

## MINUTES – DIRECTOR’S MEETING 15<sup>th</sup> May 2012

### 1. Attendance.

*Apologies* Mairi Macleod, Murdo Mackay

*Attending:* Robert Macleod, Richard Maclennan, Neil Campbell (Secretary), Finlay Maclennan, Fiona Maclennan, Rhoda Macdonald, Roddy MacDonald, Duncan Macpherson Development Officer

### 2. Approval of Minutes 17<sup>th</sup> April 2012.

Minutes unanimously approved with change of moth to month in point 4 Financial Update.

### 3. Matters arising.

a. Review of action plan.

-good progress on actions noted

### 4. Updates.

a) Financial- surplus of £19,659 for four months, funds received for road widening with additional payment due when rock removed from storage.

### 5. Development.

- Hydro, we are still waiting for grid connection date
- Approval given to proceed with 50kw wind turbine
- Graduate placement approved by HIE to look at campsite/pontoon development, Neil Murdo & Bobby agreed to form interview panel
- An application for funding for £1,000 for a new leaflet on West Harris has been approved by the John Muir Trust
- 5 rents are still to be paid for November with a further 3 outstanding from May 2011. The rental demands for May 2012 will be issued in the week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> May. It was agreed to remind tenants with rent outstanding that failure to pay for 2 years could result in an eviction notice.
- The festival organised by North Harris Trust will take place from 15-22<sup>nd</sup> September. Duncan has agreed to lead a guided walk to the summit of Beinn Dubh on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September. A community walk will take place on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> September from the Bays to Seilebost.
- Apportionment plan sent to tenant for signing
- Bobby advised the new broadband fibre link should be installed by 2015

### 6. Community Engagement

- It was agreed that Cait be asked to submit a monthly article to De Tha Dol
- Blog article to be written on graduate placement and new crofting legislation

## **7. Housing**

- **Duncan advised that our proposed burdens will meet criteria**
- An advert in De Tha Dol has resulted in 5 enquiries for rented/shared ownership housing.
- **The Highland Small Communities Housing Trust may be able to assist with bridging finance for those building on our sites, it was agreed to advise purchasers (AP Duncan)**

## **8. Estate Management**

- Rent review, agreed to undertake and discuss at June meeting (AP Murdo)
- Updated tenant plot sale policy, to be discussed at June meeting
- Admin support, agreed to look into funding options
- It was agreed that the Chair would update members at the AGM on the changes to crofters rights and responsibilities under the new Act
- Shootings, it was agreed to proceed with Russell Hurd for one year based on his agreed rate per gun per day, he was to be advised that advance notice was required to grazing clerks. (AP Duncan)

## **9. AOCB**

- It was agreed to invite our three Councillors, Lewis Mackenzie HIE, Stewart Wilson TIG and Mick Blunt JMT to our AGM. Apologies given for Roddy & Morag.

**Date of next meeting Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2012**