



## **MINUTES – DIRECTOR’S MEETING 20 September 2010**

### **1. Attendance.**

*Apologies:* Angus Mackay

*Attending:* Neil Campbell (Secretary), Rhoda Macdonald, Roderick Macdonald, Murdo Mackay (Chairman), Robert Macleod Richard Maclellan, Mairi Macleod, Gordon Cumming and Finlay Maclellan.

### **2. Approval of Minutes 16th August 2010.**

Minutes unanimously approved.

### **3. Matters arising.**

#### **Review of action plan.**

- a) Interim Land Policy, the Chair updated directors on the Crofting Reform Bill and the implications for the Trust
- b) Friends of West Harris, newsletter to be sent when Paypal account re-opened
- c) The Trust has joined DTAS
- d) The Trust has submitted an application for registration as a Rural Housing Body
- e) Proposed house sites at Lusentyre may require re-positioning due to gradient from road, site visit arranged for the 23<sup>rd</sup> September.

### **4. Trust administration.**

- a) Two dispositions signed over the month 7L & 1B
- b) Three tenant’s rents outstanding, directors agreed to contact
- c) 591 entries to date for prize draw
- d) Agreed to contact web designer to price a ‘news page’

### **5. Financial update.**

Latest financial figures and projections submitted to meeting, Trust continuing to generate a surplus £2,468 for year to date (Annex A).

**6. Lottery application update.**

- Request for additional grant following reduction in CES grant refused

**7. Website/Brochure**

- Paypal not yet restored awaiting OSCR accreditation

**8. Gleann Dubhlinn Hydro scheme.**

- Final Report received from Fairhurst slight reduction in projected income due to lower than projected water flows.
- Meeting held with co-op bank for commercial loan
- Hoped to issue invitation to tenders by 30<sup>th</sup> September
- SSE grant application to be considered on the 27<sup>th</sup> September

**9. Draft Press Release**

Members reviewed the draft article for the Scottish Islands Explorer and agreed to issue a press release when the planning application for the house sites was submitted

**10) South Harris Renewables**

Bobby & Neil nominated as members of the steering group, it was agreed to keep under review the option of an additional turbine on the West Side

**11) Community Land Network**

It was agreed that Donald would attend the formation AGM

**12) Helicopter Landing**

It was agreed to grant consent

**13) Brown Forbes Trust**

It was agreed to investigate further

**14) Horgabost Broadband Connection**

It was agreed to submit an application to Leader for a grant to support a CONCOM mast to serve Horgabost (nine houses)

**15) SRDP Applications**

It was agreed to meet with Mick Blunt and discuss the option of him completing SRDP applications on behalf of Horgabost/Seilebost, Borve & Scaristavore townships. The Trust would if necessary lend townships funds to complete the applications

## **16) Lottery Logo**

It was noted that all publicity material should carry the Lottery Logo

## **17) DTAS Knowledge & Skills Application**

Directors were advised that CES are planning a study trip to hydro schemes and that they will submit an application to DTAS

## **18) Machinery Ring**

It was agreed to request further information and suggest a meeting of all townships as a first step. (AP)

## **19) Co-op Day 9<sup>th</sup> October Stornoway**

No representation from West Harris, CES would represent the Trust

## **20) AOCB**

### **a) TIG AGM**

It was agreed that Neil & Bobby would attend the AGM

### **b) Fundraiser Jamie at Home**

Members were advised that Rhoda C, Kathleen & Morag were organising a fundraising Jamie at Home party

### **c) Allocations Policy**

It was agreed to arrange a meeting to discuss this and to ask Derek Logie from the Rural Housing Scotland to attend and if possible our solicitor and a representative from TIG. Secretary to distribute draft policy to members. (AP)

**Date of next meeting 20 October 2010.**