**MINUTES – DIRECTOR’S MEETING 16th August 2016**

1. **Attendance.**

Present: Murdo Mackay (Chairman), Neil Campbell (Secretary), Rhoda MacDonald, Dougie Ferguson, Norman Iain Mackay, Finlay MacLennan, Duncan MacPherson (Commercial Development Manager), and Deborah Coghill (Administrator).

1. **Apologies:** Richard MacLennan, Neil MacDonald, Anna Helfrich (Centre & Events Manager
2. **Declaration of Interest:** There were No Declarations of Interest
3. **Approval of Minutes 21st June 2016**

**Approval of Minutes 25th July 2016**

The minutes of both the above Meetings were approved.

1. **Review of Action Points**

It was agreed that discussion of Action Points be held over until the next Meeting.

1. **Updates**

***Financial***

Monthly Reports for June and July were presented (see Appendix 1) and duly noted.

The income from Camping Spots was slightly down on last year.

***Commercial Development Manager’s Report***

The Report was duly noted (see Appendix 2)

Neil is signing the Lease tomorrow (17th August).

**Turbine:** ***Ecodyn*** arrived today (16th) but due to a transportation accident implementation will be delayed.

**Community Building:** Kitchen has been delayed due to absence of any detailed drawings of the electrics. The official opening has been postponed until 2017 (see the CEM Report – Appendix 3)

***CEM Report***

**Restaurant Lease:** The Lease is expected to commence in February 2017. It was

hoped that this would give the local ladies an opportunity to “try out” the kitchen

facilities. It was further **agreed** that a reduced rate of **5%** of the turnover would be

applicable for a period of **one year** (i.e. twelve months) after which point the

percentage would be revised.

**Logo:** Norman Iain to have input re the Logo along with Anna and Nikolai.

**Wedding Package Prices:** The Directors expressed satisfaction with Package rates,

and noted the discount available to Harris residents. It was **agreed** however that a

greater discount (of up to 30%) should apply to residents of the **West Harris** Trust

Area.

1. **AOCB**

***Broadband:*** No further progress. Duncan to speak to Alasdair Allan MSP on Monday (22nd August), and Humza Yousaf MSP on Tuesday (23rd).

***Blind Corner:*** It was further agreed that during Mr Yousaf’s visit, his attention should be drawn to the dangers of the Blind Corner near the new Centre, and his help should be sought in finding a solution.

***Land Sales Policy***: Circulated. To be discussed at next meeting.

***AGM:*** The AGM has had to be postponed to Friday 9th September. This is because a full audit was required under OSCR Regulations as the Trust’s turnover last year (2015) was in excess of £500K.

***John Muir Trust:*** Volunteers from the JMT are booked to come for the week beginning 29th August. Suggested projects for them include further dyking, marram planting, removal of wire and fenceposts at Luskentyre and Horgabost.

*These two items have been removed for confidentiality but will be restored when confidentiality is no longer required*

1. **Date of Next Meeting:** Tuesday 13th September 2016 at 7.30pm in Seilebost School.

**Diary Dates for future meetings:**

* October 11th
* November 15th
* December 13th