

West Harris Crofting Trust

Minutes 17th May 10, Seilebost School 7.30pm

BUSINESS

1) Apologies: Richard, Angus, Roddy

Attending: Members: Neil, Murdo, Finlay, Rhoda, Roddy, Gordon, Robert, Mairi

2) The **minutes** of the meeting of the 12th April were approved

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

- Newsletter distributed to Directors

4) **Donald Morrison**

Donald has been employed by the Trust under the WIRO scheme, Murdo, Neil & Robert will meet weekly with him on Monday morning to agree tasks for the week ahead, any other director available will also attend. Murdo will line manage on a day to day basis.

5) **Local Development Plan**

Draft response agreed, locations for housing to be added before submission. (AP)

6) **Financial Update**

Financial Accounts showing income received £335, payments out £812 for the four months to April 2010 balance in account £2,690. Annual Budget was approved, projected net income £21,775. The financial accounts to December 2010 have been submitted to the Registrar of Companies. Rent Notices to be issued this week (AP)

7) **Lottery Update**

Verbal notice of award received, formal written offer anticipated shortly, grant awarded £380,000, £30,000 less than anticipated. When formal offer received Trust to issue a press release thanking lottery and all others who assisted (AP)

8) **Brochure/Website/Raffle**

75 entries to raffle received to date, it was agreed to print posters, laminate & display at picnic areas etc on West Side (AP)

9) **Hydro Scheme**

Grant of £50,000 approved by Comhairle, this was acknowledged with thanks. Monitoring of water flows continuing Members expressed concern about delay in obtaining a grid connection

10) **Housing Consultation**

Six applicants received for un-serviced sites, it was agreed that we should identify sites ASAP and move to outline planning. It was agreed to ask Robert Fraser to re visit and if possible also ask the planning officer to attend. (AP)

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The secretary confirmed six responses had been received, it was agreed to write thanking them for their applications and updating them on progress. (AP)

10) Sportings Discussion Paper

It was agreed to ask Russell Hird to a meeting of the directors (AP) along with Simon Fraser to discuss the potential of the shootings. Gordon to suggest a proposal for joint working with Borve Estate on the fishing's

12) Taransay Fiddle School

Members felt that it would be difficult to manage and would require careful consideration. decision deferred for further information (AP)

13) Ownership of Foreshore

It was noted that crofters had taken stone from the foreshore to build houses, this information to be passed to Simon Fraser. (AP)

14) OSCR Application

An acknowledgment of our application has been received

15) De-Crofting house site 4 Scaristavore

Members noted and approved the application

AOCB

- a. **Wind farm study.** The study underway may suggest one or more sites on West Harris Trust land as having potential for development
- b. **Lottery press release** The chair has provided a comment for the Lottery press release
- c. **Letter to tenants** Draft complete and to be sent out next week including rent notice
- d. **RSPB Survey** It was agreed not to proceed this year (AP)

11) Next Meeting Monday 14th June 2010

Neil Campbell
Secretary

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Date	Action	Responsible Person	Target Date	Current Position
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 not participate this year
15/3	Grand Prize draft e-mail	Robert	31/3	Complete
15/3	Print Grand Prize tickets	Robert	30/4	Ordered
15/3	Fuel Poverty Plan	Development Officer	30/6	Ongoing
12/4	Respond To Local Development Plan	Murdo/Neil	23rd April	Draft response agreed
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
12 th April	SNH Management Plan	Murdo/Neil	30/6	Meet with local officers
15/3	Brown Trout & Shootings to be investigated	Gordon	30/4	Agreed to investigate further
17/5	Rent Notices to be issued	Donald	31/5	
17/5	Prepare Press Release	Robert	31/5	
17/5	Order posters/flyers	Robert	31/5	
17/5	Arrange meeting with architect/planner & update applicants	Neil	31/5	Written 24/5
17/5	Ownership of Foreshore-information to Simon	Murdo	31/5	
17/5	Taransay Fiddle School-management by Trust	Decision deferred	30/6	

Colour Code

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Amber On target

Green Completed

Red Not on Target