

COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT MANAGER UPDATE – 15th April 2016

Gleann Dubhlinn hydro scheme

Project development and legal negotiations continue. Rivergen representatives intend to visit in the next fortnight to work through final issues with WHT/WHRL.

Horgabost Wind Turbine

Due to changes in specification by Xant it will no longer be possible to use a pole and guywire system to install the turbine. It will now be a tower as with the Harbon turbine and a crane will need to be used. Adjustments to track design are being made to take account of this.

Pairc Niseaboist- Community Building

The concrete floor is now 100% complete and the first partition has been made. The electricians are starting on site. Progress continues to be slow.

Pairc Niseaboist- HHP Housing

O'Mac Construction have started work on the 6 houses. HHP will be unable to offer any for shared equity as the subsidy required would be too high so all 6 will be available for rent.

Pairc Niseaboist Community Energy Project

Burness Paul have been appointed to carry out legal work on all the key structures and agreements required. Stephen Phillips will be coming to Harris on Tuesday 19th to discuss issues in detail. A conference call with HHP is due next week to inform their decision on heating system.

Luskentyre Plots

An extension of the CnES loan facility by 6 months has been agreed to cover the timescale of the build on the first plot.

Plot Sales/New-Builds

There have been several serious enquiries in the last month but no applications to date.

Development Officer's Projects

Lisa went on maternity leave at the beginning of April. Prior to that she completed an application to the SSE Resilience Fund for communications and generator equipment. She also started work on an application to LEADER which I will complete in due course.

Visits by Other Groups

Representatives of the North Uist Development Company will visit on the morning of Tuesday 26th April to see progress on Talla na Mara. They are working to redevelop the former Lochmaddy hospital for multiple community uses.

Directors of the Pairc Trust will visit on the morning of Monday 9th May to inform their own plans for developing the newly-purchased Pairc estate.

CLS conference

Application forms are now available for the Community Land Scotland conference on 27-28th May. It would be helpful to confirm director representation at the board meeting.

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