

# West Harris Crofting Trust

Minutes 2<sup>nd</sup> March 09, Seilebost School 7.30pm

## BUSINESS

- 1) Apologies: Richard, Finlay
- 2) Attending: Neil, Murdo, Angus, Gordon, Bobby, Mairi & Roddy
- 3) Minutes of the meeting of the 12<sup>th</sup> Feb were approved :

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Proposed Roddy seconded by Gordon

### 4) **Formal appointment of Directors**

Mairi Macleod was welcomed to the meeting as a prospective director

### 5) **Financial Update summary**

No change in finances

### 6) **Scottish Government update**

Neil had spoken to Martin Johnson today, solicitors making slow progress.  
No reply from Minister to request to reduce price or pay fees.

### 7) **Comhairle Funding Update**

Comhairle had approved funding press report stated £50k, if this is correct £25k to be allocated for purchase £25k for development. Council had also written to Government expressing the wish that the estate be given to the community.

### 8) **Lottery application update**

Development application still pending,

### 9) **Further Fundraising**

Neil had discussed OSCR application with Mike Ferris & was to incorporate amendments prior to submission.

Agreed to proceed with curry night 20<sup>th</sup> March.

Tickets/posters Bobby to prepare each committee member to get & sell 6 tickets, with 30 to Brownies.

Price £12

Music Bobby to organise first choice Ian Angus

Roddy volunteered Scott to pipe

Gordon to obtain the licence & raffle tickets

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## **10) Affordable house sites**

Neil & Murdo had met Matt Bruce re ACTISH fund, we were asked to write seeking assistance. Comhairle has £300k pa to use for housing & can be used to reduce costs of house sites.

## **11) New Crofts**

Murdo to ask Murdo MacIennan to directors meeting to seek ways of bringing existing crofts back into use.

## **12) Hydro Scheme update**

Gordon agreed to complete license applications for all dam structures on the estate prior to the 31<sup>st</sup> March.

Membership submitted for Community Energy Scotland

## **13) SNH**

Neil had met Mark Macdonald SNH very supportive, possibility of assistance of up to £10k towards purchase cost.

## **14) Advert Crofts/House Sites**

This had appeared in the De Tha Dol, Gazette & Free Press, to date 6 expressions of interest received.

## **15) RSPB**

Alistair Macdonald to visit West Side tomorrow for initial look round.

Bridget England to visit on the 17<sup>th</sup> July to assist with SRDP applications.

## **15) AOCB**

It was agreed that any transfer function would involve the school.

Date of next meeting 16<sup>th</sup> March

Neil Campbell  
Secretary

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