

COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT MANAGER UPDATE – 18th June 2016

Gleann Dubhlinn hydro scheme

David MacLeod of Total design has prepared revised plans which should be suitable for the lease. It is hoped that lease and investment agreement will be signed by 24th June. Construction work is progressing well with the pipework being plastic welded on site and dragged into position. Concrete works at the weir are due to start shortly.

Horgabost Wind Turbine

Construction of the track to the turbine started on 15th June.

Pairc Niseaboist- Community Building

Partitions are complete in most areas apart from between the office spaces. The main hall and corridor partitions have largely been plasterboarded with acoustic board. First fix plumbing and electrical works are underway. The cladding is now $\frac{3}{4}$ complete and the kitchen has been ordered.

Pairc Niseaboist- HHP Housing

2 kits have been erected and the 3rd is underway. Progress continues to be rapid.

Pairc Niseaboist Community Energy Project

Duncan Hilleary of Hildino partners is due to visit on Tuesday 21st June to discuss the various proposed legal agreements. Burness Paul have produced drafts of documents for energy supply to house tenants/owners and for permissions form HHP.

Plot Sales/New-Builds

No new developments.

Crofting

The Crofting Commission has approved the sublet of 6 Scaristavore to David Mackenzie of 4A Scarista.

The incoming tenant of 1 Luskentyre has submitted a request to purchase the croft and croft house site. This will be discussed at the board meeting.

CLS Conference

Approximately 100 people attended the Community Land Scotland annual conference in Stornoway. I presented an overview of WHT's development work to date at one of the seminars. Roseanna Cunningham MSP the Minister whose portfolio includes Land Reform spoke at the conference, at which there was a strong desire for further action, including further measures to address crofting issues; particularly in the light of recent Crofting Commission decisions to dismiss 2 grazings committees.

BT Wayleave

BT requested a wayleave to lay a phone cable to the SSE plant by the Coffin Road and have paid a one-off wayleave payment of £5418 to lay 2408m of cable. The cable will pass the hydro turbine house and will therefore be accessible for a future internet connection when fibre broadband becomes available in the area.

Duncan MacPherson

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