

Development Officer Update – 22nd August 2017

Seilebost School

Porteous Architecture have produced an initial design for the upgrade of the school. They held a 2 day open day at their office for community consultation for any design suggestions. A few members of the community attended and Porteous will provide us with the feedback. They have drawn up a timescale of the project in order to keep us on track for the Leader funding application. I have a paper copy which I will circulate. Leader have changed the criteria for funding, which changes the application that we will submit. I have also submitted an expression of interest for the Climate Change Fund, deadline is the end of this month. There was funding left from HIE for design and plans which can be used for the design work that the Porteous' will complete.

Rural Housing

I have received the bid from Highland Small Communities Housing who have asked TIG to tender with them, TIG have also submitted a bid on their own. Waiting on bid from Rural Housing, which I will chase this week on my return to work. When the board have made a decision on which bid to go with the funding application will be submitted.

Signage at Niseaboist Beach & Community Pathways

The funding application for the community pathways grant was unsuccessful. Will arrange the meeting with council archaeologist and manager of Comhairle Heritage Service now that the holidays are over. I am going to suggest that a meeting down in Harris would be far more beneficial. I will investigate funding options for signage for any historic sites in the area.

VHF System/Generator/Community Emergency Plan

The VHF test – we will mark this in the diary for the September meeting.

Generator – chasing Ian at Barnies to come and get this wired in. I should have an update by Tuesday.

Emergency Plan – this is to be updated to include new residents and emergency contacts. We will also need to get a plan in place for the opening of the centre should it be needed in an extreme weather event.

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