

MINUTES – DIRECTOR’S MEETING 16th SEPTEMBER 2014

1. Attendance.

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

Lisa MacDonald was welcomed to the meeting.

2. Approval of Minutes 19th August 2014.

The minutes were unanimously approved with amendment to a spelling mistake under “Community Enterprise Centre”.

3. Review of Action Points

- Community Empowerment Bill

Community Land Scotland and CnES have agreed to co-operate on their response.

- Shed Name

No progress has been made since the last meeting.

- Tackle BT on Broadband Provision

Roddy Macdonald queried whether all was as positive with the broadband situation as the minutes suggested. Duncan said that Stewart Robinson was hoping to come to the island shortly and he would try and arrange a meeting with him.

- Golf Club Sponsorship

- Borve Lodge Request for Lease

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

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4. Updates

Financial

Reports for both West Harris Trust and West Harris Renewables were shown, see appendix 1 and 2.

Commercial Development Managers Report

The Report was noted, see appendix 3. The following updates were given at the meeting:

Gleann Dubhlinn Hydro Scheme

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Scarista Wind Turbine

Harbon were due to arrive today (16 September) but have been delayed on another job. It is estimated that due to the still conditions only £250 will have been lost in income since the breakdown on the 2nd of September.

OFGEM have been in touch with a number of enquiries regarding the application for FITs registration which are being responded to.

HHP Housing

The housing project is in HHPs building programme for 2016-17 but it is hoped that this will be brought forward. Duncan had heard nothing further from Anderson Macarthur on the small area of land to be resumed.

Horgabost Marine Access Project

The electricity to the shed was connected today (16 September). The outside works at the shed have been held up due to a lack of crushed rock at the quarry. Duncan is looking into getting this from another quarry but in the meantime he will ask the fencer to start work. It was suggested that Network Services, the contractor working on the BT broadband installation be approached and ask if as a gesture of good will whether they would tar the entrance to the shed.

Seilebost School

The sale of the School went through today (16 September).

5. AOCB

Name for Rubha Romagaigh Development

Neil Campbell suggested that a name ought to be decided for the development and also for the School project. Any suggestions to be forwarded to Duncan.

Shootings Appeal

Discussed under action points.

Community Land Scotland Seminar

Duncan, Lisa and Neil attended the CLS seminar held in Stornoway on Thursday 11th September. Duncan gave a presentation on the work of the Trust and everyone was very impressed with what has been achieved.

9 Scaristavore – Deed of Servitude (see appendix 4)

A request from Borve Mor Cottages has been received for a deed of servitude through the cemetery access road to their cottages. It was decided to ask their lawyer to establish what rights the different parties have so that a decision can be made.

Diary Dates for future meetings:

- Oct 21st
- Nov 18th
- Dec 16th