

WHT Chairman  
WHT Secretary  
WHT Development Officer  
WHT Com Eng  
WHT Directors

## MINUTES – DIRECTOR’S MEETING 17<sup>th</sup> January 2012

### 1. Attendance.

*Apologies* Fiona & Richard Maclennan,  
*Attending:* Murdo Mackay (Chair) Neil Campbell (Secretary), Finlay Maclennan, Rhoda Macdonald, Mairi Macleod, Roddy MacDonald, Robert Macleod, Duncan Macpherson Development Officer and Cail Wooll Community Engagement Officer

The Chair welcomed Cait to her first directors meeting.

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### 2. Approval of Minutes 13<sup>th</sup> December 2011.

Minutes unanimously approved.

### 3. Matters arising.

a. Review of action plan.

-good progress on actions noted

### 4. Financial update.

Financial figures were submitted to the meeting for the twelve months to December, a surplus of £27,089 was incurred, Bank balance of £36,185 representing lottery advance, TIG loan and school turbine funds, net funds of Trust £4,675.

### 5. Development.

- Hydro project on hold pending review of FIT
- South Harris Wind Turbine, possible locations noted
- Agreed to look at loan finance for small turbines
- Proposal for Holistic Centre withdrawn
- Proposal for Arts Centre noted.
- Draft report from M Maciver discussed, agreed to focus on the apportionment
- Re business plan agreed development to include, office and workshop space, gateway centre and housing for rent/shared ownership and a number of small wind turbines. Also agreed to consider either camp site extension or new development and pontoon at Horgabost as development options.

- Borge Lodge Estate have expressed an interest in taking over shootings on the estate, agreed to share report from RJH Sports and consider their proposal (AP)

## **6. Community Engagement**

- **Draft questionnaire considered and amendments agreed**

## **7. Housing**

- **Robert Fraser has now pegged out all sites**
- **Agreed to review house site allocation policy at February meeting (AP)**
- **Successful application to become a Rural Housing Body welcomed**

## **8. Press and Publicity**

- Agreed to add to blog piece on workshop/office space (AP)
- Amended agreement with JMT approved
- Agreed to issue national press release on progress in strengthening West Harris (AP)

## **9. Estate Management**

- **Assignment 13 Seilebost noted**
- **OHMEET may provide admin support from March/April**
- **42 of 51 croft rents paid for November**

## **10. AOCB**

- Trust had submitted evidence to the Commission on Rural Education, it was agreed to invite the Commission to West Harris (AP)
- Agreed to approach new residents to become members (AP)
- Amendment to the September meeting on internet banking agreed
- Wording for the 'For Sale' signs for plots agreed
- Use of Smartboard for future meetings for documents (AP)
- Mairi Macleod agreed to train to become a Personal Licence Holder (AP)

**Date of next meeting Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2012**