

MINUTES – DIRECTOR’S MEETING 22nd August 2018
(Meeting was not quorate so no decisions taken)

1. Attendance

Present: Murdo Mackay (Chairman), Neil Campbell (Secretary), Roddy MacDonald (Vice Chairman), Dougie Ferguson, Norman Iain Mackay, Carole Melville (Observer), Linda Armstrong (Commercial Manager) and Deborah Coghill (Administrator).

Apologies: Chris Loye, Neil MacDonald, Rhoda MacDonald, Finlay MacLennan, Richard MacLennan, George Macleod and Angus MacLennan (Facilities Manager)

2. Declaration of Interest:

There were no declaration of interests.

3. Minutes 19th June 2018

The minutes were noted.

4. Action Points

Cockle Fishing: Meeting to be arranged for next week or so.

5. Updates

Financial

Monthly report to the end of June 2018 was presented (see Appendix 1) and duly noted.

Commercial Manager’s Report (appendix 2)

The Report was duly noted.

Beach Cleaning: It was suggested that Niseaboist beach could be cleaned by the John Muir Trust when they come at the beginning of September.

Facilities Manager’s Report (appendix 3)

The Report was duly noted.

Harris Forum Update (appendix 4)

The Minutes were duly noted.

6. Health and Safety

Angus is booked onto a Health & Safety Course on the 23rd August.

7. AOCB

CROSSROADS: A request had been received from Crossroads asking if a bookcase, with used books on it could be installed in Talla na Mara. Then anyone who wanted could choose a book and leave a donation for Crossroads. Crossroads have said they would supply the bookcase, books and donation tin. This was agreed.

AGM: Director Nominations – Murdo MacKay, Norman Iain MacKay, Carole Melville and Diane Calvert. It was noted that a paper ballot would need to held at the AGM for the three director positions.

8. Brainstorming

Neil raised a suggestion that the Trust set up a housing fund with an open invitation for individuals, trusts and/or businesses to contribute. Perhaps setting up a *just giving* or equivalent page. Observations were made that if you look around West Harris a huge percentage of the houses are occupied by one elderly person. Concern was expressed that whilst some of these houses would be passed down to family members, some would undoubtedly be sold as holiday homes. If we had a fund we could buy, renovate and then rent (or sell with a residential burden). As well as increasing the resident population it would keep the feel of scattered housing rather than blocks of semi-detached.

Roddy MacDonald left the meeting at 7.58pm

9. Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday 18th September 2018 at 6.30pm in *Talla na Mara*.

Meeting finished at 8.00pm

Diary Dates for future meetings:

- Oct 30th
- Nov 20th
- Dec 18th