

MINUTES – DIRECTOR’S MEETING 20th March 2018

1. Attendance:

Present: Roddy MacDonald (Chair Pro-term), Neil Campbell (Secretary), Dougie Ferguson, Chris Loyle, Neil MacDonald, Rhoda MacDonald, Norman Iain MacKay, George MacLeod, Finlay MacLennan, Linda Armstrong (Land & Finance Manager), Mark Crichton (Marketing Co-Ordinator), Angus MacLennan (Facilities Manager) and Deborah Coghill (Administrator).

2. Apologies: Murdo MacKay (Chairman), Carole Melville (Observer),

3. Approval of Minutes

After adjustment, the Minutes of the Meeting of 20th February 2018 were approved, having been moved by Norman Iain, and seconded by Neil Campbell.

Matters Arising:

Kitchen– Angus & Dougie to inspect and check kitchen on a monthly basis.

4. Action Points

Cattle Grid: Angus to apply paint in the next few weeks.

Sporting Rights: To appeal the rates and continue without a formal agreement for perhaps a year.

Broadband: TnM **not** included in current roll-out. Likelihood of two years before ant development. Investigate Community Fibre.

Bike Shelter: Lewis Builders quote **approved**. Require them to fit the Smoking Bollards at the same time.

5. Updates

Financial

Whilst the Cashbook is being transferred to *Quickbooks*, there is no formal Monthly Report, but there is approximately £175K in the bank, including grant money and retention.

Commercial Manager’s Report

- John Muir Trust are coming in April, July and September. Request that they “turf” approximately 144 square metres at the gable end of the restaurant. Anticipated cost **£816** for the turf plus sand which will cost extra.
- Woodlands Trust: trees have arrived, and now await planting.

Marketing Co-ordinator

- **Calendar:** It was reported that 250 calendars had been ordered.
- **Directors’ Profiles:** Still to receive details from three Directors: Neil Campbell, George MacLeod and Neil MacDonald.

- **Thanks:** Mark was thanked for all his hard work.

6. Health & Safety

There were no updates to report.

7. AOCB

- **Trees:** 420 trees to be planted at the top of the TnM site.
- **Scottish Government Tourism Fund:** CnES will administer and process this Fund. They are looking for infrastructure projects. Some suggestions have already been received but Directors were asked to think of more. Suggestions so far include 1) more Camper Van hook-ups 2) turning the marquee into a solid structure, 3) Seilebost School refurbishment 4) Beach access.

At this point, Rhoda brought up the fact that the road to the Seilebost School is in a terrible state. CnES to be contacted about the state of the road.

- **Deed of Gift:** Rates on renewable projects approximately £8-9K on the hydro project. If RiverGen give an extra 15% to the Trust, they (RiverGen) will be exempt from all rates. This has been **agreed** to.
- **Refinancing Scarista Turbine:** Update received. Feedback will continue from the renewables Directors.

8. Brainstorming

- Beach access
- Car parking
- Changing facilities
- Waste Disposal

The Meeting concluded at 7.53pm.

9. **Date of Next Meeting:** Tuesday 17th April 2018 at 6.30pm in *Talla na Mara*.

Proposed Dates for 2018

May 22nd, Jun 19th, Aug 21st, Sept 18th, Oct ?, Nov 20th, Dec 18th.