

## **COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT MANAGER UPDATE – 13<sup>th</sup> March 2015**

### *Gleann Dubhlinn hydro scheme*

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

### *Scarista Wind turbine*

The OFGEM case officer passed the case file to his manager for the next stage of review on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March.

### *Horgabost Wind Turbine*

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### *Seilebost turbine*

Following their system upgrade SSE asked for an up to date invoice for recent production and payment is expected in April.

### *Rubha Romagaidh- Community Building*

The QS has been following up queries regarding tender submissions with contractors. It is expected that we will be in a position to negotiate with a preferred contractor in the week beginning 16<sup>th</sup> March. A full update will be given at the board meeting.

HIE and Big Lottery Fund are considering requests for additional funding and will make decisions before the end of the month.

### *Marine Access project*

The insurance company has agreed that WHT has a claim for damage to the pontoon and is currently assessing the value.

### *Rural Housing Service Conference*

The conference in Dunkeld on Feb 27<sup>th</sup> was very informative as usual. It was highlighted that the Scottish Government is to introduce a new scheme which will allow communities to apply for grant to build houses and to carry out feasibility studies. Triodos Bank also gave a presentation on the parameters they use for lending on affordable housing projects, so there may be future opportunities for the Trust to develop its own housing for let.

### *Circus*

Subsequent to sharing the proposal from Let's Circus to hold a circus school and show at Seilebost with directors I provided an in principle letter of support to the company to be used in a funding application. Decisions will be required at the board meeting on what level of in-kind support the Trust is willing to give to the circus.

*Plot sales*

One new application has been received and will be considered by the allocations committee shortly. One applicant for a plot at Luskentyre decided not to accept the offer. Another couple are due to visit shortly and fresh enquiries have been received in March.

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