

DEVELOPMENT OFFICER UPDATE – 16TH JUNE 2015

Campervans

The site is now fully open and bookings are steady. We've been advertising locally and the new sign at the road end has attracted a lot of passing trade. We've received good reviews so far on our free to book page. The out of hours caretaker arrangement is working well so far. Only a couple of incidents i.e. a campervan got stuck in bay 4 when we had heavy rain. We are looking at installing some hardstanding material. Have asked Scott MacIver for advice on this.

Circus

Steve Cousins from Lets Circus has been granted the entertainment licence for the 2 days in July they will be here. The event has been shared on Facebook so far and I have given the planned schedule to both schools to be circulated to parents. Posters and booking details will be available shortly.

Seilebost School

I am chasing Munro Gauld for the first draft of the feasibility study, when I receive this it will be circulated. This will hopefully be before the AGM so it can be discussed then.

Digital Tourism Pilot

This is now complete and we have had our 3 days of support from Ian Moore, from Cairn Consulting. I have completed a privacy policy for the website as we are now gathering personal data for hook ups. I have attached a copy to be looked at by the directors before it is published on website. He also advised us on new telephony/storage systems for the centre and directed us towards HIE for help with this.

SSE Community Resilience Fund

Had meeting with Karen MacRae at North Harris trust to see how they will be approaching this. Spoke with Isabel Campbell and Leverburgh care home about a possibility of a joint application so we could create 2 emergency hubs between South Harris and West Harris, but the generator they require for the home would be too expensive for a joint application. Isabel still keen to work with us in the event of a major power cut so we are all working together.

Technology Club

Jeeves invited me to attend a presentation that 3 school leavers were giving the owner and manager of the new distillery, they are designing and creating themselves products for the new distillery. The 3 boys will be based up at the shed for the summer.

Social Enterprise Academy – 25th June

Still looking for at least 1 volunteer to come with me to the event at the Bay Centre on the 25th of the month. The training day runs from 10am – 4pm and is fully funded by HIE and is designed to help CAM anchor organisations to:

- Gain clarity on the vision and scope of your social enterprise
- Shape an action plan on how to realise, develop and/or grow your organisation
- Collaboratively find solutions to challenges your venture may face

