

COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT MANAGER UPDATE – 12th June 2014

Gleann Dubhlinn hydro scheme

The following paragraph has been deleted and will not be made public until the consultation period is over.

Scarista Wind turbine

A meter reader visited the site on 10th June because the meter was not automatically sending data via the mobile network. SSE will be responsible for resolving this issue. There have been no communications from OFGEM regarding the registration application since the last board meeting.

Horgabost Wind Turbine

The anemometer and wind vane have been recalibrated and the mast can now be installed.

Rubha Romagaidh- Community Building

The community gave very positive responses to the architect's latest work at the AGM. The building warrant application is due to be submitted on 13th June.

Rubha Romagaidh – Housing

HHP are due to meet with Murdo and I on 13th June regarding HHP's plans.

Marine Access project

The pontoon has been reinstalled and is proving popular with visitors walking on it. A sign regarding safety issues has been ordered from Mathiesign. LEADER has approved a reallocation of unspent money for installing a partition in the shed. Other outstanding works are: electrics and external fencing.

Plot sales

One application is outstanding and will be considered by the housing applications committee prior to the board meeting.

Seilebost School

The formal offer documents are still to be received from the Comhairle.

HIE

I am due to meet with HIE on Wed 18th June to finalise the agreement for a half-time officer for West Harris. Following feedback from the last board meeting HIE have agreed to increase their intervention rate from 50-75% for Year 2. Net cost to the Trust would be c.£13,800 over a 3 year period. The second officer for the Bays area will be hosted by WHT but employed by HDL

Technology Club

Include Us are willing in principle to fund the club based in the new shed, making use of the asymmetric timetable. They advised that child protection and insurance liability issues can be addressed by registering with an umbrella organisation such as Youth Scotland who would manage the relevant processes and only require WHT to complete relevant forms.

Hebridean Long Distance Route

Chris Harris visited the office and provided maps with initial thoughts on where a route might through the area. He emphasised that he has no particular preference at this stage and it would be ideal if the community can identify its favoured route. The maps will be scanned and shown at the meeting to stimulate discussion for feedback to Chris. Amended plans could then be used for consultation with individual crofters, townships and the wider community.

Duncan MacPherson

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