

COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT MANAGER UPDATE – 15th August 2014

Gleann Dubhlinn hydro scheme

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

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Scarista Wind turbine

There have been no communications from OFGEM regarding the registration application since the last board meeting.

Horgabost Wind Turbine

The grid connection has been paid for and is in place. David Macleod has surveyed the route for a track to the turbine and this will be priced shortly.

Rubha Romagaidh- Community Building

Several changes have been required by Building Standards including street lighting and fire-resistant treatment of the timber cladding, adding to the cost. There is significant uncertainty on unit pricing of some items including steel and the grass roof. Latest budget costs will be given at the board meeting. The grid connection costs at £30,000 are significantly higher than expected. Therefore an application for support has been made to the Scottish Hydro-Electric Community Trust. The timetable has slipped slightly with the project now due to go out to tender at the end of August.

Rubha Romagaidh – Housing

HHP have confirmed that they are likely to be underspent in this financial year and are therefore interested in starting a project. However there is no definite commitment as yet.

Marine Access project

Calum MacInnes has been awarded the work to install partitions in the shed. He expects to be finished round about 23rd August. SSE had failed to issue a job order for installing the meter but this has now been done. The shed will be fully utilised with Hebrides Metocean, Alan MacDougall and the grazings committee all taking space. 4 moorings have been purchased but are still to be installed. The delay was due to Gaelforce sending second hand rather than new chains which they have subsequently replaced.

Plot sales

There have been several enquiries recently with 1 application likely to be submitted shortly.

The design of the electrical connection work for the 3 Luskentyre plots has been settled and an application has been made to the Scottish Hydro Electric Community Trust for assistance with the cost. Duncan MacKay & Sons are pricing for providing the water supply and the trenching for the electricity cables.

Seilebost School

The settlement of the sale of the school is expected shortly.

HIE supported Development Officer

Lisa Macdonald has been recruited to the half-time post and will start work on Tuesday 9th September.

Hebridean Long Distance Route

A potential revised route through West Harris has been provided. This will be discussed at the board meeting.

Crofting

The tenant of 2 Seilebost has applied to the Crofting Commission to assign the croft to her daughter.

Duncan MacPherson

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