

MINUTES – DIRECTOR’S MEETING 20th December 2016

1. **Attendance:**

Present: Murdo MacKay (Chairman), Neil Campbell (Secretary), Dougie Ferguson, Neil MacDonald, Roddy Macdonald, Richard MacLennan, George MacLeod, Duncan MacPherson (Commercial Development Manager), Anna Helfrich (Centre & Events Manager and Deborah Coghill (Administrator).

2. **Apologies:** Rhoda MacDonald and Norman Iain Mackay

3. **Declaration of Interest:** There were No Declarations of Interest

4. **CEM Report**

It was agreed to take the CEM Report at the beginning of the Meeting, as Anna had a prior engagement to attend that evening. The written Report was duly noted (see Appendix 3), and was further supplemented with a detailed oral update.

Logo: The new **Logo** for Talla na Mara was shown to the directors and they were pleased with the results.

Merchandise: The Directors agreed to a proposal to commission Jocelyn to undertake design work on a local map with features for future merchandise.

Talla na Mara: It was reported that the fan in the kitchen was not big enough, and that a new one would have to be installed. No Licence would be obtainable for the building until the new fan had been installed.

Policies: The “Sustainable Transport Strategy”, having been informally agreed by the majority of Board members subsequent to the November meeting via email, was now officially **approved** by the Board. The “Fire Safety Management Strategy” was also formally approved by the Board.

Display Pedestals for Centre: Dougie Ferguson had provided a quote of £166.60 for making the Plinths for the gallery, which the Board accepted. He has waived his labour fee, and the Board is extremely grateful for this, and expressed their thanks.

5. **Approval of Minutes 15th November 2016**

The Minutes were approved.

6. **Matters Arising:**

This item has been removed for confidentiality but will be restored when confidentiality is no longer required

7. **Action Points:** It was decided that the Trust needed to examine ways to improve the Tourism infrastructure, e.g. benches, signage, public paths, beach access etc. There is a national scheme for enhancing Disabled Access to beaches, which could be investigated. Concern was expressed over occasional camping on archaeology (including ancient grave) sites at Niseaboist. Lisa to investigate these points.

8. Updates

Financial

Monthly Report for November was presented (see Appendix 1) and duly noted.

Commercial Development Manager's Report

The Report was duly noted (see Appendix 2).

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- **Horgabost Wind Turbine:** The voltage on the SSE Supply **should** be between 230 and 253 but a data logger operated by Greenspace Live (GSL) has measured peaks between 257 and 262. Consequently, SSE now have a statutory obligation to reduce the voltage. This will mean either tapping down the existing transformer or requiring a new transformer to be installed. GSL also noted issues with the turbine installation which require to be addressed.
- **CLS Oral History Pilot:** The board identified the members of the original steering group and other key members in the community as potential interviewees.
- **Moorings:** 2 individuals have been enquired about prices for Moorings at the Pontoon. It was agreed that the prices would be **£150 per year**, or **£20 per week** or **£5 per night**. It was also agreed to ask Murdo MacAulay to check the Moorings next year (2017).
- **The Cliff:** The tenant has requested permission to place a Shipping Container at the property. The Directors have agreed to this **provided** that the crofters seeking to use the fank are also happy with it, and **provided** that there are no planning implications, and that the Container itself is properly secured down. A fee of £100 p.a. will be charged and this will be shared with the Grazings Committee.

9. AOCB

Land Sales Policy: It was agreed to approve the policy developed by Murdo and ensure that ALL policies are available on the website.

Rates on Sporting Rights: Sporting rates are being reintroduced by the Scottish Government, with a number of crofters receiving requests for information on their land. It was noted that the Trust as landlord holds the sporting rights.

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10. Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 17th January 2017 at 7.30pm in Seilebost School.

Diary Dates for future meetings:

- February 14th
- March 14th
- April 18th
- May 16th
- June 20th
- August 15th
- September 19th
- October 10th
- November 14th
- December 12th