10) **Input to Local Development Plan** It was agreed to intimate our hydro plans for three rivers & housing at Luskentyre road end

11) **Development Officer** The draft description was discussed & amended

12) **Options Appraisal** This was to be amended to insert date steering group set up & ballot date & result & beach access amend the proposed access points to Additional access...

13) **Business Plan** Minor amendments were agreed

14) **AOCB Support letters** from RSPB & A Allan MSP distributed

15) **Next Meeting Tuesday 27th 7.30pm**

Neil Campbell
Secretary

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