

MINUTES – DIRECTOR’S MEETING 20th February 2018

1. **Attendance:**

Present: Murdo MacKay (Chairman), Neil Campbell (Secretary), Dougie Ferguson, Neil MacDonald, Roddy MacDonald, Norman Iain MacKay, Finlay MacLennan, Carole Melville (Observer), Linda Armstrong (Land & Finance Manager), Mark Crichton (Marketing Co-Ordinator) and Deborah Coghill (Administrator).

2. **Apologies:** Rhoda MacDonald, George MacLeod, Richard MacLennan

3. **Approval of Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting of **11th December** 2017 were approved, having been **proposed** by Neil Campbell, **seconded** by Dougie Ferguson and **agreed** by all present.

The Minutes of the Meeting of **19th December** 2017 were likewise approved having been **proposed** by Neil Campbell, **seconded** by Roddy MacDonald and **agreed** by all present.

The Minutes of the Meeting of **16th January** 2018 were also approved having been **proposed** by Murdo MacKay, **seconded** by Neil Campbell and **agreed** by all present.

4. **Matters Arising:**

Window Sticker – Staff to put up themselves.

HHP- have gone to the Scottish Government and there is a good level of support

5. **Action Points**

Soundproofing: Completed

Sporting Rights: Lease has been drafted and sent but various parts still being disputed.

Affordable Housing: £8k awarded for feasibility study which should cover one site, WHT require to cover the extra for another site in either Horgabost or Luskentyre.

Generator: Still waiting for switch then Barnies will be able to fit, hopefully before 19 March.

Broadband: Still looking for a Gaelic-speaking Director willing to speak to the media. Seilebost planning refused because of location and Health & Safety concerns. No alternative site identified for as yet. Linda was tasked with phoning Donnie to find out the situation and suggesting they speak to the Trust for suggestions of a better location.

Leaflet: Final copy sent in today. Should be ordered next week for a mid-March delivery.

Wild Camping: Use designated sites

Bike Shelter: Planning is not required if it is placed beside the Bin Store, so no fee for that. Should be able to afford the drying Cabinet as well.

Seilebost School: Deborah waiting for Quotes

Signage: Comhairle Planning Dept are happy with the location.

6. Updates

Financial

The Monthly Report to the end of December was presented (see Appendix 1) and duly noted.

WHT has taken in over £3k in the last few weeks for camping.

Land and Finance Manager

The Report was duly noted (see Appendix 2).

Radio: Murdo requested a re-test of the radios. Linda to send him an email to arrange a suitable date.

Staffing : Mark is leaving sooner than was expected (23rd March). To date only one application has been received but the closing date was not until Monday (26th February).

PAT Testing: Dougie suggested testing of all equipment at TnM and the Directors agreed, wanted it to be done as soon as possible; the testing to include the equipment at Seilebost School and The Cliff.

The Machir Kitchen: *This item has been removed for confidentiality purposes*

Pensioner's Lunch – the special price is for the Pensioners and their carers. Anyone else who comes along would have to pay full price.

Walls – Sellotape and screw marks on the walls need to be made good, again as soon as possible.

Dimmer Lights – MK have said that they will pay for the lights to be fitted with dimmers.

Christmas Decorations – Ask for half the invoice (i.e. £75) Make sure that any future verbal agreements are in writing.

Shelves - In store. Make sure that the walls can take the weight of what is going to be put on the shelves.

Donation for Monday Club: Requesting a donation towards the Monday Club. Agreed by Directors to give them a stock item of merchandise. Linda to arrange.

Jeeves : Requesting permission to use the foreshore at Luskentyre. Permission granted in principle, but he will need planning permission. Also wanting to vacate The Cliff.

Working Groups: Land & Crofting – Finlay MacLennan and George MacLeod appointed to the Land & Crofting Working Group.

Marketing Co-ordinator

- **Calendar:** Mark requested each of the Directors to write a few lines about the WHT to be used on respective pages of the proposed 2019 Calendar.
- **Website:** Is in the process of being updated, to give “a fresher and more modern” feel and it is hoped to be completed next week (end of February).
- **Marathon Hebrides:** Organisers need to be informed that they require to hire a Shower-Block for the event.
- **Camper Vans:** At this stage in 2017 TnM had **15** bookings, and Seilebost **8**. The corresponding figures for 2018 are **53** for TnM and **22** for Seilebost. This obviously represents significant growth in a short period. Seilebost Camper Vans CAN use TnM site for waste disposal.
- **Bins for Public Use:** There is a need to look into the possibility of obtaining Bins for Public Use at Seilebost.

7. Health & Safety

Fire Drill: A practice Fire Drill needs to be arranged for TnM whereby everybody on site is evacuated.

Seilebost School: The school building requires a Water Check and the system to be flushed through on a weekly basis. A thermometer is also required to enable checking of “running water” temperatures.

8. AOCB

HIE: Kathleen Stewart met with Murdo, Neil and Linda to review the support given from HIE to WHT, and to explore what other avenues of support might be available. Possibility of a **Summer Placement Graduate**, who would work on a specifically designated project, e.g. new hook-ups. WHT was formerly a “Community Account Managed Company” but is now officially an “Account Managed Company”.

Snagging: Rural Design will produce a List.

St Kilda Proposal: Lottery and Scottish Government want benefit throughout the islands. HDL had suggested that the *Seallam Centre* in Northton should serve as the “St Kilda Centre” for Harris (mindful that there would be “St Kilda Centres” also in

Uist and in Lewis). Approval of the *Seallam* suggestion was **proposed** by Roddy and **seconded** by Dougie.

This item has been removed for confidentiality purposes

9. **Date of Next Meeting:** Tuesday 20th March 2018 at 6.30pm in *Talla na Mara*.

Proposed Dates for 2018

Apr 17th, May 22nd, Jun 19th, Aug 21st, Sept 18th, Oct ?, Nov 20th, Dec 18th.