

COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT MANAGER UPDATE – 13th February 2014

Gleann Dubhlinn hydro scheme

It is hoped that an outline proposal on a financing scheme will be received before the board meeting. SSE have advised that seeking to reduce the connection to 100kw via a new application would probably result in a delay in connection date.

Scarista Wind turbine

Isle of Harris Plant started working on preparing difficult sections of the route to the turbine site to take dumpers on Wed 12th Feb. The foundation is due to be laid w/c 24th Feb.

Rubha Romagaidh- Community Building

Murdo, Neil and I took part in a telephone conference with Andy Normansell the Big lottery Fund case officer to discuss various aspects of the application in more depth. I subsequently sent further information to him to follow up our discussions.

The formal offer of CCF funding has been received and will be publicised in the next 2 weeks.

Rubha Romagaidh – Housing

Tighean Innse Gall are carrying out a feasibility study on the building of the affordable houses on behalf of HHP, so no formal request to purchase the sites has been received as yet.

Marine Access project

The contractor installing the shed is still working on another project in Leverburgh, and is not likely to be able to start on site until near the end of February. SSE will be putting a transformer next to the site on 24th February.

Plot sales

The funds for 12 Scaristavore have been received.

Seilebost School

Torrance surveyors have been appointed to carry out the survey on the school with a report due by 14th March.

CERB Consultation

The response was submitted to the Scottish Government. The next step will be the publication of the proposed bill once any changes have been made following consideration of the consultation responses.

Borve Lodge

Steve Woodhall has started as the new manager with Borve Lodge. Adam and Steve met with Neil & I to discuss issues of common interest. It is likely that they will make a proposal to the Trust regarding future management of the shooting rights in West Harris.