

## MINUTES – DIRECTOR’S MEETING 15<sup>th</sup> June 2021 at 6.30pm by Zoom

### 1. Attendance

Present: Murdo MacKay (Chairman), Diana Calvert, Neil Campbell (Secretary), Neil MacDonald, Rhoda MacDonald, , Norman Ian MacKay, Richard MacLennan, George MacLeod, Linda Armstrong (Commercial Manager), Iain MacIver (Community Participation Project Officer) and Deborah Coghill (Administrator)

**Apologies:** Roddy MacDonald

2. **Declaration of Interest:** Rhoda declared an interest regarding Seilebost School

3. **Minutes of 18<sup>th</sup> May 2021:** The Minutes were approved, subject to a slight revision.

4. **Presentation** on Vertical Farming by Andrew Lloyd (left at 7.20pm)

(Richard MacLennan joined the meeting at 6.45pm)

### 5. Review Action Points/Matters Arising:

**Facilities Block:** This was delivered on 8<sup>th</sup> June and Norserv should be finished this week with the electricity and plumbing connection. Kenny Carrier should have the ramp installed next week which means we are looking at the facilities block being opened for use in about ten days time.

**Polycrub:** Hoped-for Installation date of 26 July .

**Drainage under the Road at TnM:** Linda has met with SPEA, Richard MacLennan and Malcolm MacIver to discuss this situation. Malcolm MacIver is going to prepare a plan of the pipes for draining the clean water from the septic tank under the road and out to the sea.

**Seilebost School Septic Tank:** Arranged for it to be emptied in July

**School Road:** The tarring machine should be in Harris next week and the Council hope to get the potholes in the road retarred then.

### 6. Updates:

#### ***Financial***

April and May Profit & Loss YTD figures and June Cash Flow Projections

#### ***Commercial Manager’s Report***

**Luskentyre Plots:** The majority of crofters have come back **not** agreeing to the request for additional land for the new plots in Luskentyre.

**North Harris:** The Gunnera spraying is to begin and Chris is going to take part in the South Harris Spraying. If anyone sees any Gunnera plants please inform Linda.

**Marquee:** Is due to go up next week at 6pm. Another wedding is also wanting to use the marquee, but Peigi has said No. The Directors agreed that they would wait until the marquee has been put up before making a decision.

**Camping:** demand is very high and we are regularly turning away requests for pitches. At last month's meeting it was mentioned about the possibility of extending the number of pitches at the School. The Directors agreed for Linda to approach *(This item has been removed for confidentiality but will be restored when confidentiality is no longer required)* to survey the site and come up with a plan.

**Visitor Management Strategy:** Funding was awarded and three Ranger posts are being advertised. Interviews are due to take place next Saturday (19<sup>th</sup> June).

**Renewables:** The Renewables Directors agreed that the £15K due to be received from the sale of the Hydro shares will be paid back to the Trust, to go partly towards the repaying of the Loan.

**Harris Forum:** *(This item has been removed for confidentiality but will be restored when confidentiality is no longer required)*

**Housing:** *(This item has been removed for confidentiality but will be restored when confidentiality is no longer required)* It was agreed that the Trust would look at this issue at the August meeting.

**John Muir Trust:** Clara Rissi has found that the guided walks are not that popular, so perhaps different walks need to be looked at.

7. **Aspiring Communities:** Iain presented his Report.
8. **Health and Safety:** No issues reported. Those coming to help put up the Marquee were advised to wear sturdy shoes and to bring gloves. Hard hats would be provided.
9. **AOCB**  
**Broadband:** Still awaiting installation. Latest projected date for installation is August for Seilebost and September for Pairc Niseaboist.
10. **Brainstorming:** Left for another meeting.
11. **Close:** Meeting finished at 8pm.
12. **Next Meeting :** 17<sup>th</sup> August 2021

#### **Proposed dates for 2021**

21<sup>st</sup> September

19<sup>th</sup> October

16<sup>th</sup> November

21<sup>st</sup> December

