

## DEVELOPMENT OFFICER UPDATE – 14th April 2015

### Community Share Offer – Horgabost Turbine

Discussed with Dave Hollings at CMS our reasons for opting out of a community share offer for the Horgabost Turbine. He agreed that if the board weren't confident in the turbine, then it makes sense to opt out for the time being. He will be happy to get back on board with us when we find a suitable project for a community share offer. We will be billed for the work CMS had completed so far.

### Campervans

The hook ups have been installed and currently waiting on the fuse box to be connected. Environmental health will be down on the 16<sup>th</sup> to inspect the site and issue site licence. Working with Norman Iain on web content to be updated on existing West Harris Trust site for online booking this will go live when we have the licence. Anne Ferguson came for interview for the out of hour's caretaker position and will start the post when we officially open for business.

### Seilebost School

Munro Gauld spend the day at the school on the 26<sup>th</sup> March, he will report back to us in May. I have asked in the newsletter for anyone to contact us with any business ideas, and also placed an ad in the De Tha Dol on the 24<sup>th</sup> inviting locals to do the same.

### HIE Digital Tourism Pilot

Linda and I attend the first workshop in Stornoway on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of April, covering Analytics and Search Engine Optimisation. We found this very interesting and helpful, it's given us lots of ideas for when the new centre opens how we can improve the digital experience for the customers. We will attend 2 more workshops in the next couple of months. HIE are also providing us with a web consultant and we have 2 more days of his time.

### Social Enterprise Academy

Social Enterprise Academy (SEA) has been commissioned by HIE to provide training workshops to CAM (Community Account Managed) areas across the Highlands and Islands. We are a CAM area and this workshop would be attended by the local development officer and at least one board member. Should any members be interested in joining me at the workshop the first one will be in Harris on the 25<sup>th</sup> of June (venue to be confirmed)

### LDO Event

I attended a meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup> March in Stornoway for Local Development Officers who normally work remotely from each other. It covered a range of topics including the tender process for projects, Leader Funding. These LDO events will take place throughout the year in Harris, Uist and Barra