

WHT Chairman
WHT Secretary
WHT Development Officer
WHT Directors

MINUTES – DIRECTOR’S MEETING 20 September 2011

1. Attendance.

Apologies: Mairi Macleod

Attending: Neil Campbell (Secretary), Roderick Macdonald, Murdo Mackay (Chairman), Robert Macleod, Fiona MacLennan, Finlay MacLennan, Richard MacLennan, Rhoda Macdonald, Duncan Macpherson Development Officer.

2. Approval of Minutes 23rd^t August 2011.

Minutes unanimously approved.

3. Matters arising.

a. Review of action plan.

- Progress with the action plan was noted
- Website upgrade three articles, housing, hydro & dance to be submitted to Richard by 30/9 (AP)
- Housing Needs Study to be completed by sessional worker

4. Financial update.

Financial figures were submitted to the meeting for the eight months to July 2011, a surplus of £14,791 was incurred, Bank balance of £23,000 representing lottery advance, TIG loan and school turbine funds

5. Development Manager Update.

- Hydro

Weir in process of transfer, abstraction licence being submitted to SEPA, Trust agreed to subordinate rent to co-op bank.

Funding 85% loan co-op, Comhairle £50,000, own funds £30,000

- Housing

Five provisional offers made, to date two have paid deposits

HIE commissioning engineer to look at all house/commercial sites

DTA conference outcome, there are opportunities for communities to build houses for rent,

Chair confirmed we should aim to have a housing project designed with full planning

Chair to speak to Crofters Commission re Macinnes apportionment at Horgabost (AP)

- Woodland

Possibility of funding through LPS

Walked the area around Loch Caran, this is suitable

Discussed various other options including Borge, Duncan agreed to look at these (AP)

- Training

Duncan has agreed to attend the Leadership Training course run by Social Enterprise Academy

- Rough Shooting

Agreed to supply Russell with township clerk e-mails (AP)

- Sessional worker

It was agreed to fund a post with lottery grant, Duncan to complete job description/project outcome (AP)

6. Turbine Shelibost School

Comhairle have been written for consent to erect the turbine

Fundraising dance to be held Friday 23rd September

7. Website Update

Agreed to prepare three articles for Richard by 30th September to form initial entry for blog, thereafter to be a standing entry on agenda (AP)

Hydro- Neil

Housing Duncan

Dance Fiona/Rhoda

8. Internet Banking

Agreed to proceed, cheque requisition forms to be used to ensure joint signatory of payments

9. Community Land Policies noted

10. AOCB

- a) Chair advised that the Trust will be setting up an office within Seallam by 30th September, members/tenants to be sent new contact details with a newsletter (AP)
- b) Directors approved apportionment at 4 Scaristavore
- c) Neil, Bobby & Duncan to attend TIG AGM if possible
- d) Chair stressed importance of updating the office on any pending assignments etc, agreed to have standing item on agenda for crofting matters (AP)
- e) Chair advised croft 5 Borge to be sold
- f) Gateway Centre, suggestions for inclusion:
 - Office for staff
 - Exhibition area
 - Marquee facility
 - Local produce outlet

- Quality Gifts
- Tea-room/café
- Tweed Outlet

Duncan to prepare Business Plan (AP)

Date of next meeting Tuesday 11th October 2011.