

## **MINUTES – DIRECTOR’S MEETING 18<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2014**

### **1. Attendance.**

Present: Murdo Mackay (Chairman), Neil Campbell (Secretary), Finlay Maclellan, Rhoda Macdonald, Norman Iain Mackay, Neil Macdonald, Roddy Macdonald, Dougie Ferguson, Duncan Macpherson (Commercial Development Manager) and Linda Green (Administrator).

Apologies: Richard Maclellan

### **2. Approval of Minutes 18<sup>th</sup> February 2014**

The minutes were unanimously approved.

### **3. Review of Action Points**

#### **- Design of Luskenytre water and electricity supply**

Still awaiting price to re-route power cables to behind the house plots at Luskenytre.

#### **- Tackle BT on Broadband Provision**

Still awaiting a response from both BT and Stuart Robertson (HIE).

### **4. Updates**

#### **Financial**

The report was noted, see appendix 1.

## **Commercial Development Managers Report**

The Report was noted, see appendix 2. The following updates were given at the meeting:

### ***Glen Dubhlinn Hydro Scheme***

**The following paragraph has been deleted and will not be made public until the consultation period is over.**

The owner of the Weir has said that he would be willing to sell the weir separately for £4,500 or the entire site for either £10,000 or a house site of a similar size elsewhere in Seilebost. The directors decided that they would push ahead with the purchase of the weir and look at the option of purchasing the other assets at a later date.

### ***Scarista Wind Turbine***

Weather permitting the turbine will be delivered over Monday 24<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March. Duncan is still awaiting a final decision from the council as to whether the new blade is acceptable.

### ***Rubha Romagaidh – Community Building***

It was decided to leave forming a working committee until next month.

Alan Dickson from Rural Design is hopeful that he will start the next phase of design in 3-4 weeks.

### ***Rubha Romagaidh – Housing***

HHP are willing to buy the 6 house plots for £90,000 with the condition that services are provided to the plots. It is expected that HHP will request that funds are kept by a solicitor until it is clear that the infrastructure is going in.

The directors agreed that they were happy with the sale price and conditions providing that funds would be released to the Trust once the contract with the main contractor for the community building is signed.

It was decided to leave till next month the decision as to what to do with the capital earned from the sale of the house plots.

### ***Seilebost School***

Draft condition and development reports were shown, see appendix 3.

Torrance has valued the building at £32,500 while the council have had it valued at £50,000. It was decided that an offer of £10,000 would be submitted to the council.

A colour coded version of the results from the community consultation held on the 10<sup>th</sup> of December 2013 was shown, see appendix 4. It was agreed that another community consultation would need to be held in order to decide a use for the building.

A budget showing 3 possible scenarios for the use of the building was shown, see appendix 5.

It was decided that all 3 scenarios would be submitted to the council in the Trusts bid for the building.

## **5. AOCB**

### ***Borve Lodge***

The Sporting Development Plan received from Borve Lodge was shown, see appendix 6.

The directors decided that they were not willing to sign away the sporting rights of the Estate for the sum offered. It was agreed that the Trust would consider offering Borve Lodge non-exclusive use of the sporting activities on the Estate. Murdo Mackay informed the meeting that he had signed the Trust up to a geese control initiative which the Trust would be unable to follow through if the sporting rights were signed over to Borve Lodge.

### ***Pontoon and Moorings***

Weather permitting the pontoon will be put back in the water in early April. It was decided to look into the cost of putting a few moorings into Horgabost which could be rented out to pontoon users. Duncan to speak with Angus Mackay about the best place to put them.

### **Diary Dates for future meetings:**

- April 15<sup>th</sup>
- May 13<sup>th</sup>
- June 17<sup>th</sup>
- Aug 19<sup>th</sup>
- Sept 16<sup>th</sup>
- Oct 21<sup>st</sup>
- Nov 18<sup>th</sup>
- Dec 16<sup>th</sup>

