

Development Officer Update – 19th May 2017

Seilebost School

A design brief (please see attached) has been advertised on Public Contracts Scotland and circulated to Porteous Architecture, Rural Design, Anderson Associates, Stewart Bagshaw & Fraser Architecture. Hoping to have responses back by the 15th of June to then work on design and get quotes from companies to have up to date costings for the project. This is what LEADER are looking for in the application.

Campervans – Seilebost

Hook ups now open along with toilets. When checking over the toilets to see everything was suitable for opening I noticed there was no hot water in coming through the toilet taps and the toilet seat has completely come away from the pan. Nick has had a look at both and the element in the hot water boiler for the toilets has broken. This needs to be replaced and the toilet seat needs to be secured back on. This involves taking the pan away from the wall in order to get the seat secured again. The cost for the replacement part and labour will be £300. We hope to have this done by the end of the week. Ann is doing the cleaning in the evenings for the toilets. The customers can access the toilets via the back door at the school with an access code to the key box that holds the keys for each pitch.

Signage at Niseaboist Beach & Community Pathways

Have spoken to the Access Officer at the council. He has suggested not to put up any signage. He thinks perhaps a clearer pathway that bypasses the area would be more beneficial. He also suggested speaking with Historic Scotland to see if they could advise on anything (he will send some information to me that might help, haven't received it yet)

I sent an expression of interest to the Community Pathway fund last week and was successful. They will send a full application to be completed. I said we were going to improve the access to Niseaboist beach and signage to MacLeods stone.

Local Development Officer Event – Inverness

Event was well attended. Sessions covered were, Income Generation, Marine Tourism and Community Empowerment & Land Reform. Worthwhile meeting other LDO's and got a few enquiries for some community groups to come and see what we had achieved here.

VHF System & Generator

Radios were delivered last week and repeater has been fitted in Murdo's shed. Will hand out 4 radios at meeting so some tests can be done, so we know how they will work. The generator is due to arrive next week, DR MacLeod will be delivering it.

Woodland Trust Tree Pack

I had applied for a large wildwood saplings pack from the Woodland Trust and the application was successful. They said the pack would arrive in November. I am going to ask if they can hold off sending this until March instead, to make it easier for planting.

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