

MINUTES – DIRECTOR’S MEETING 19th September 2023 at 6.30pm

1. Attendance

Present: Neil Campbell (Secretary), Andrew MacDonald, Neil MacDonald, Rhoda MacDonald, Norman MacKay (Chair- ZOOM), Finlay MacLennan, Ben Inglis-Grant (Peatland Action Project Officer – left at 7.25pm), John Moffat (Mann Judd – joined meeting at 7.30pm via Zoom, and left at 7.55pm) Linda Armstrong (Commercial Manager) and Deborah Coghill (Office Manager)

2. Apologies: Roddy MacDonald, Mairi MacKenzie, Richard MacLennan and George MacLeod

3. Presentation: Ben Inglis-Grant, of the Peatland Action Project gave a presentation about the work in which he was involved, after which he left the meeting.

4. Declarations of Interest: No declarations of interest

5. Approval of Minutes: Approval of Minutes was held over to a future meeting as no Minutes were currently available.

6. Matters Arising/Review of Action Points:

7. Updates:

Financial: No separate financial report was presented for this meeting but see below re presentation of Accounts.

Presentation of 2022 Accounts: John Moffat, the Accountant from Mann Judd Gordon Ltd, joined the meeting via Zoom to present the 2022 Accounts to the Directors

Commercial:

Housing: CnES has obtained funding from The UK Shared Prosperity Fund and is offering £50K to the Trust to create a serviced plot. The Directors agreed that they were interested in taking this forward.

Beer chiller unit for draught beer: The Directors are happy for this to be donated to the Leverburgh Hall

Restaurant: The Directors agreed to charge the restaurant a rent of 5% of the restaurant’s turnover. It was also agreed to have the restaurant open for two days a week (Tuesdays & Wednesdays) from 21 October to the end of the year.

Pairc Niseaboist Power: It was agreed by the Director’s to increase the PN house electricity rates to 0.58p for a Daily Standing Charge, 0.32p for Grid electricity and 0.12p for Turbine electricity. The increase would be dependent on the energy price cap.

SES Mod Parents Committee: After a request from this committee the Directors agreed to give a donation of £200.

Cruise Ships: Murdo Morrison, OHT Cruise Destination Development Manager is going to come to Talla na Mara to speak about the opportunities that the cruise ships would bring. Norman Iain agreed to attend via zoom if he could.

8. **Health and Safety:** No issues were reported.

9. **Brainstorming:** There were no specific matters raised under Brainstorming.

10. **Close:** The Meeting finished at 9.09pm

Date of Next Meeting: 7th November 2023

Proposed dates for 2023

12th December