

COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT MANAGER UPDATE – 21st February 2013

Gleann Dubhlinn hydro scheme

Still awaiting grid confirmation.

Scarista wind turbine

Planning approval was granted by the planning committee. Approaches have been made to Bank of Scotland, Social Investment Scotland and CARES for loan funding.

Rubha Romagaidh- Community Building

Approximately 40 people attended the community consultation on 24th January, with feedback generally positive. The architects increased the size of the kitchen to match the ambitions of the West Harris ladies and submitted the planning application on 1st February. Questions so far from the planners have centred on the rationale for this particular site and more information on the exact type and size of polytunnel planned. There is an ongoing discussion with Technical Services regarding the requirement for and appropriateness of alternative types of street lighting.

The engineers and quantity surveyors are now completing their work with revised drawings and costings due by Friday 22nd February.

Munro Gauld is preparing a business plan for the operation of the building and visited on the 15th Feb, interviewing several directors and staff.

Rubha Romagaidh- Housing

Stewart Wilson has been working with CnES to get the project included in the local strategic plan. Final details of options related to overall funding are still being addressed.

Crofting

3 out of 54 rents for November remain to be paid. 2 rents remain outstanding for all periods back to May 2011.

Plot sales

6D Seilebost is to go ahead but remains slow progress.

Malcolm MacIver has been instructed to create a plan for providing water to the Luskentyre sites.

Business Plan

I have produced an updated version of the business plan which will be presented to the board meeting. Key changes are the introduction of the Scarista wind turbine and reworking of the business units/community facilities project to take account of the changes that have taken place in the last year.

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