

DEVELOPMENT OFFICER UPDATE – 24th FEBRUARY 2015

Community Share Offer – Horgabost Turbine

Meeting with Dave Hollings from CMS went well on 22nd January. Discussed the next steps for issuing at community share offer. Roddy MacLennan, Norman Iain, Neil, Duncan and myself were there. I've drafted an outline business plan, and we need to look at a few things to progress.

1. Founder Members/Directors – any volunteers to take on this role, or any suggestions as to who it would be worth approaching to take on this role. Neil Campbell and Roddy MacLennan have volunteered so far.
2. West Harris Energy Ltd – this is the name we have been using, but wanted to check that this suits everyone? Any other suggestions are welcomed.

Campervans

The aim is to be up and running with the 4 pitches for Easter, the digger and electrical work will commence w/c 9th March. When the works are complete, we get an inspection from Environmental Health who will issue the campsite licence. Working on a website and booking system at the moment. Looking to place an ad for and Out of Hours Care Taker. They will be in place for emergencies only out with the hours of 9-5pm Monday-Friday. They would be paid a small retainer for the season.

We have thought the name for the camper van spots could be West Harris Campers.

Seilebost School

We now have full funding for the feasibility study for the school from HIE and the Comhairle. Munro Gauld should be over with us on 26th March for his visit and will start the study.

Rabbit Control

I organised this through Lisa MacLean at Galson Estate. James Bradley and his colleagues from Landmark Rabbit Management came down for a meeting on the 13th and spent the day in Luskentyre on the 14th. They will prepare a report and we will receive this shortly.