

West Harris Crofting Trust

Minutes 21st September 09, Seilebost School 7.30pm

BUSINESS

Apologies: Mairi, Angus, Richard.

Attending: Murdo, Neil, Gordon, Finlay, Rhoda, Roddy, Bobby
In addition Margaret Ann Elder from HIE

1) **Minutes of 16th July & 17th August approved**

2) **Matters Arising** It had not been possible to obtain funding for an officer to process SRDP application both Leader & SNH turned it down. It was decided to include this with the lottery application.

3) **Financial Update** No change £1,500 in the bank

4) **Buyout update**

Simon Fraser was still waiting a response from the Government solicitors to the latest draft of the conveyance.

Comhairle offer of funding on its way

TIG offer of £20,000 loan approved by their board

5) **Report from Robert Fraser** This had not yet been received but it was noted that Horgabost Seilabost shareholders unlikely to accept housing on road to the school.

6) **Lottery Support for Housing** It was now unlikely that lottery would support any housing development, it was agreed to amend the application removing the purchase of the glebe & costs for developing house sites

7) **Community Land Conference**

Murdo & Neil will attend

8) **Brochure/Website**

The logo was approved & Bobby was given authority to agree content of home page with Richard

9) The latest draft of the options appraisal & business plan was noted; Margaret Ann advised that the options appraisal be amended to stress the difficulty we have faced in attracting funding. The plan should be amended to focus support on our hydro scheme and a development officer. .

Neil & Murdo are continuing to meet regularly on Mondays from 12noon until 2.00pm to work on the business plan/lottery application; any additional directors available please feel free to attend

NEXT MEETING 20th October 09 7.30 Seilebost school

Neil Campbell

Secretary

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