

West Harris Crofting Trust

Minutes 15th March 10, Seilebost School 7.30pm

BUSINESS

Apologies: Mairi

Attending: Members: Neil, Murdo, Finlay, Rhoda, Roddy, Richard, Angus, Gordon, Robert

1) The **minutes** of the meeting of the 16th February were approved with a minor amendment to item 12

2) **Matters Arising/Review of Action Plan**

- The website has been updated with recent minutes and press releases
- Assingation 8 Horgabost -letter of consent written
- Sale site 1 Borve- instructions passed to our solicitor
- 7 Luskentyre -instruction passed to our solicitor
- RSPB survey -advised of our participation
- SNH Open Event-two directors to attend
- Lottery application -updated to reflect increased costs of Hydro Scheme
- Letter to tenants -sent out 1st March
- Further discussion on directors for Renewables Co- interim directors agreed as Neil & Robert
- Wayleave -now granted for 2 Scaristavore

3) **AGM** agreed Friday 7th May

4) **Financial Update** A handout was given out showing transactions to date, there is a balance of £3,412.59 including the £2,000 loan from TIG.

4) **Brochure/Website**

Website has been updated with additional page for grand prize, Robert to draft e-mail to send to contacts. Directors expressed thanks to Robert & Richard for completing this. It was agreed to print Draw tickets for summer events. Small committee of Robert Sandra & Rhoda Campbell formed to push Draw. Suggestions for marketing/ sale of tickets discussed.(AP)

6) **Hydro Feasibility Study**

Final draft feasibility study received from Fairhurst, members discussed and agreed to apply for maximum grant funding. Applications to be submitted to Comhairle and Community Energy Scotland (AP)

7) **Fuel Poverty Plan** The draft plan was approved

8) **Land Sale Policy** The draft plan was agreed, Murdo to ask our solicitor to review (AP)

9) **Register of Interest** The policy and current director's interests were approved.

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10) Housing Consultation The draft questionnaire was approved, the secretary to send out the form ASAP. Horgabost/Seilabost Township has identified land to the South of Horgabost on the common grazing as potentially suitable for housing.
(AP)

AOCB

- The Chair advised that SNH were looking for landlords/townships to continue **mink trapping** when the current scheme finished.
- **Local Development Plan** It was agreed to ask Derek Laidlaw to our next meeting (AP)
- **Application made to WIRO scheme for admin assistance**
- Gordon agreed to investigate brown **trout Fishings & shooting rights**
(AP)

7) **Next Meeting Monday 12th April 2010**

Neil Campbell
Secretary

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Date	Action	Responsible Person	Target Date	Current Position
16/2	Renewables Co Directors	Neil	28/2	Neil & Robert to be appointed as interim directors
16/2	Interim Land Policy	Murdo	28/2	Draft submitted to our solicitor, awaiting possible change to legislation
16/2	Other Trust Policies	Neil/Bobby	30/6	Ongoing
16/2	Friends of West Harris		30/6	Ongoing
16/2	RSPB survey	Neil	31/7	Advised we will participate 18/2
16/2	SNH Open	Neil	25/3	Rhoda, Gordon & Neil attended
15/3	Grand Prize draft e-mail	Robert	31/3	Ongoing
15/3	Print Grand Prize tickets	Robert	30/4	Ongoing
15/3	Grant Applications to Comhairle & Community Energy Scotland	Neil/Murdo	19/3	Completed
15/3	Fuel Poverty Plan	Development Officer	30/6	Ongoing
15/3	Housing Consultation update form to be sent to interested parties	Neil	19/3	Sent out 17/3
15/3	Local Development Plan invite Derek Laidlaw	Murdo	12 th April	Attended meeting 12 th April
15/3	CAR application information to be submitted to SEPA	Gordon	30/6	Ongoing
15/3	Legal Agreement to be prepared for lease of ground for Hydro Scheme	Murdo	31/3	Murdo has instructed our solicitor
15/3	Brown Trout & Shootings to be investigated	Gordon	30/4	Ongoing

Colour Code

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Green Completed
Red Not on Target