

COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT MANAGER UPDATE – 18th June 2013

Gleann Dubhlinn hydro scheme

Ross-shire Engineering are still waiting for a revised price for the Gilkes turbine before being able to give WHRL a revised quote.

Scarista wind turbine

An application for a loan has to been made to CnES in addition to SIS, but the Trust will still be required to put in its own capital. A latest update will be given at the board meeting and directors asked to set criteria for allowing capital to be transferred to WHRL if a financing package can be completed before the next board meeting.

Rubha Romagaidh- Community Building

The Big Lottery Fund is considering our Stage 1 application for funding at a committee meeting on 21st June. HIE is possibly going to limit its contribution to c. £150,000 for the business unit space under *de minimis* regulations. The Coastal Communities Fund is due to make a ruling on a Stage 1 application in June. I have submitted an application to the Tudor Trust and am waiting for a response to a request for guidance from the Robertson Trust before submitting an application there.

Plot sales

The potential purchasers of the Scarista plot have paid their full deposit and a draft offer of sale has been given to them for consideration.

The Housing Allocations Committee were not able to award the available plot at Luskentyre because the 3 most suitable purchasers withdrew for various reasons. It was decided to review the scoring system to see whether it could be amended to take better account of well thought-out proposals which fell short of a full business plan.

Crofting

42 of 54 rents have been paid, 4 of which forgot to amend the standing order.

JMT volunteers

The team erected the tent for the beach festival and planted Marram grass to stabilise the coast adjacent to the golf club. Another group is due in September and suggestions for activities are welcome.

Seilebost School

The Policy and Resources committee of CnES delegated powers to officers to agree a lease with the trust subject to HHP confirming that they have no interest in the site.

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